

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Virtual meeting via Zoom due to COVID-19

Present – Baily Tanner, Chad Dahlenburg, Suzette Alma, Cindy Campbell, Luke Furrer, Bob Oliver, Rodney Hornback, Betty Kelly, Bryan Gretencord, Randy Freshour, Cindy Griffin, Vivian Hornback, Rodney Hall, April Hall, Kyle Arvin, Trent Hall, Samantha Foutch, John Gooding, Deb Foutch, Jon Tebo, Andrew Westfall, Denise Schroeder, Jeremy Lemming, and Miranda Furrer

Not Present – Jared Baer (got called into work), Kevin Kelley and Sam Pinkerton

Guests Present: Molly Bull (summer intern), Jamie Spencer

Call to Order – Luke Furrer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Luke reported there was no an official agenda to present for this meeting

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Cindy Campbell and seconded by Betty Kelly, the minutes from the June 3, 2020, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed.

Safety Plan – A meeting with the safety plan committee was held prior to the Ag Association meeting. Miranda reported on what was discussed during the safety plan meeting. Miranda submitted the first safety plan for building project check-in and it was approved. Miranda is going to work on getting all information gathered from each livestock committee in order to complete that safety plan. Miranda had plans to get this safety plan submitted early next week. Sanitizer will be purchased and Miranda already has disinfectant that is safe for the animals for all of the barns to use. Purdue will be providing face coverings to have on hand for anyone who might need them. Miranda also shared her screen with everyone in order to share the fair schedule. Miranda worked with all of the committees in order to finalize the schedule. The only major changes were Poultry was asked to move their show to Sunday and the horses decided to have a show on Thursday. There was a question regarding the horses spreading out their show over several days. Miranda reported the horses will be running their show more like an open show set up and they have condensed a lot of their classes. They felt this would allow them to simplify things and get everything done in one day. The horses also previously planned to have a show in August, however, this will no longer be taking place. Miranda encouraged anyone to reach out to her with needed changes to the schedule. Miranda was going to get the schedule posted on social media so people could begin planning.

Custodian Contract – Trent reported on this topic. He discussed the decision to split the contract into two separate contracts with one being in charge of cleaning the building and the other covering the week of the fair. Trent discussed the idea of placing an advertisement on

Facebook, and still needing to talk to Paul about his plans. Trent sent the contract to Kyburz Cleaning Service and they want to meet on Thursday to present a quote for the Exhibit building. She commented that the current contract is \$80 per week and she had a feeling their quote will be a little higher than that. Luke encouraged Trent to talk with Paul about his willingness to still cover the week of the fair even if someone else gets hired to clean the building. Luke said to provide Trent with any contact information for individuals who might be interested in the cleaning contract. April suggested reaching out to Paul prior to posting anything on Facebook. Trent agreed and said he would try to call Paul tomorrow.

Cleaning/Landscaping – Trent spoke with April Hall who mentioned high school seniors needing to complete a certain number of community service hours. Trent said this might be something worth advertising on Facebook. April touched based on this and found out this was only for Frontier seniors.

Trent reported the grounds committee will be having a meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, June 23rd.

Exhibit building projects – Cindy Campbell discussed this topic. She reiterated that the safety plan for the building projects has been sent in and approved. Letters have also been sent out to exhibitors notifying them of the procedures in place for the fair this year.

People on the grounds/in the arena – Luke brought up this topic as there has been some discussion, but no clear plan on what will be allowed. There was discussion at one time allowing one person per exhibitor in the arena during the show. Luke questioned whether this was something Purdue was saying or if this was just something someone said. Luke opened this up for discussion to see what anyone else thought. The goat committee has a plan for their show/arena and Luke wanted to make sure it was consistent for all species. Betty Kelly discussed during the dairy show how they rarely have 100 people in the arena during their show, and she felt they would be able to have both parents present during the show. Luke discussed putting markings on the bleachers to distance people six feet apart. Miranda pulled up the guidance from Purdue and it read to limit the number of people in the arena. It discussed having the 4-H member and one adult in the make-up arena being the standard protocol. Miranda expressed wanting to be consistent across the board with all species regarding the number of spectators, etc. Luke asked Randy about the capacity for the arena. Randy said he didn't know the number off the top of his head. Randy discussed six feet apart needing to be six feet in all areas (below, beside, behind, etc.). Betty said Randy mentioned in a prior meeting that about 96 people could sit in the arena with social distancing. April Hall talked about having signs present like shopping centers to encourage social distancing as well as markings to show them where to go. Jon Tebo talked about other counties who have had things approved and they had something in place in regards to all spectators such as "two guests per exhibitor". Jon also brought up the idea of having a wristband or badge for all individuals in order to be present on the grounds. There was question regarding when these wristbands would be handed out. Jon suggested having a

