

MINUTES  
**White County Agricultural Association Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**  
**4-H Building, Reynolds, IN**

**Present-** Keith Altman, Molly Childers, Samantha Chitty, Maddie Clark, Ashley Clark, Lauren Dimmitt, Deb Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, April Hall, Trent Hall, Scott Hood, Jr. Leader Rep – Noah Scherer, Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Bob Oliver, Baily Tanner, Andrew Westfall

**Not Present-** Lee Anderson, Kyle Arvin, Jon Coy, Roger Geisler, Rodney Hall, Caleb McClure, Doug Morehouse, Josh Robertson, Jon Tebo

**Guests-**

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

**Secretary's Minutes-**On a motion by April Hall and seconded by Jeremy Lemming the minutes from the April 5, 2023, was approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report-** Keith was present to report. Pink sheet funds reports – awards are still negative. Waiting on the rest of the booster money to come through to pay for the rest of those. Money from the Bank of Wolcott did come in their funds went up since last month. Gold sheet Profit & Loss vs Year Prior – Keith needs to fix all the Nipsco bills. They have been putting them under electric expense. They need broken up between electric and gas. It's up a little since last year, but not too terrible. April Hall made a motion to pass and seconded by Lauren Dimmitt. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Jr. Leader Report-** Noah Scherer was present to report. There will be an online scavenger hunt, where you can download the app and find different posters or QR codes where you can explore the fair grounds and answer the questions or riddles. Mini 4-H camp is on June 28<sup>th</sup> – they will need a few volunteers since they are having trouble recruiting more Jr Leaders. White County Jr. Leader's will Cohost with Carroll County Jr. Leaders a 4-H Jr. Leader Day. The event will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration and payments will be due by June 9<sup>th</sup>. This is open to any 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-h member. The Event will start at Indiana Beach at 11 am and they will cruise Lake Freeman on the Madam Carroll from 7-10pm. Their next meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup> on the Madam Carroll. Noah is thinking about finding landscape projects for more community service hours. April Hall had some ideas around the fairgrounds and Trent Hall gave him contact information for the Wolcott town park.

**4-H Update-**Molly Childers was present to report. 516 club members, 136 mini 4-H members approved, and 132 volunteers total. Just a reminder, the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline is the deadline to enroll in all livestock, identification, add/drop deadline. More important is adding and making sure all your child's projects are in by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, you can always call the office, but doesn't recommend waiting until the last minute because they get busy right around

the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Small Animals Workshop was last Saturday, Molly had 12 registered, only 6 showed up. In the future if it's done again, she will charge a small registration fee to hopefully get a better commitment. Andrew Westfall has Extension updates – There is a new Health and Human Sciences Educator, Hillary Hawkins, started a few weeks ago. Please welcome her as you see her. She will be helping a lot here. Randy mentioned about Sheila's daughter passing away, she's on bereavement and will be back full time May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your patience and everything the last couple of months as she's been in and out. Lastly, just as they were back to full strength, Andrew accepted an offer to transition into a position on campus here in a few weeks. There will be a replacement in a few months, Denise mentioned that she will be around more during the fair and pre fair to help and do the random things that pop up. Andrew's contact information will be the same, please reach out if you need anything.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Grounds-** Luke was present to report. Flooring – Luke made the decision to go with Flooring Express. Flooring Express and Miller's Flooring were about the same price, and they can get the same flooring, but Flooring Express can get it done a lot sooner. As soon as they give them the down payment, they will order the flooring and the project should be done by the end of the month. The Ag Association will make the down payment and once it's completed, they will have the extension office write a check for their portion. The quote had taxes included, but we gave them the tax id number, so we won't have to pay sales taxes. The entry portion is around \$2000.00. The total is \$12,466.00. It should take only 2-3 days to complete. Luke has a quote from Krintz Tree Care to remove trees. There are a couple trees between the sheep barn and pavilion that are dying, and they need to come down. There's a handful of trees in this area that have branches hanging out over buildings, so they're also looking at trimming all the trees to make them healthier. Krintz's quote is \$3000.00 to take down the two trees and \$700.00 to grind the stumps of the two trees. \$1800.00 to trim the rest of the trees in that area. If there's any other stump on the ground that needs ground, he's charging \$350 per stump. MaCallister Machinery has told Luke before that they'd donate a stump grinder that he can put on a skidsteer. We could get that attachment and save some money if we did it ourselves. Exterior View gave pricing on removing trees and stumps as well. Their price for removing four dead trees and removing stumps would be \$5,850.00. This decision doesn't have to be made today but does soon, so it's cleaned up prior to the fair. Exterior View also has given a quote on landscaping. Christopher Landscaping quote charges same price for both sides of the extension building. Exterior View – bed maintenance (bi-weekly) total building \$ 850.00 for the whole season. They also would do a spring cleanup and fall cleanup of the beds where they would blow leaves and debris into the yard, preparing beds. Fall- Blowing leaves from beds, cutting all perennials and grasses down to the ground. Leaf removal is not included but can be for an additional item. - \$170.00. Christopher Landscaping was \$750.00 for the initial cleanup for each (\$1500.00 total) then \$200.00 for each time they come. Luke will follow up with Exterior View to see if this is a one-year contract or longer. Andrew Westfall will help get a contact on planting trees. Trent Hall makes a motion to accept Exterior View bid for the landscaping. Seconded by April Hall. The funds will come from

