

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present- Keith Altman, Maddie Clark, Ashley Clark, Jon Coy, Lauren Dimmitt, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, April Hall, Rodney Hall, Trent Hall, Hillary Hawkins, Scott Hood, Blaine Reiff – Jr. Leader Rep., Betty Kelly, Caleb McClure, Doug Morehouse, Kimberly Neuenddorf, Bob Oliver, Josh Robertson, Steve Schemerhorn, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo

Not Present- Molly Childers, Clint Federer, Deb Foutch, Jeremy Lemming

Guests- John Gooding & Marty Huseman

Call to Order- President, Trent Hall, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Secretary's Minutes- On a motion by Rodney Hall and seconded by Doug Morehouse the minutes from March 6, 2024, was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- Keith was present to report. Profit & Loss Report – The big difference between this year and last year is insurance expense. Last year we didn't pay it until middle of April and Keith has already paid it this year, which was almost \$21,000.00. Last years is a negative just because we overpaid workman's comp then they paid us back a little bit. Funds Report – Unrestricted other is negative right now because we paid that big insurance expense, but will be positive by the end of the month because the County money, they're cutting the check on the 15th. Awards is still negative, but the number is getting closer to being positive. Sheila called and mentioned that we are not charging enough for some of the awards. We will need to look at the before next year. The banners that we give away cost us \$58.00 and we are charging \$50.00 to sponsor them. 160 banners will eat all that difference. Possibly get some quotes on banners, Keith thought that price seemed pretty high. Our CD matures April 4th, so Friday he plans on opening a new one at Fountain Trust. We can get 5.2%, our CD right now is 4.05%, so that is going to go up. When that happens, Keith is also going to open a new money market. Our current money markets getting .6% and Keith is going to get 1.9% on the new one. Doug Morehouse made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Maddie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jr. Leader Report- Blaine Reiff was present to report. Jr. Leader's dinner for Valentines Day at the Nursing Home.

4-H Update- Hillary Hawkins was present to report. As of today, 449 enrolled in regular 4-H, 129 in mini, total of 578. There's 87 volunteers. A reminder that enrollment closes May 15th. Camp registration opened on Monday and as of today there are 42 campers that already turned in their applications. The cap was 40 for our county, but said to keep entering them and hopefully get other spots filled from other counties. Right now all 42 should be able to go. Ag Day is April

12th at the fairgrounds, there's about 370 kids coming from all schools and they have Jr Leaders and FFA members from all four schools helping out as well. Sheila asked if next years date is set for the fair. Trent said we went back to setting it yearly, so we haven't decided yet. Molly will return from maternity leave on Monday at part time then eventually be back full time. Hillary is still here to help as well if anyone needs anything.

Committee Reports

- **Development-** Jon Tebo was present to report. We've got quite a bit of funds in. Jessica was off a day or so and is still getting caught back up. He's had several people reach out recently, potential new donors.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was present to report. Nothing new since last meeting.
- **Event-** April Hall was present to report. All stage entertainment is booked, and dunk tank sign up will be sent out. 4-H Clubs will get to sign up first. April said that someone had mentioned bicycles on the grounds – was that an issue? Betty said last year in the main strip that they were going fast weaving in and out between people. Have signs made on bicycles. Anyone needing an Ag Association shirt needs to see Scott Hood. April and Deb will be getting together on the camping map.
- **Grounds-** Randy Freshour was present to report. Randy wanted to thank everyone who came on cleanup day, he couldn't be there but heard it was a good turnout. There's a quote from Keesling Home Maintenance for the lawn mowing for \$6500.00. Rodney asked what last year's contract was for and Trent said it was \$3900.00. The contract includes mowing, trimming fairgrounds and campgrounds. Luke believes spraying roundup around light poles and electric boxes is part of Keesling's contract. What Luke has Kustom Lawncare doing was spraying the gravel pad around Tri Kappa, rabbit barn and bigger areas to keep the weeds down. Luke made a motion to accept Keesling Home Maintenance bid with the understanding that trimming and spraying roundup around electric poles and fences, etc. is included. Lauren Dimmitt seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- **Barn Expansion Update** – Luke gave an update with the status that a couple of weeks ago they submitted the variance to the State. A week ago, they submitted both barn designs to the State. There's no update on the variance just yet. Lauren is going to call to get an update. They have a contract that they are ready to give to the Ag Association for review, but they still have to have all BioTown Ag review the contract. Beef barn side – Doug Morehouse gave an update that they got the designs out for variances to get permits. They're finalizing getting their numbers and compare their numbers with what money they have raised. Luke said that BioTown Ag is taking on the construction of the beef barn addition as well, but the beef barn project is bigger than that. They're also wanting to reroof and cover the wash rack, while BioTown Ag is doing the permitting of it, their proposal isn't necessarily to build all of that. They're still working to get the beef committee numbers; it'll be subcontracted to another contractor. Roger asked if it's still looking like both barns would still be completed by the fair. Luke said that he hasn't seen anything yet that would suggest that it wouldn't be. Doug said that the only question he had is

that he does have people volunteering to do more technical stuff, where are we with insurance as far as volunteers coming in. Trent will make a phone call to the insurance to get a specific answer on volunteer work. John said that key thing for him is to get the subcontractors and electricians, concrete and timing. Luke said once we have permits we can start setting timelines.

- **Committee Sign-up** – Being passed around for members to sign up.
- **July 1st Deadline** – Betty Kelly made a motion to adopt the Kosciusko rules 1 & 2 except for #2 – changing it to they're not eligible for auction. Doug Morehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed.

1. Animal projects not enrolled/identified in 4-H Online by MAY 15th ARE NOT ELIGIBLE to be exhibited at the County or State Fair.
2. Animal projects not enrolled in FairEntry by JULY 1ST will be eligible for exhibition only. However, you are still eligible to participate in Showmanship and exhibit these projects at the Indiana State Fair (per State Fair rules). You will NOT be eligible to participate in the White County 4-H Fair Auction.

Have Molly put in the May bulletin, put in every notice until fair, share on social media.

- **Other** – Office role for auction. Have declaration forms for one more year.

New Business:

- **Volunteer of the Year** – Have all nominations turned into office no later than April 30th. Vote at the May meeting.
- **Other** – Fair dates for 2025 – April Hall made a motion to make the 2025 fair July 12-17 tentatively. Maddie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Upcoming Dates**

- April 11th – IQLC Training – 6:30-7:30 4-H Building
- April 12th – Ag Day
- May 4th – Rabbit Club Tenderloin Dinner Fundraiser – 4:30-7 Fairgrounds

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn- Maddie Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Tebo seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.