

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2024
4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present- Keith Altman, Molly Childers, Maddie Clark, Ashley Clark, Clint Federer, Deb Foutch, Randy Freshour(phone), Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, April Hall, Rodney Hall, Trent Hall, Blaine Reiff – Jr. Leader Rep., Betty Kelly, Jeremy Lemming, Caleb McClure, Doug Morehouse, Kimberly Neuenddorf, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo

Not Present- Jon Coy, Lauren Dimmitt, Hillary Hawkins, Scott Hood, Bob Oliver, Josh Robertson, Steve Schemerhorn

Guests- John Gooding, Jeff Campbell, & Marty Huseman

Call to Order- President, Trent Hall, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Secretary's Minutes-On a motion by Doug Morehouse and seconded by Caleb McClure the minutes from April 3, 2024, will be accepted once amended for the July 1st deadline correction.

1. Animal projects not enrolled/identified in 4-H Online by MAY 15th ARE NOT ELIGIBLE to be exhibited at the County or State Fair.
2. Animal projects not enrolled in FairEntry by JULY 1ST will be eligible for exhibition only. However, you are still eligible to participate in Showmanship and exhibit these projects at the Indiana State Fair (per State Fair rules). **You will NOT be eligible to participate for that project in the White County 4-H Fair Auction.**

Treasurer's Report- Keith was present to report. \$75,000.00 came in from the County Commissioners. In the past that was \$60,000.00. The money hadn't come in yet last year so eventually it will just be a \$15,000.00 difference in the profit and loss. We got a significant check from BioTown Ag which shows up in building income general for the beef barn expansion, so that account is up to \$215,000.00. Awards are ahead of last year by \$3000.00 roughly. Keith did talk to the Lazadder family about the Karen Lazadder Memorial, it was \$50.00, and they said to donate it to the swine barn. He moved into the swine barn account and got rid of one of the memorials. Trent said that we really need to get the memorials taken care of. Trent talked to Katrina Dye and Denise Dunbar's memorial funds they'd like to go to Tractor Driving. He will call Joe Demerly to see what he needs for that. There will be one coming for Joe Dunbar and it's to go to 4-H General. April said that Deb stopped at the Extension office to try to get a contact list to get a hold of the family members to see what they wanted to do, because later April has a presentation and maybe do some picnic table in lieu of benches. Fee income for remit fees – the fees that people pay to be in 4-H, it's significantly higher than last year because Sheila was saying that Purdue had a problem and the last few years, they have not

released any fees that were paid online back to the counties. They were only releasing fees paid by check or cash. So, the \$4000.00 is two- or three-years' worth of fees. Betty Kelly makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Maddie Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jr. Leader Report- Blaine Reiff was present to report. Jr. Leader's had a Tip Night at Roots. They made a little over \$700. They were there about two hours.

4-H Update- Molly Childers was present to report. 489 4-H members 136 mini-4-H members. The club member number is down slightly from last year, but up from 2022. Molly would say we are just about average. Mini 4-H is pretty much the same. The deadline is May 15th, make sure people are getting enrolled. That's the deadline to be in the fair and for animal identification. If animals aren't identified by May 15th, you aren't bringing them to the fair. There are absolutely no late instances there. 57 4-H campers this year, that's the highest we've ever had. Growing every year. Four or five counselors signed up this year, they are looking for a male chaperone if anyone knows someone. Dates at the bottom there is a mini lead workshop, there were a lot of conflicting things with mini lead, so they decided to make a workshop out of it. If anyone wants to help with that, they could use the help. All the barn committees are going to be there to talk about what they expect. The flag raising ceremony is usually the Friday of the fair, which isn't part of the fair anymore. Could we move it to Saturday morning and what time. Trent said we need to make sure that we have a good flag. 10 am was decided for the flag raising ceremony and we can announce it leading up to it that morning. State summer events coming up, 4-H academy, band, chorus, all due May 15th. There are a good number of kids interested in roundup, which is their middle school event, on campus. There haven't been too many hardship claims. There's a family that's in the hospital with one of their younger non-4-H kids and she can't get up here to pay for the enrollment fee. She's worried about not getting her daughter in 4-H, the enrollment is done, as they were calling to remind them to come in and pay, she told them she's stuck in the hospital in Indianapolis with her child. Could we use some hardship funds to pay for this – It's Joy Lucas. The oldest child is in 4th grade. Luke Furrer said that if Molly filled out the hardship form, the Ag Association will pay the fee. \$25.00 is the amount. Keith said there's \$500.00 in the hardship fund and has been there since 2017. Luke Furrer made an official motion to pay for the Lucas Family's enrollment fees out of the hardship claims fund. Doug Morehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- **Development-** Jon Tebo was present to report. We are well ahead of schedule. Last year in June he was scrambling to call people to get some awards. Other than horse and pony, which someone said they always wait until the end. Day Sponsor – two were on the waiting list, had a few that hadn't responded, one did respond. All are covered now.
- **4-H Programming-** Doug Morehouse was present to report. If you do not get animals in by July 1st, you will not participate in the auction. If you don't do it online, we will still take paper this year, not shutting anyone out if they didn't fill out exactly right. Switching to using FairEntry for the auction so, as soon as the office gets everything

