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White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 7:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present – Suzette Alma, Brandon Bell, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Andrea Cole, Joe Demerly, Brandon Foutch, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Bill Geisler, Cindy Griffin, Rodney Hall, Mark Helms, Rodney Hornback, Joann Hoyt, Marleta Misch, Sara Shelton, Baily Tanner, Jon Tebo, and Andrew Westfall.

Absent – Laura Chapman, Chad Dahlenburg, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Kena Phimmasen (Junior Leader Representative), Denise Schroeder, and Steffanie Warren.

Guests Present – Deb Foutch, Scott Griffin, and Jack Roth.

Call to Order – Randy Freshour, President, called the meeting to order.

Regional Pastoral Group – Pastor Jack Roth from Christ Fellowship Church stated the Regional Pastoral Group is interested in holding a unity service sometime this summer on a Sunday evening in early July or early August. It was suggested that the goat barn or arena might work well for this event, and Pastor Roth was invited to check out the goat barn to see if it would meet their needs. If he would like to see the arena, arrangements will be made to grant him access. If the Group decides to hold the service at the Fairgrounds, they would have to pay only a \$100 security deposit as a nonprofit organization.

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Joe Demerly and seconded by Luke Furrer, the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Griffin reported that Booster Club donations are coming in and summarized the day and show sponsorships received to date. She encouraged directors to take booster forms for themselves or others. The treasurer's report will stand until the next audit report is received. Per Cindy Campbell, the insurance renewal summary was received recently from Heiny Insurance, and the Association's annual premiums have decreased due to a favorable claims history.

Jr. Leader Report – Per Andrea Cole, the Jr. Leaders worked at the Food Pantry on Mondays in March. On April 20th, they will attend the Jr. Leader Fun Night in Carroll County.

4-H Enrollment Update – Andrea Cole reported there are 690 active members enrolled with 37 more pending for payment. There are also 141 approved volunteers enrolled.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds – Luke Furrer**

- **Drainage** – Work will begin on drainage as soon as the ground dries out.
- **Horse Barns** – Luke and Chad Dahlenburg met with the Horse & Pony Committee regarding some needed repairs to their barns. The Committee will start getting bids for the work to be done and may bring a proposal to the May meeting. They may ask to use funds from the Horse Barn account and do some fundraising to offset the costs of repairs.
- **New Restroom** – Luke met with a representative from Titan Construction & Engineering Services from Rensselaer to discuss the new restroom. The restroom by the Pork Producers is not really a storm shelter, and to be considered one, the new restroom would have to be built much more securely. Cindy Campbell has also spoken to the representative and discussed the Letter of Inquiry process for the grant. Titan has provided pricing to get through the Letter of Inquiry phase. Phase I services would include a budget estimate, a floor plan, and a site plan for a maximum cost of \$2000 which would not be payable until the services are delivered. Sara Shelton moved to proceed with Phase I services from Titan and allocate up to \$2000 out of the Tam Fund. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Outside Lights** – Per Ron Byrd, some of the strobing lights have been repaired. Apparently, they were damaged by being shot with a BB gun. Some others still need to be repaired.
- **Goat Barn Expansion** – Per Luke, the project is still moving forward. The Goat Committee has applied for a variance for the setback on 25 E. Cindy Campbell noted that since the Extension Office is closer to the road than the new barn, and since 25 E is closed just a bit north of the Fairgrounds, the Committee is not expecting any problems with the variance request. Luke stated Milligan has provided a plat of the corner of the where the goat barn is and is continuing with work on a complete survey of the entire property.
- **Gutters on 4-H Building** – Per Luke, the parameters of this project have not yet been established. Suzette Alma spoke to Roger Geisler who suggested Streamline as a contractor. The issue was tabled until the May meeting.
- **Donor for Water Lines** – Per Suzette, Roger also knows someone willing to help pay for new water lines to the dairy barn. Luke will contact Roger for more information.

- **Event – Sara Shelton**

- **Queen and King Contests** – Nothing to report from either committee.
- **Vendors** – Per Sara, there has been interest from some new vendors. The stand formerly occupied by the Chalmers VFD will be filled, possibly by John's Bakery or as a second location for Bob Oliver.
- **Camping** – Sara has prepared all the registration packets for returning campers, and they will be mailed soon with a due date of May 15th. Registration for new campers will be open sometime after that date. She has also put camping information on the website.

