

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 7:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Attendance: Joann Burnside, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Jeff Campbell, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Roger Geisler, Marleta Misch, Denise Schroeder, Sara Shelton, Andy Stoll, Andrew Westfall. Also in attendance were guests Jan Faker and Deb Foutch.

Call to Order – Jeff Campbell, President

Secretary's Minutes - On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Sara Shelton, the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting were approved with the following amendments:

- First sentence under Treasurer's Report should be amended to read, "The treasurer's report was distributed in Marleta's absence."
- Last two sentences of minutes should be amended to read, "Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Andy Stoll moved to adjourn, and the motion passed."

Treasurer's Report - Marleta Misch presented the treasurer's report. There were no questions.

Jr. Leader Report – Denise Schroeder reported that the Jr. Leaders had an outing at Exploration Acres on Friday, October 14, 2016 at which there were 12 members present and 2 guests in addition to adult chaperones. Their next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the Reynolds School where they will bake cookies for Thanksgiving baskets and elect officers. Kelli Salomon has agreed to help with Jr. Leaders, but a co-leader is needed. Ag Association members were asked to give this some thought and make recommendations for possible candidates.

Stage Project – Jan Faker presented a new bid from FBi Buildings for \$23,287 which includes a half bath, storage/dressing area, and insulation in the ceiling for sound. The quote does not include any concrete, plumbing, electrical or connections to water/sewer lines. The existing footprint of the stage and attached structure will not change other than the areas from the front corners of the stage will be filled in to the corners of the T-shaped runway to create more of a trapezoidal shape at the front. All but this trapezoid will be covered by a new roof. The Queen Committee is prepared to put forward approximately \$11,275 for this project, and they will finish the interior of the storage/dressing area and install cabinets, counters, mirrors, etc. There is currently \$7,353.23 in the Ag Association line item for the stage. Jan asked the Ag Association to take over this project as she has carried it for over a year and feels the Queen Committee has done all they can in regards to legwork and fundraising. Ron Byrd noted it is difficult to make a decision to proceed with the project without knowing how

much the remaining work will cost. Roger Geisler gave a very rough ballpark price of \$15,000 to finish the project but cautioned it could be as high as \$25,000. Jan also mentioned a possible advantage to having FBi complete both the stage and goat barn expansion projects. Cindy Campbell moved to authorize the Building and Grounds Committee to seek quotes for the remainder of the work. Joann Burnside seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- **Annual Meeting** – Sara Shelton confirmed the annual meeting will be held at Top Notch in Brookston. The menu will include sandwiches and a variety of salads.
- **Antique Tractor** – Randy Freshour reported the corn crib full, and the group is planning to plant wheat on the county property.
- **Audit/Budget** – Jeff Campbell reported the Executive Board will be working on the 2017 budget and will present it at the November meeting.
- **Commercial** – Roger Geisler was approached by the vendor who ran the stand by the horse/pony barns. She told him she had been unable to sell lemon shake-ups at the fair because another vendor, Alaturk (sp?), paid \$2,000 for exclusive rights to sell shake-ups and funnel cakes. Sara confirmed this but said she was not sure who had made the decision, possibly Kim Stockment or Chad Dahlenburg, and neither was present to respond. Although Sara was not directly involved in this aspect of the Commercial Committee's operations, she said she believed vendors have to submit menus along with their signed contracts. Another vendor, Sweet Z's, was also affected by this exclusivity but found a way around it by selling variants of shake-ups under a different name. Cindy Campbell asked if Alaturk has asked for any money back since they were not the exclusive purveyors of shake-ups, to which Sara responded they had not. Both Ron Byrd and Roger noted the Ag Association had not voted for any exclusivity rights other than funnel cakes. Roger moved that no vendors be given exclusive rights for any products. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Grounds** – Jeff Campbell noted volunteers from REMC cut down several trees and trimmed others during a community service day last week at no cost to the Ag Association. They may come back to take down more. NIPSCO was also on hand to take down some lines to facilitate the work being done by REMC. Jeff will bring a thank you card to the next meeting for everyone to sign. Ron Byrd reported that the new LED lights were being installed, and the screw-in type will be coming. A total of \$30,000 has been donated to pay for the lights. The cost will be rebated back, and these funds can be used again for infrastructural improvements. The installer had told Ron that some of the light fixtures were too rusty and had to be repaired before the new lights could be installed. The cost to repair would be \$55 each, and there would be no more than 10. Ron moved to allocate no more than \$550 to repair these lights. Joann seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Land Use & Management** – Randy Freshour has been in touch with Ross Hardebeck regarding demolition of the Hintzman house, and he believes it will be done around the end of November. There is interest in items in and around house, and Randy and Phil

Hunt have discussed an auction for these items. Andy Stoll offered to ask Jeff Altman to act as the auctioneer. There was a brief discussion about possible asbestos and lead paint remediation and any costs to the Ag Association related to the demolition. Randy and Roger Geisler were both sure there was no asbestos, but they were not certain about lead paint. In response to a question from Cindy Campbell, Roger answered he did not know if a demolition permit would be required.