Assigned funds – (Lanoue Landscape) The motion was approved. Custom Lawn Solutions – (Carey Vogel and Mitch Cosgray) Gave a quote to reseed around the arena, drive/railroad where tile was put in, also spray weeds in the limestone and cattle tie outs once or twice this summer. To seed the grass and bare spots (arena, across the drive along the railroad) - \$400.00 Luke told him to go ahead and do it. Take it out of the water/drain project. Spraying the gravel lot and cattle tie outs - \$160.00. Luke was wondering if the Beef Barn would pay for half of that. Jeremy Lemming said they would do that, he'd talk to Craig Byroad, but wouldn't see why it'd be an issue. Luke gave them the go ahead to do spray. The Beef Barn will pay \$80.00 for the spraying and mowing funds will pay the remaining \$80.00. Luke still needs to follow up with Merrell VanMeter for bench prices. There is a little bit of storm damage on the arena roof where a couple sheets of the roof got peeled up – Luke isn't sure if it needs replaced or just fastened back down. He hasn't noticed anything else damaged from the storm. Luke has taken out all bulbs from any security lights that were flashing. He'll bring his lift in before fair to work on lights. If there's any security lights flashing still, let Luke know.

- **Event-** Lauren Dimmitt was present to report. All the entertainment is booked except for Wednesday. They are working on that. The online camping payments is set up on the website. They secured a dunk tank today originally through Midwest Rentals, but Luke Furrer said that he has a dunk tank, and he would let them use the dunk tank for the week. April talked to Molly and thought maybe this could be a good fundraiser for the Jr. Leaders to be in the dunk tank and keep the money they raise. Scott Hood is going to make a logo to go over the North White Viking logo. He will need dimensions for the logo. The vendors are starting to trickle in. Anyone who knows any children's amusements let April know. Golf carts will not be allowed this year on the fairgrounds or campgrounds.
- **Development-** Jon Tebo was not present to report. Samantha reported Jon really didn't have anything. She's going to reach out to Jessica to see if she has any updates on where we're at on booster money. They think they may reach out to the committees and let them know what's still missing so they can figure out what they want to do.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was not present to report.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- **75th Anniversary of Fairgrounds/ 4-H Fair** – There's an online store available with links on Facebook to order shirts, hats, visors, cups. The online store will close at midnight on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We are going to order stock for the fair but would like to have most people preorder. Anything in stock will be found in the fair office. We will have some free items of ink pens, koozies. Give out a certain number of items each day. There will be a trivia each day. Yard signs will be put throughout the fair with facts about the fair. You can find the sheets in the fair office to participate. Winners will receive \$75.00, which can be sponsored by the Day Sponsors of that day. Each 4-H exhibitor will receive a small rosette with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary information. We will be interviewing previous 4-h members. Trent Hall makes a motion to change the Milligan Survey fund to the 75<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary fund total of \$3000.00. Luke Furrer seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Any memorabilia or pictures you may have we'd like to display them.

- **Volunteer of the Year** – One name was nominated; Betty has the names that were nominated last year that were not selected. Cindy Campbell is the only one nominated for 2023. Luke Furrer would like to make a motion to table this until next meeting. Bring last years names plus Cindy Campbell. If anyone else has any names in the meantime bring them in. Maddie Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- **Other** –

#### **New Business:**

- **Fair Office Signup**- Molly will get the online signup set up and emailed out.
- **Other** – 49 kids are signed up for camp. Quota was 30.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- May 13th – Goat and Sheep ID
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Enrollment & Animal ID deadline
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – FairEntry Opens
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Mini 4-H Day Camp

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds**

**Adjourn-** The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.