different color wristband for each day. April asked about current numbers for each species. Betty said the dairy will have 13 kids averaging 2 or 3 animals with the exception of one exhibitor who will have about 7 or 8 animals. John Gooding talked on the goats and discussed how they technically have 3 species, but they will be separating their shows. They will start with dairy goats in the morning, get things cleaned up and then start checking in pygmy goats. They will finish the day with meat goats. They have 14 families in the dairy goat show, 12 families in the pygmy goat show and 27 families in the meat goat show. They are not planning on having bleachers in the arena. They will chalk out areas that will hold a few people that will be spaced six feet apart. The goat committee discussed limiting the spectators to the 4-Her and the parent/guardian. They have even had discussion about not having extra children there who will not be showing. Cindy Griffin discussed the current numbers for swine being 353 pigs with 24 exhibitors who will not be coming/not bringing swine. The swine committee is still clarifying which families will be showing off of their trailer. The swine show will start at 10am and will take place on one day. There will be two rings in the arena with one entrance and one exit. The class sizes will stay around 10 pigs per class. The swine committee will be having showmanship for the senior division only. Miranda reminded everyone that fair entry is open until July 6th so we won't have a good understanding on numbers for some species until that time. Trent text Craig Byroad and he said from the survey they sent out, they are looking at around 120 beef. Suzette said rabbits are adopting similar policies and are asking to have no extra children present who are not showing.

Luke suggested the large arena adopting a similar policy to what the goat committee has discussed in order to keep everything consistent. Suzette made a motion to limit two spectators per youth showing for all species. This brought up discussion regarding families who have split families with multiple parents/guardians. There was also discussion regarding the need to have a limit at trailers. Jeremy discussed the difference between limiting people in the make-up arena versus limiting people on the grounds. Luke discussed the idea of the fair being closed to the public, but having a hard time limiting/policing the number of people on the fairgrounds due to the setup of the grounds. Cindy agreed with the difficulty of policing, however, there is a need to have a very clear message in order to start sharing with individuals. John Gooding suggested limiting the individuals on the grounds to the same individuals who are allowed in the arena. Chad also agreed with the decision to be very clear and concise on the plan in order to help keep people from coming to the grounds. Chad discussed the idea of getting Walton Webcasting present for all shows. Luke said that has been looked into a little bit, but also discussed other ways to present these shows online due to concerns with the availability of Walton Webcasting as well as the cost. Luke presented the idea of limiting the fair to legal guardians as well as siblings who are in 4-H. There was question whether or not this was amending the previous motion Suzette presented. Suzette said she would amend her motion to include legal guardians and children who are showing that day present in the arena and on the grounds with social distancing in place. April discussed concerns in limiting individuals and talked about changing wording to include having immediate family members present. This brought up the discussion about who falls

under the category of "immediate family". Kyle Arvin asked for the definition regarding immediate family members. Jon Tebo expressed concern limiting to guardians especially for families who have multiple kids who are showing. Jon Tebo discussed a safety issue with the beef project specifically if you only allow parents/guardians. Jon again discussed the idea of allowing two people per exhibitor. After discussion, Suzette's motion was revisited and seconded by John Gooding. There was discussion regarding Suzette's motion being in place for the fairgrounds or the arena, and it was determined it was for the whole fairgrounds. The motion did not pass.

