

AGENDA
White County Ag. Association Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
4-H Building, Reynolds

Call to Order – Jeff Campbell

Secretary's Minutes – Kim Stockment – Joan moved to accept the minutes as written. Seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report – Marleta Misch – Jeff presented on behalf of Marleta -

Jr. Leader Report – Andrea presented on behalf of the Junior Leaders – they baked cookies on behalf of the church for community baskets on Sunday. They will have a lock-in in November and will elect officers in December.

Feasibility Study Report – Alyssa Prazeau presented the Feasibility Study on behalf of Pros & Context. Alyssa gave a short overview of the process then presented the final study. Hard copies and digital copies will be available for review in the Extension Office.

Committee Reports

Annual Meeting – January 17, 2017 at Top Notch at 6pm

Audit/Budget – Jeff presented the 2017 budget – this is a proposed budget and can be edited through January 2017. Jeff did the budget since no one was on the budget/audit committee. Ron Byrd moved to approve the budget and Greg Duvall seconded. Joe Demerly questioned the booster dollars and Jeff mentioned these are just numbers and estimates, a guideline, not set in stone. Sara also questioned some building repairs lines. Andy Stoll called for the question. Motion failed. Andy also moved to table this budget until January. Motion passed.

Booster Club – Chad & Tara Dahlenburg, Adam Wasson & Cindy Griffin met to stuff letters to anyone who has previously donated to the booster club. Cindy Griffin reported that last year there were 200 who donated, though not all were monetary donations. Cindy Griffin asked that each member of the board please take a few donors and talk to them personally to encourage their donations. There will be available a sign-up sheet to sign up for who you would like to visit with, so we can keep track of communication. Letter packets are available tonight, as well as new letters.

Capital Improvement – Cindy C. mentioned that there are suggestions within the Feasibility Study to combine some committees. Cindy C will no longer be on this committee, but encouraged it to continue.

Commercial - Kim Stockment mentioned that the committee is working on the application for vendors, Family Fun Zone pricing and are in the process of starting the process of seeking vendors. Sara Shelton also brought up that she's created a weebly website to help serve as a landing page and saving spot for minutes, agendas, etc. whitecoag.weebly.com is the website address.

Grounds – Jeff circulated a thank you letter for the board to sign for REMC for helping with tree removal. Denise also mentioned that there is a water leak that needs to be fixed at the north east corner of the rabbit building. Jeff mentioned water was shut off on Sunday and all antifreeze & valves are winterized by Randy Freshour and Jeff Campbell.

Land Use & Management (Hintzman) – Denise mentioned that Pat & Carl Holeman were in and if the house is to get tore down, they would like to remove the heater they paid for. Andy also mentioned that Jeff Altman will auction for us, costing us only advertising. Discussion ensued on the value of the salvage. Mark Helms mentioned that the salvage company is providing dumpsters and dumping for free. Ross Hardebeck will be tearing it down and can be available in 2 weeks, which is feasible if we get water, electric, etc tore down. Many discussed just tearing it down to avoid legal conflict and avoiding the auction piece. The board agreed that Pat & Carl could have the heater. Phil mentioned that Nipsco will be contacted about cutting power. Phil & Roger mentioned that they might need some fill dirt, and many suggested that there is plenty of free fill dirt available. Mark and Phil will run lead working with Ross to make this happen.

Livestock Auction – 4 buyers have not paid at this point – Lafayette Terminal Corp, Hannon Show Pigs, Andersons, and Mike Skjeersaa. Auction committee will follow up with these buyers.

Nominating – Nominating committee met. We have 4 open positions – the reccomendations are:

Union: Brandon Foutch

Cass: Suzette Alma

Prairie: Rodney Hall

Honey Creek: Luke Furrer

Andy moved to accept these nominations. Cindy Campbell seconded.

Waste Handling - Jeff mentioned Waste Management has agreed to again handle the waste for 2017.

Unfinished Business

- Building Contract – Chad reported that he has it and will email it out to everyone to discuss at the January meeting.
- 4-H Volunteer Enrollment - Andrea mentioned that enrollment is open and that January 15th is the deadline to complete these.
- Fair Review Opportunities – Jeff mentioned that he did get the information from Stef, he has combined all the opportunities together from the discussion and online reports.
- 2016-2017 Committee Sign-up

New Business

- Leaf Raking – November 17 & 18 – Sherriff's corrections will provide cleanup on those dates.
- VITA Request – Denise mentioned this is something we approved last year, and they've again asked to use the space. Chad D moved that we allow them to use the building. Phil seconded. Motion passed.
- 4-H Summer Assistant Applications and Interviews – Andrea reported that applications are available. Due January 6th in the Extension Office. Share the word and put them in touch with Andrea if they would like to apply. The pay is around \$10/hour. Please share the word.
- Mini Horse Show – Sara shared that there are two horse shows that would like to rent the facilities (Horse facilities, Dairy Barn & Livestock arena). The event is in May. Sara will

direct the interested parties to the current contract and will move forward with the rental.

- Revision to Ag Association Bylaws – Chad brought up some suggestions to the constitution and bylaws and suggested some changes that were proposed by the Commercial Committee. Roger Geisler moved that we table the proposed changes to the bylaws. Seconded. Passed.
- 2016 Officer nominations:
 - President: Randy Freshour
 - Vice President: Kim Stockment
 - Secretary: Cindy Campbell
 - Treasurer: Cindy Griffin
 - Executive Council: Phil Hunt
 - Executive Council: Ron Byrd
- Other
 - Discussion ensued about how to build camaraderie led to Chad proposing that we have a Saturday team building day. Discussion ensued. Cindy moved to have a dinner on January 17th with a guest, just social with new members invited. Motion was seconded. Motion passed. Randy moved to do a new member onboarding and January meeting January 28th. Kim will work to put together an agenda.
 - Chad also brought up lights that the town of Reynolds is willing to take over paying for so that they are on at all times. This was agreed upon by the board.
 - Chad also mentioned that the Reynolds Park Department is willing to donate a playset. Chad moved that we table the motion until our January meeting.

Upcoming Dates

- January 6th – 4-H Summer Assistant Applications Due
- January 6th – Camp Counselor Applications Due
- January 15th – Online enrollment window ends; youth and volunteers can still enroll at the Extension Office after this date

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 6 p.m., Top Notch Bar, Brookston