

MINUTES  
**White County Agricultural Association Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**  
**4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present-** Keith Altman, Maddie Clark, Ashley Clark, Jon Coy, Lauren Dimmitt, Clint Federer, Deb Foutch, Randy Freshour, Roger Geisler, April Hall, Rodney Hall, Trent Hall, Hillary Hawkins, Scott Hood, Blaine Reiff – Jr. Leader Rep., Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Caleb McClure, Doug Morehouse, Bob Oliver, Steve Schemerhorn, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo

**Not Present-** Molly Childers, Luke Furrer, Kimberly Neuenddorf, Josh Robertson

**Guests-** Kyle Byrd, Amanda German, John Gooding, Lisa Gooding, Jeff Campbell, Cindy Campbell, Marty Huseman

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

**Secretary's Minutes-** On a motion by Betty Kelly and seconded by Ashley Clark the minutes from May 1, 2024, was approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report-** Keith was present to report. Profit and Loss – Keith took out all the goat and beef barn expansion ends and outs and made their own section under “other incomes”. Income was way up compared to last year. \$75,000.00 of that is the county money that came in a lot earlier. We are still \$25,000.00 ahead; booster money is way ahead. Expenses are down year after year. Last year we had \$6,000.00 that went to a flooring project and \$2500.00 to another project in the building. If you take that out, it's about even. Funds – awards are negative, along with entertainment. That's a permit that we must apply for to have entertainment and amusement for the fair through the state. We usually zero that account out with money that comes in through vendors. Maddie Clark made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Lauren Dimmitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Jr. Leader Report-** Blaine Reiff was present to report. Jr. Leader's met on May 6<sup>th</sup> and discussed how they're willing to help with the playground labor and financial. The next meeting is at Indiana Beach and will be going to the Madam Carroll this coming Monday.

**4-H Update-** Molly Childers was not present to report. Hillary Hawkins reported that the final numbers for enrollment 547 club members, 148 mini 4-her's; both are up by three from 2023. FairEntry is open now until July 1<sup>st</sup>. 4-H camp started today with 57 campers, 6 counselors, 4-H round up – 4 going from White County, 4-H Academy – 1 person, 4-H band camp – 3 people. Mini 4-H camp is next Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. 38 kids are registered with a max of 45. Jon Tebo got a sponsor for the kids to attend for free. Signup is still open on 4-H online and Molly wanted Hillary to remind everyone to sign up to help in the fair office. The fair schedule is almost finished and will be printed probably by the end of the week.

## Committee Reports

- **Development-** Jon Tebo was present to report. Booster stuff is going well. There are a couple awards that still need to have sponsors for in various projects, but for the most part everything is taken care of.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was present to report. Getting ready to send out reminder letters to auction buyers. Doug needs a list of committee members for Battle of the Barns.
- **Event-** April Hall was present to report. All entertainment is booked. There will be a watermelon eating contest, so we will need sponsors. There will be a hotdog eating contest on Monday, if anyone has an in on hotdogs. Campground spots are filling up.
- **Grounds-** Randy Freshour was present to report. Service Sanitation is bringing the trailer porta potties again. He's talked to all the different dumpster and waste people, and he thinks all that is arranged. All trash will be done through T&L and all the waste will be done through Triple H. Triple H is staying the same price they had last year and T&L, but he needs to double check that. April talked to the Fire Department, and they were putting a signup sheet out, April had Betty look up and we had an approval a couple years ago when we had them \$1200.00. If you look at the schedule basically it would be \$25/person if we had (2) EMT's for 4 hours every day of the fair. The fire chief said it shouldn't be a problem. Doug Morehouse made a motion that we accept \$1200.00 for EMT's out of the unrestricted fund. Jon Tebo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. White County Fair Security – the reserves are down to two. David Roth said it still wouldn't be a problem, so April emailed the signup sheet as well. In the past we have donated to them, they will work every day. Security from 5p-9p then EMT's from 10 a – 9 p. Doug Morehouse makes a motion that we donate \$1000.00 from unrestricted general fund to security. Maddie Clark seconds the motion. The motion passed. We received two AED's. IU gave \$2000.00 towards an AED, and we found a better deal. The lady that I've been working with is amazing, so April approached the Lions Club and the Rotary. One can go to the main arena or first aid building and then one to the exhibit building. They both have cabinets included. We are working on tree cutting, the county has a stump grinder so they're working on that when they have a chance. WREMC looked at some of our poles that need some attention. They were kind enough to give us some poles at their cost and will put them in for us. He picked 7 poles that needed the most attention. The total for the 7 poles would be \$1650.86, they will come out put them in. Then April talked to Joe Demerly and he's willing to come switch the electricity over as well as clean some of the lines up. Some aren't even hooked up. (5) 30' poles and (2) 35' poles. Rodney Hall made a motion that we pay WREMC the \$1650.86 and set aside \$1000.00 for Joe Demerly out of the Campground fund for a total of \$2650.86. Maddie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## Unfinished Business:

- **Barn Expansion Update** – They've started on the expansion. Footers are poured for the goat barn and roof has been torn apart on old beef barn. They've started to dig footers

at the beef barn. They should get back to work on the goat barn in the next couple of days. There are two quotes on the electric for the goat barn and we are going with Jim VanLeer at Electric and More. He came in at less than half of what the first quote was. He will do the fans. Trent said we need to know which fund the electric will come out of. The bill is \$18,500.00 and we agreed to pay the remaining on what they budgeted for the first project. \$1000.00 was budgeted for the first project. Randy Freshour made a motion to take out of the TAM fund. Roger Geisler seconded the motion. The motion passes. Doug Morehouse said that he received \$10,000.00 from Cargill and \$2500.00 from Farm Credit that is to be split between the beef and goat expansions. \$6250.00 of that should go towards electrical of the goat barn. Cindy Campbell said she is having four triaxle loads of gravel delivered and will be on the north side of the goat barn. If there's any excess left, they're planning to spread around the food court and possibly other places where necessary.

#### **New Business:**

- **Queen Committee** – Jan Faker was present to report that the queen committee is now made up of 6 former queens. They've purchased a three-sided tent with the little miss and mister voting boxes behind it. Last year they built a pallet wall for the stage and this year they're going to decorate it with greenery. They've purchased a neon "Miss White County" sign to put on the pallet wall. Also are investing in plastic vote boxes that are locked. They're also going to hang the years past queen pictures in the exhibit building that was agreed upon last year. There are 7 queen contestants already, 4 jr. miss, at least two of those were little miss candidates. They've purchased an external hard drive to start storing all queen photos.
- **Fairgrounds Sound Improvement** – April noted that before she gets into the sound improvement, the playground area she mentioned about last month she said has gone crazy. Unfortunately, we won't have it done this year, but she met with the commissioners and talked to a few others, and they will get us 8 round picnic tables for this year. He will try to build it into the budget for next year and make it educational. Sound System – We've had people give us estimates for a sound system. One came in at \$36,000.00 and the other came in roughly at \$18,000.00 if they can use a lift, which Luke said he has his lift. Brand is the company, which knows the system. They're willing to come in and pull the speakers down and test them to see which speakers are good and which aren't. Trent believes that we will first focus on the grounds, which he knows the barns do need it. Betty Kelly is making a motion to have Brand do it and approve the \$18,000.00 and take it out of the TAM fund. Clint Federer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **Fair Traffic** – Mike Kyburz is going to try to block the north road off. Fair week they are taking out the concrete barriers that are on each road. More signs will be put out saying fair traffic this way. Mike is also buying temporary speed bumps and they will be up the

week of the fair. Construction through town won't be done by fair, but the goal right now is that HWY 24 will be passable.

- **Other** – Trent has been talking to the Whin organization about putting private use WIFI on the fairgrounds. That way we'd have WIFI in the arena, goat, beef, and swine barns. He also told them it needs to be in the horse arena. They will be out next week to put it all in and test it to see how far it goes and to see if they need to add boosters. The reasons for the barns are because of RFID checking, auction night, and Walton webcasting. We won't have to pay a dime for this. Main setup will be in the arena with hotspots in all four corners then will test signal strength and to see if he needs to add boosters in any barns. Doug Morehouse wanted to say thank you to Cargill and Farm Credit for donating and if there's anything in the future. He would also like to thank Clint and Keystone for donating two laptops to the auction committee.
- **Other** – The horse barns have electrical work that needs to be worked on and Brandy wanted to make sure their money in the account is good for that. Also, they'd like to look into putting a roof over one of the horse arenas and asked about how to go about fundraising.

- **Upcoming Dates**

- July 1st – Fair Entry Deadline
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – All Committees Meeting 7 pm
- July 8<sup>th</sup> – Building Setup 6 pm
- July 19<sup>th</sup> – Fair Cleanup 8 am

**Next Meeting: Monday, July 8, 2024, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds**

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