

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, August 2, 2023
4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present- Keith Altman, Kyle Arvin, Molly Childers, Samantha Chitty, Maddie Clark, Ashley Clark, Jon Coy, Lauren Dimmitt, Deb Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, April Hall, Rodney Hall, Trent Hall, Scott Hood, Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Caleb McClure, Doug Morehouse, Josh Robertson, Baily Tanner

Not Present- Lee Anderson, Jr. Leader Rep, Bob Oliver, Jon Tebo, Hillary Hawkins

Guests- Craig Byroad, Ross Clark, Rebecca Clothier, Meredith Kesler, Ron Byrd

Call to Order-President, Randy Freshour, called the meeting to order at 7:21pm.

Secretary's Minutes-On a motion by Luke Furrer and seconded by Betty Kelly the minutes from the July 10, 2023, was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- Keith was present to report. Profit & Loss This Year vs Prior Year – The problem right now is this only tells a little bit of the picture through fair week because Keith has paid a lot of stuff so far that John hadn't paid yet the year before. There are some things that were paid the year before that Keith hasn't received bills for. He's not sure how accurate it is right now. As of this year it shows we made \$23,920.00, that also considers the beef barn raising money, the \$50,000.00 from EDP for the goat barn renovation. The one thing he might try to change is most of the money, like the EDP check and all the money being raised for the beef barn is basically showing up in buildings income general. The payments come out as projects to assets, Keith may try to add another income category for the renovations that way we can see how much the fair really makes. Funds Report – Awards are still negative; they will be for a while like we talked about in July. Becky Clothier talked to Keith today, and the Julie Blake Memorial they're going to leave \$600.00 in the account for benches and the other \$2300.00 they're going to donate to the beef barn renovation in memory of Julie Blake. Everything else should be accurate. The remaining money from the commissioners is getting cut and released to us. There was a new auditor and didn't know to release both line items and she's going to see if they combine the two. Luke said for 2024, they're going to increase the amount to \$65,000.00. April Hall made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Doug Morehouse seconded. The motion passed.

Jr. Leader Report- The Goose chase went well. They had around 35-40 participants.

4-H Update-Molly Childers was present to report. The total number of kids through fair entry was 633. That is slightly higher than last year. The project numbers were down about 200. It's not super accurate because it doesn't show Molly which projects were checked in and which

weren't. State Fair is happening through August 20th. You can get a State Fair ticket through Molly for all enrolled volunteers.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds-** Luke Furrer was present to report. Luke is going to push the County Highway Dept. hard next year to cover the rest of the road/walkways on the grounds. The Fire Marshal Report – He will send out the Ag Association. Kitchen door in the extension building is damaged. Exit Signs in Extension Homemakers were not working or not on. Provide appropriate amount of working space around electric panels. This is mainly an issue in the food booths because even if there's space things get set there. Removed cube adapters throughout the building. You can't plug a power strip to an extension cord then go off that due to amp reading. Terminate exposed wiring – in reference to speaker wires in goat barn. Non grounded extension cords throughout the fair must be removed. LP gas containers must be a minimum of 10 feet away from cooking flame throughout the fair. (Monon Meats had propane tank next to grill) Generators need to have something around it so nobody can get burned on it. Removed damaged extension cords throughout the fair. Do not store anything 24" from the ceiling. Fire extinguishers needs to be inspected yearly. Next year the marshal will enforce the friers and cooktops. Basically, he wants a class one ventilation hood or need to be moved outside under canopy. The marshal would like to come talk to us and offer his services.
- **Event-** Lauren Dimmitt and April Hall were present to report. The dunk tank was a hit! 7 clubs in 4 days made \$1472.00. They'd like for the dunk tank to come back next year. There were 60-61 campers and that's the most so far. Next year April's son in-law will be back next year to mark camper spots. There were a couple campers request more amps for next year. Joe said it's kind of tough, it will be timely, and we will have to charge more for those. Stage entertainment will now start at 6pm. She had a couple people mention memorial picnic tables. Keeping memorial benches up to date – Deb Foutch will send a letter to each Memorial family to kindly let them know it's their responsibility to keep benches looking nice. Entertainment was good. Bounce houses – we have talked, and we are probably going to lower the age limit because there were a lot of big kids in there. Any ideas for tweens would be appreciated and policing the area.
- **Development-** Jon Tebo was not present to report.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was present to report. Right now, we are at \$445,000.00 with the auction which is up about \$105,000.00 from last year. We also have about 110 more 4-H kids going through with their animals. We have still 150 per head down. We are going through and making changes and talking about how to improve the auction for years to come. One thing that will be changing for the Battle of the Barns is it will be in the rule book that you have to sign up online and those who sign up for that team will have online sign up and then randomly selected by the committee. 10-year members at Tippecanoe County have 10-year banners up when showing, and that'd be something to look at and do for next year. Whether it's through the committee's or us as an Ag Association providing the banners for those kids. They can be displayed around the ring when it's show day, then taken back to their barn to be hung up.

Unfinished Business:

- **Other** – None

New Business:

- **2024 Fair Date** – July 13-18th. Doug Morehouse made the motion to have 2024 fair dates be Saturday, July 13, 2024 – Thursday, July 18, 2024. Josh Robertson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- **Other-** Beef Barn Committee presented a layout of the projected of the new renovation. They're adding a roof to cover the wash rack area to the north, on the east end; there's a proposed 64x88 addition that we asked at the September 2022 meeting to raise funds for this project. If you look on the next pages, you'll see the blueprint on the second to last page. On the southeast corner there will be a storage area that they can lock up for now. They have a few different ideas of what they'd like to do with that spot. On the northeast corner there will be two handicap accessible bathrooms for the public. At this point, they haven't talked about showers to accommodate some campground people that would like to walk across and use. They'd like to come 64' to the east then 88' north and south. They've been told that they're able to break ground with the amount of funds they've raised so far and still have coming in. They'd like the Ag Association's permission tonight to start breaking ground once all permits are in from the state. FBI will be the builders for the new renovation. There will be concrete in the entire inside of the barn, which will allow us to put better gates up. The east end addition will be for setting up grooming chutes, an area for any displays that need to be up throughout the week. The biggest thing is getting the roof repaired and covering the wash rack. The new layout of the beef barn from original drawing has been turned to go more north and south than to the east. Putting this new addition will eliminate families getting cattle ready outside during show day and using generators. This will be done in stages if funds are there at the time. The roof and posts must be done. Randy asked about septic plans and Luke said it'll be like the stage. If/when you put in a restroom you submit a permit for them. Doug Morehouse made a motion to move forward with breaking ground in the beef barn renovation project once state permits are in. Deb Foutch seconded the motion. The motion was approved to break ground.

Upcoming Dates

- September 6th – All fair committee meeting at 7pm
- September 18th – Rule changes are due.
- October 1st – 4-H Registration opens.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 8:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.