- **Livestock Auction** – Per Denise Schroeder, there are only 5 buyers who have not paid. She will email the list to the Auction Committee.
- **Nominating** – Jeff Campbell stated there are 4 director positions to be filled: Greg DuVall in Cass, Kelly Provo in Union, Dana Tolley in Prairie, and Jeff Campbell in Honey Creek. Jeff noted he has found someone from Honey Creek who is willing to fill his position if approved. There are three options for filling positions: move directors around to their home townships where possible with the understanding that this might extend some tenures on the Association, move people to positions only if tenures would not be extended, or leave everyone as they are and fill open positions with individuals from those townships. In all options, preference will be given to individuals from the townships with open positions per Ag Association bylaws. Several potential members were identified:
 - Garrett Meents – Big Creek
 - Jodi Mattox – Big Creek
 - Adam Howe – Cass
 - Suzette Alma – Cass or Jackson
 - Luke Furrer – Honey Creek
 - Cory Applegate – Honey Creek
 - Jerry Robertson – Honey Creek
 - Betty Kelly – Liberty
 - Trent Hall – Princeton
 - Brandon Foutch – Union
 - Gene Clark – Union
 - FFA Advisors from County High Schools – Townships for all not known, but at least one lives outside the County.

Ron Byrd moved to adopt option #3 in which everyone would stay in their current township assignments and every effort will be made to fill open positions with people from those townships. Randy Freshour seconded the motion. Motion passed. In regards to Dana Tolley's position which is open now due to her resignation, Randy moved to wait to fill her position until the other open positions are filled, and all will begin their terms in January. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Sound** – Jeff Campbell noted several repairs need to be made to the sound system, including wires torn down between the arena and Bob Oliver's booth, the box and speakers in the arena, and sound in the Dairy Barn. Randy has been checking into wireless PA systems, and he will continue to research this and report back at a future meeting.

- **Waste Handling** – Jeff Campbell said he will create a binder for his replacement on the Committee and said he can lock in Waste Management now for next year or leave this for his replacement. All agreed it should be locked in and authorized Jeff to do so.
- **Feasibility Study** – Cindy Campbell reported the Committee will hold its last meeting on November 8th. Representatives from Context and PROS Consulting will be at the November 15th Ag Association meeting to present the completed study as well as an example of a topographical survey. The Association will receive the study in digital format, and 3 hard copies will be maintained in the Extension Office and may be viewed there.

Unfinished Business

- **Fair Review Opportunities** – Jeff Campbell passed around a spreadsheet detailing the opportunities identified at the fair review meeting in August with assignments to various committees. Joann Burnside asked if the spreadsheet includes a summary of the online survey comments to which Jeff responded that Steffanie Warren had volunteered to do this at the August meeting, but he has not received anything from her.
- **2016-2017 Committee Sign-up** – A sign-up sheet for all committees was passed around.
- **Contract for 4-H Building/Grounds** – As Chad Dahlenburg was not available to present the proposed revisions, the topic was tabled.
- **Combining of Committees** – The topic was tabled pending completion of the feasibility study.

New Business

- **New 4-H Youth Educator** – Per Denise Schroeder, Andrea Cole has accepted the position, and she will begin on November 1st. She is originally from the Findlay, OH area and received her master's degree in Tennessee.
- **Proposed Rule Changes for 2017** – The Association discussed the proposed changes and recommendations by the Executive Board and adopted them as follows:
 - Ron Byrd moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from the beginning of the document up to Dairy Department. Roger Geisler seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Cindy Campbell moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Dairy Department up to Exhibit Hall (State Fair Eligible Projects) Department. Joann Burnside seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Ron Byrd moved to strike the sentence “Any exhibitor not ready by this time will not be able to participate.” from the Consumer Clothing and Fashion Revue sections and adopt all other changes/recommendations from Exhibit Hall (State Fair Eligible Projects) Department up to Goat Department. Roger Geisler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Ron Byrd moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Goat Department up to Horse & Pony Department. Roger Geisler seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Within Poultry and Pigeon Department, Joann Burnside moved to retain the sentence “The wing of each bird going through the auction will be clipped to ensure that the animal will be ineligible for competition at future 4-H shows.” Andy Stoll seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ron Byrd moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Horse & Pony Department up to Swine Department with the amendment listed above. Joann seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Joann Burnside moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Swine Department up to Other Events and Activities. Randy Freshour seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Ron Byrd moved to adopt all changes/recommendations from Other Events and Activities up to Award Additions/Corrections. Joann Burnside seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Sara Shelton moved to adopt all changes/recommendations in Award Additions/Corrections. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Fair schedule changes as well as some changes to displays, judgings, and schedule for the 4-H Building were discussed briefly.
- Joann Burnside asked for recommendations for a project leader for the new taxidermy project. Bob Oliver was suggested.
- **Preparing the Fairgrounds for Winter** – Jeff Campbell reported the water has been shut off. The water leak by Bob Oliver’s booth was coming from a hydrant, and it has been repaired. Denise Schroeder will check if there are any individuals with mandated community service who could rake leaves. The entire Grounds Committee will also be trained on how to turn on/off the water.
- **4-H Volunteer Enrollment** – Denise Schroeder reminded everyone to complete their online volunteer enrollment by January 15th. Anyone who will be working with 4-H’ers in any capacity must be enrolled as a volunteer and must complete the mandatory minors training. Once complete, the minors training does not have to be done again for 2 years.
- **Officer Elections** – Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Adjourn - Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Andy Stoll moved to adjourn. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Director.