- **Pork Producers** – The Pork Producers have not paid their rent for 2017 and have not returned any paperwork for 2018 yet. The last time they paid was August 2016 when they paid \$1200 for rent for the 2016 Fair. Comments have been made that they did not pay because the Ag Association has not paid for auction dinners for a few years; however, the Auction Committee has never received invoices despite numerous requests and cannot make any payments without invoices. Sara will draft a letter to be reviewed and signed by Randy Freshour which will then be mailed certified with return receipt to the leaders of the Pork Producers.
- **Development – Kevin Kelley – No Report Available**
- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma**
 - **4-H Camp, Trips, and Workshops** – Per Suzette, the Trips and Awards Committee met on March 19th to review applications for trips/workshops. As in past years, the Committee is recommending the Ag Association pay half of the registration costs for 4-H Camp and other trips/workshops at a total cost of \$2770 to be taken from the 4-H Remit Fees account. Ron Byrd moved to pay half of the fees per the Committee's recommendation. Joann Hoyt seconded the motion. Motion passed. Andrea Cole noted 4-H Camp registration is underway, and slots are filling quickly.
 - **Tenure Award Applications** – The Trips & Awards Committee will meet again on April 9th to review the applications for the 4-H Tenure Awards.
 - **Volunteer of the Year Award** – Nomination forms were available at the meeting. Suzette asked that completed forms be submitted to her, Marleta Misch, Cindy Campbell, or Andrea Cole by May 1st. These nominations may be discussed at the May 2nd Ag Association meeting, but Suzette suggested it be done in a closed session to avoid embarrassment to any nominees.
 - **New Sweepstakes Awards** – Cindy Campbell noted 9 new sweepstakes awards for exhibit building projects were added for 2018. These awards can be sponsored for \$25 each, and several awards had not been sponsored as of that night.

Unfinished Business

- **Security During Fair** – Per Mark Helms, Mike Andrews and Mike Read have agreed to work from 3:00 – 11:00 pm each day during the Fair for \$20/hour. They have asked the Ag Association to provide shirts and a golf cart. Randy Freshour suggested a contract be developed for this service, and Cindy Campbell suggested both men should also enroll as volunteers. Ron Byrd moved to proceed with this plan for security and pay up to \$2300. Joe Demerly seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ron moved to allocate half of the funds from the Parking and Security account and half from the Auction account. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mark also mentioned that he still needs lists of security concerns from all directors so rules to be enforced can be identified.
- **Fans in the Arena** – Mark Helms, Jon Tebo, and Joe Demerly have developed a plan for 11 new fans with easy-to-access switches and new wiring throughout the building. The project can be done for approximately \$6000. Joe Demerly will do the electrical work and

charge only the cost of materials. Scheurich's has agreed to donate the use of 2 manlifts. Older fans that are no longer needed may be sold. Mark moved to proceed with the project with a maximum cost of \$6000. Brandon Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rodney Hall moved to allocate the funds out of the Fairgrounds – Other account. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Ticket Booth from Purdue** – Randy Freshour spoke to Lisa Gooding whose son Adam is a member of the organization that owns the ticket booth. It appears the booth will be available, but the details are still being worked out.
- **Other**
 - **Moving the Flagpoles** – An update on this project was requested. Per Luke Furrer, other options are being considered because there are signage issues at the location proposed previously on the southeast corner of the parking lot on 25 E. Also, several directors stated they like the current location of the flagpoles because they should be in a central position. The issue was tabled until the May meeting.

New Business

- **Turn Water on for Ag Day** – Randy Freshour will take care of this.
- **Arborist Report** – Per Andrew Westfall, an arborist from Purdue assessed the trees on the Fairgrounds and provided a report in August 2015, noting that some needed to be removed. Some have been taken down since then, but others need to be taken down or pruned before the Fair. Brandon Foutch mentioned that REMC may be able to help with this. Andrew will email the report to Luke Furrer who will coordinate these efforts. Once all this work is done, a new assessment should be requested.
- **Director Packets** – Andrea Cole distributed director packets and reminded any directors who have not reenrolled as volunteers to do so as soon as possible.
- **Other**
 - **Goat Club Brick Fundraiser** – Brandon Foutch and Joe Demerly requested clarification on this fundraiser and raised concerns that the flier may lead to some confusion about how the proceeds and the bricks themselves will be used.

Upcoming Dates – Randy Freshour reminded directors to review the upcoming dates listed on the agenda, including the Fairgrounds cleanup on Saturday, April 21st at 9:00 am.

4-H News and Announcements – The following 4-H event was mentioned:

- Dog Club Tip Night, Pizza Hut, Monday 5/7, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Adjourn – Ron Byrd moved to adjourn, and Brandon Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.