

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

Present- Lee Anderson, Samantha Chitty, Maddie Clark, Ashley Clark, Lauren Dimmitt, Deb Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, April Hall, Rodney Hall, Trent Hall, Scott Hood, Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Caleb McClure, Doug Morehouse, Bob Oliver, Josh Robertson, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo, Jr. Leader Reps, Molly Childers, and Andrew Westfall

Not Present- Jon Coy, Roger Geisler, Denise Schroeder

Guests- Don White and Jeff Campbell

Call to Order-President, Randy Freshour, called the meeting to order at 6:42pm.

Secretary's Minutes-On a motion by Betty Kelly and seconded by Kyle Arvin the minutes from the November 2, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- Keith was present to report. He believes everything is paid and will have a good report for February meeting.

Jr. Leader Report- At the last meeting they elected officers. They had their completion trip and did Thanksgiving baskets, the December meeting they went to the Monticello bowling alley. At each Ag Association meeting the Jr. Leader officers will rotate on who will be representing at the meetings. They've talked about possibly doing another swine show, but nothing set in stone.

4-H Update-Molly Childers was present to report. Make sure you get your enrollments done. Make sure kids are enrolled by January 15th, not a hard deadline, but it makes easier on clubs. 162 club members, 63 mini 4-H members, and 90 volunteers.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds-** Luke reported. We are looking for a new landscape company. Anyone interested in doing the landscape for the fairgrounds is to turn a bid into Luke. Andrew and Luke walked around the fairgrounds with a certified arborist from Pulaski County. They looked at trees that needed to be cut down or had issues. They have taken down one dead tree that was in a delicate location. Most of the trees are on the other side of the road that need cut down. This spring we will have a leaf cleanup day - April 1st at 8am or alternate date April 15th. Samantha will add this to the Facebook page. The flooring in the extension building needs to be replaced in entryway. Luke will be getting bids and find a flooring that closely matches the extension office. Walls also need touched up on paint. Anything else that comes to anyone's attention in the building that

needs fixed let Luke know. There is a toilet in one of the women's restrooms that is not flushing.

- **Event-** Lauren Dimmitt was present to report. They're reaching out to vendors and haven't heard anything back yet. They're looking into online payment program for camping. Check into the policy and procedures for online payments. Right now, only checks and/or cash is the only option.
- **Development-** Jon Tebo was present to report. Envelopes for the booster's- goal is for them to be sent out by end of this month.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was present to report. Before March you should meet to get permission from the Ag Association to pay for part of the camp fees per Betty Kelly.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- **Goat Committee-** Don White and Jeff Campbell were present to report. They are asking for approval to continue to fundraise for the goat barn project. They are looking on adding an arena expansion and spectator area. Blueprints were passed out on old vs new barn and what's between the goat and beef barn. The main purpose is to increase for spectator seating. Currently right now it's been standing room only, even during Covid. They also want to be up to handicap code. They've also used the area for different clubs including shooting sports, rentable space, etc. Their previous upgrade they had done was more in the goat area and penning area. Currently they have two sets of bleachers in the spectator area today on the west side of the barn. There are also spectators that stand on the sides by the sliding doors. Their suggestion would hopefully to be able to expand 32 ft from the current west wall to the west. They will concrete the north and south sides of the arena area for bleachers. This will add 16% to their show arena, which today they can't put holding pens in the arena due to small size. There will be a sliding door on west side, just like today, as well as north and south sides of the arena. The beef and goat committee met and went over their plans. Jeff reported they spoke with area plan and there will be enough space to stay up to code between the beef and goat barns. Area plan allows 6 ft between buildings. There should be no conflict between the two buildings to continue with both expansions. There would be 23 ft between the two buildings without sidewalks or landscape. Right now, they're asking for fundraising and if they meet their fundraising goal of \$78,000, then they will come back to get the approval to build. They would like to have it done before the fair, but if they can't for any reason they'd start in the fall. They expect the member numbers to continue to grow. They allow members to bring different quantities of goats. The shooting sports uses the arena, along with the small animal shows. It was asked if they considered expanding in the opposite direction with the arena going into the goat barn. Their reasoning for not doing so is the concrete that is already there and the cost to remove concrete and removing then adding a main wall. Don and Jeff are asking on behalf of the goat committee to continue fundraising for the goat barn expansion. Josh

Robertson made a motion to continue fundraising for the goat barn expansion. Jon Tebo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Committee Signup-** Signup sheets were being passed around
- **Civil Rights, ADA, and EEO** – Andrew Westfall was present to report. Reminder that we treat each other equally. Market events and programming to everyone. Keep everyone in mind for accessibility. Just a summary of things we need to think about as we plan things.
- **75th Anniversary of the Fairgrounds/4-H Fair** – We've been asked if we are going to do anything to observe the 75th anniversary. Events committee to start planning and bring ideas back to the board.
- **Other** – Jeremy Lemming suggested to move the October meeting to December due to lack of attendance. Jeremy Lemming made a motion to move the October meeting to December. The motion was seconded by Deb Foutch. The motion passed.

Upcoming Dates

- January 15th – Priority Enrollment Deadline for 4-H Members
- March 4th – Beef Weigh In
- April 1st – Cleanup Day
- April 15th – Alternate Cleanup Day
- April 21st – Ag Day

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.