Luke asked for a different motion. Kyle Arvin asked for a definition of "immediate family". Cindy Campbell discussed the definition being a "parent, sibling or child by blood, adoption or marriage, a spouse, a grandparent or grandchild." Cindy discussed the need to have something specific and the ability to manage or the safety plan will be rejected. Chad agreed and said something needs to be discussed/put in place now and it can be changed later if need be. Chad asked for Miranda's insight on what is being suggested by Purdue. Chad also suggested having separate recommendations/policies for the grounds and for the arena. Miranda discussed the need to limit the number of people on the grounds as it is not an open fair. Jon Tebo made a motion to allow two wristbands for each 4-H exhibitor for their show day. The 4-H exhibitor would also get their own wristband. Trent Hall seconded. Chad asked if this would be for around the trailer/barn, and if you limit the number to one in the arena. Luke also discussed the ability to limit the number of seating in the arena since some of the bleachers roll up. There was question whether or not Jon's motion was regarding the grounds or the arena. Jon said his motion is regarding the grounds only. Randy brought up discussion regarding larger families having numerous wristbands. Randy discussed the concern of these wristbands being distributed to others, etc. John Gooding suggested the idea of allowing two wristbands per exhibitor with a maximum of four wristbands per family.

Jon Tebo amended his motion to give each 4-H participant two wristbands for show day with a maximum of four per family. The 4-H participant will get their own wristband. Jeremy Lemming seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was discussion regarding who would be allowed in the arena. There was also discussion regarding the number of individuals that would fit in the arena based on square footage. Randy had a question about how this is going to be enforced. The current safety plan identifies volunteers as being the individuals who will enforce the rules. These volunteers would be made up of the committee members if they have enough volunteers. There was also discussion about finding volunteers or law enforcement who would help monitor people in the arena. Luke discussed reaching out to Mark Helms about the potential to have law enforcement volunteers available as this is something that has been utilized in the past.

Jon Tebo made a motion to mark the seating areas in the arena with "x's" to create a guideline for people to social distance. This was seconded by Rodney Hall. There was

discussion about whether or not the bleachers were going to be out. Luke said regardless, you can mark social distancing guidelines on the bleachers or the standing area. The motion passed.

Food Vendors – April presented recommendations regarding food vendors. The event committee met and the recommendation was to allow the Pork Producers and Bob Oliver to have their booths open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as those will be the busiest days. April also suggested having the Monon pop stand open as well. April spoke with Pat Morehead who is the Board of Health inspector and she did not express any concerns regarding having food vendors open. There was some concern regarding the Monon pop stand being open as it is primarily ran by children and there is limited space allowed in order to follow social distancing guidelines. There was some concern regarding the two most popular food stands being open. It was discussed that they would be having limited menus, however, the public will hear that those vendors are open which could lead to extra people on the fairgrounds. Bob expressed concerns as a food vendor having to tell people who aren't wearing a wristband that they can't be served.

Randy Freshour made a motion to allow the Pork Producers and Bob Oliver to be open at the fair with their discretion regarding hours of operation. Kyle Arvin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was made. There were 7 votes for no, 11 votes for yes and one abstained vote. The motion passed.

Randy also made a motion to not charge the vendors and they could make a donation if willing. Jon Tebo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Gutters – There was discussion regarding the gutters and leaf guards. Miranda talked on this topic due to poor connection on Suzette's end. They are working on getting a new quote from the same company. Trent suggested getting a quote from a company named Leaf Guard who would offer a free quote. There was concern expressed regarding the project needing to be completed prior to the fair. Trent said he would get in touch with Leaf Guard to see if they would be able to get something done prior to the fair.

Open Shows – There was question regarding the protocol for open shows and who gives that permission. Luke said he was in contact regarding the individuals who had an open show on a day prior to the meeting. There was also discussion regarding another open show taking place in a few weeks. The individuals went to the office and requested to rent the grounds. The County Commissioners were contacted regarding the event taking place and they were okay with it happening. Kyle Arvin asked about whether or not they have to have insurance for the event. Luke said anyone who rents the fairgrounds, buildings, etc. has to provide a certificate of liability insurance. Denise commented and confirmed anyone who rents any part of the fairgrounds has to have a certificate of insurance. At this time, Luke did not have a certificate of insurance or a signed contract for the upcoming vent. There was a

question regarding the need for sanitizing after those events. There was discussion to encourage individuals to sanitize after their events when they rent the fairgrounds.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 7pm

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:41pm