

MINUTES  
**White County Agricultural Association Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**  
**4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present-**Keith Altman, Molly Childers, Ashley Clark, Lauren Dimmitt, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, Trent Hall, Scott Hood, Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Doug Morehouse, Kimberly Neuendorf, Steve Schemerhorn,

**Not Present-** Jon Coy, Clint Federer, Deb Foutch, April Hall, Rodney Hall, Hillary Hawkins, Marty Huseman, Jr. Leader Rep, Caleb McClure, Bob Oliver, Baily Tanner, Josh Robertson, Jon Tebo

**Guests-** Ron Byrd, Tony Haan, Amanda German

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

**Secretary's Minutes-**On a motion by Jeremy Lemming the minutes from November 6, 2024, was approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report-** Keith was present to report. The awards is negative again, Keith paid for some awards for next year. If we paid within 30 days, we got 25% off. Keith needs to double check but there may be one or two auction checks still waiting to come in. There is a dozen or so kids that still need to cash checks. He will reach out and have them cash them. Keith needs a motion for permission to add Scott Hood to our accounts and take himself off after the first of the year. Luke Furrer made a motion to add Scott Hood to all bank accounts to expedite the process in transition from Keith to Scott. Lauren seconded the motion. The motion passed. Doug Morehouse made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and it was approved.

**Jr. Leader Report-** Noah Scherer will be the new Jr. Leader rep, but they had a parliamentary contest tonight. In November they met and learned about Purdue Extension, April Hall came and spoke about Ag Association, they are working on the parade float. They are working on the float in the arena if anyone is willing to help at 6 pm. December 10<sup>th</sup> they're meeting at Cosgray Tree Farm and creating a greenery for White Oak Nursing Home, December 16<sup>th</sup> they will be ice skating in Lafayette with Jasper County Jr. Leaders, December 30<sup>th</sup> is officer training then they have a meeting January 13<sup>th</sup>. They do have an Instagram account for anyone to follow.

**4-H Update-** Molly Childers was present to report. There are 96 enrolled 4-H members, 40 mini-4-H members, 51 volunteers enrolled. Get enrollments done if you haven't already. By January she'll check to see where Ag Association is with enrollment. A lot of clubs have already started meeting or will start meeting soon, it's important to be enrolled so you're getting all communications. The Dog Club needs a leader for 2025, preferably 4-H alumni. Molly was going to reach out to Community Foundation and complete an application then the day before Cindy called about the grant. Molly would like to use some of the grant money for the chick embryology program. She's been doing this at local elementary schools in 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms

for the last 2 or 3 years. She takes incubators into all 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms and eggs are incubated up to a few days before yet hatch. They hatch in the classroom then take them back. The problem is she's been borrowing from Purdue and it's a lot of back and forth. She did some pricing for 3 incubators, 3 brooder lights, and 3 storage totes to put the chicks in. It came to around \$650 all pricing through Tractor Supply. This program usually starts February – April. The plan for eggs is hopefully find a 4-Her that breeds birds and get eggs from them. Luke Furrer would like to make a motion to take the money of up to \$700.00 out of education and programming other for that project that way if there's a delay on the grant the funds are still available. Betty Kelly seconded the motion. Randy highly suggests going to a vendor in White County, Rural King or the new Belstra. The motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Development-** Jon Tebo was not present to report. Trent reported he was going to talk to Jessica and get Booster letters sent out this week or next week. Cindy also sent a message to Jon today on the price of sweepstakes banners. They cost \$26/banner. Jon will up the price from \$25 to \$35.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was present to report. Few stragglers on auction.
- **Event-** April Hall was not present to report. Trent reported if anyone wants to be involved in the new kids' trail feature, they're trying to get a meeting scheduled. Let April know. She's also still working on getting the deed turned over to us.
- **Grounds-** Randy Freshour was present to report that there are new dust mops and wet mops. Everything is winterized. Leaf cleanup went well. Probably 20-25 people. Luke asked if we need to purchase more tables for the extension office. Luke would like to table this until the January meeting. He'd like to get information and pass it on to Trent on pricing.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Goat Wash rack** – Luke is okay with the project, but has a few concerns about not knowing the design, not having many details and we still approved it. In the future it's okay to take a little more time to discuss. As a board we're responsible for the fairgrounds on how it looks and constructed. He doesn't understand how they're going to bring the new roof out from underneath the existing roof when the trusses are 9'. They will come out 16'. He just has questions on the design and engineering of it. Ron Byrd's impression is that the wash rack area is not part of the original building plan so the easement that you need from the road to the building. If you put a roof over the wash rack you will need something else because it's not allocated for that space. Luke stated that the easement that the goat barn has is currently 14', it's still a good easement for additional projects, but their wash rack right now has outside posts, which they said they were going to come out with a 1' overhang. The outside post right now is 16' one more foot is 17'. The current distance between post and pavement is 12'. They're coming closer to the road than what the easement allows. Area Plan should take care of this issue once they get their permit. Luke does think we need to have more wording in our bylaws on building projects about what the appropriate process is

on getting the building project approved. Luke Furrer made a motion to hold the construction phase of the Goat Barn wash rack roof until the Ag Association has been presented with a drawing and design that they're happy with. Jeremy Lemming seconded the motion. With one opposing, the motion passed.

- **Mini 4-H** - Amanda would like to know if the mini-4-hers can be required to attend some of the horse and pony workshops to get to know the horse because some of the older horses are no longer in the club this year. Molly will look into this.

#### **New Business:**

- **January Meeting Date** – Betty Kelly made a motion to change the January 2025 meeting to January 8, 2025, at 7 pm with new orientation starting at 6 pm. Doug Morehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **Ag Association Dinner** – Luke made a motion for the dinner to be January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Roots. Doug Morehouse seconded the motion.
- **Room Rental** – Carolyn Reisert does taxes each year and in the past we've given the training room for free. Doug Morehouse made a motion to allow Carolyn to use the training room again for taxes. Lauren Dimmitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- December 13th – Denise Schroeder Retirement Party 1-4 pm
- January 8 – Ag Association orientation 6 pm

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds**

**Adjourn-** Keith Altman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.