accessed, they're going to give Ashley and Alicia access as well. Keystone is going to help us out with a couple of computers for the auction.

- **Event-** April Hall was present to report. All night entertainment is booked. They still have ideas floating around that are going to depend on barn expansion progress. April is looking for sponsors to buy the fairgrounds for two AEDs to put in the First Aid building. They're around \$2000.00 each. April was going to ask the sorority's, rotary club, IU Hospital, etc. April walked around with Randy and there are stumps that need to be ground, limbs need to be taken out, made notes and get with grounds to get that done. April passed around a layout of a potential "Little Farmers Trike Track". This area would be fenced in with the original playground and have a walkway in the shape of the 4-H clover. There'd be a dry bed creek bridge, picnic tables, wagon basketball, sensory path, trike barn, etc. Parents can eat while the kids play at the benches and picnic tables. These are just some ideas that could go in activities for the kids. Farm Bureau said that they'd put some money into this if we could get them a number if this is something that we could do. April is also getting a quote for chain linked fence for the playground area then including this area if it passes through. Trent gave April the approval to explore the idea.
- **Grounds-** Randy Freshour was present to report. Joe Demerly came and worked on some lights. Pipes need fixed at the water shutoffs, there's a pipe that's been broken for about a year. They need to have a grounds committee meeting. Any grounds committee member needs to text or email Randy for dates for a meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- **Barn Expansion Update** – In the last week we have gotten the release of the beef barn design, the variance has been approved for the goat barn expansion, the design release has not been released yet because it got randomly selected to be further reviewed. Doug handed a timeline of both building projects, goat barn and beef barn. The timeline won't start until they get the permits. John Gooding said the longer the delay on the goat barn the greater risk of it not being done by fair. He ask that the goat arena be prioritized so there's a greater chance of it being done. Luke asked John if he had bids yet on electric. He has one from Huston Electric, he talked to Joe Demerly and he can't handle the project, he's going to follow back up with Schneider's. Jeff said they met with the concrete contractor, and they don't have a quote back yet, but have the original and he's also looking for a timeline.
- **Volunteer of the Year** – Doug currently has two nominations for volunteer of the year, one for active and one posthumous. Without further nominees, Doug moves that we accept those as our volunteers of the year. Maddie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Campground** – There is a guy that does prep work for Nipsco. He was looking for a place to park his camper and came across us. He had mentioned putting sewer hookups in at the campground. Luke spoke to him a few times and it doesn't sound like he's willing to put in any money, just be a contractor. If we wanted help, he'd be willing to help, but also would want paid for his help. We have too many projects at this moment.
 - **Fair Office Signup/Fair Schedule Changes** – If anyone has anything that needs added to the fair schedule please get to Sheila by May 15th, if possible. Fair office signup Molly emailed out yesterday. Expectation is minimum of two shifts per director.
 - **Fair Traffic** – Trent talked to the County and asked what it's going to be like around fair time. The section they're working on now should be done. It will be blocked from the east around fair time and basically everyone will be coming in from the west. Lisa mentioned speed bumps on the north road anyways. We will have to put up signs but will need to wait until closer to fair time to see exactly where they're closing off Hwy 24.
 - **Other** – Trent is meeting with Greg Garmen from Wabash Heartland Innovation Network on Monday or Tuesday to discuss bringing Broadband Wi-Fi to the fairgrounds. Just to help in the fair office and barns for check ins and the arena. It would be private and not for everyone on the grounds.
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- **Upcoming Dates**
 - May 11th – Goat and Sheep weigh in/ID – 7:30-11:30 am Goat Barn
 - May 15th – Last day for enrollment and to add/drop projects
 - May 15th – Livestock ID deadline for 4-Honline
 - May 18th- 4-H mini lead workshop 10 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 7:00pm 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn- Jon Tebo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.