

The Board of Directors of White County Farm Bureau Inc. met at the Insurance office on Monday April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Brian Pilotte, Andy Stoll, Marla Storm, Darlene Horton, Derek and Angie Lawson, Bob Dolick, Craig Byroad, Jim and Phyllis Haller, Dave Allen, Greg Westerhouse, Toby Ploss, Norb Pilotte, Lynn Teel, Kevin Kelley, Janice Deno and Kendall Culp. A motion to dispense with the reading of the Feb. 7 minutes was made by Angie Lawson and seconded by Darlene Horton

The current checking account balance is about \$2000.00. There is a \$5000 CD coming due at the end of the week. A motion was made by Norb Pilotte to put this \$5000 into the checking account. This motion was seconded by Marla Storm and passed.

Brian thanked all those who helped with the annual meeting. He also thanked Bob, Doug and the others who helped with the Ag Day program. Marla will send a thank you to Alvin Furrer for his help with Ag Day.

Marla addressed cleaning of the 4-H building after the annual meeting. It was suggested to forgo the deposit to pay for cleaning. The issue was referred to the Annual Meeting Committee with the suggestion that they consider other options for both the location and for catering the meal.

Scholarship applications have been received from all White County schools except Twin Lakes. They will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

Brian will take care of getting something for the ladies in the Insurance office in honor of Secretaries day on behalf of the board.

The Northwest Indiana Lamb Camp for 4-H's showing lambs is asking area Farm Bureaus for a \$100 donation for t-shirts for camp participants. A motion to respectfully decline was made by Angie Lawson and seconded by Greg Westerhouse, motion passed.

Angie will check about keeping last years spot for the Fair booth. Marla suggested several ideas for contests which could be done at the Fair. Most of these will require pre planning and coordination with the Ag Association. Lynn is planning mostly the same display as last year. The Board discussed the possibility of getting FFA members to help staff the Fair Booth. It was suggested that we spend a little more for prizes for adults. Young Farmers plans to do refillable cups again this year. The cups will be a new color. Toby Ploss made a motion to pay for half of the cost of the cups the motion was seconded by Andy Stoll and passed.

Marla attended the Annual Meetings in Benton, Tippecanoe, Newton, Jasper, Carroll and Cass Counties. Marla also attended the Spring Conference in Indianapolis. There were six persons from White County who attended. In total there were 530 people from 81 Counties in attendance. The auction for the Ronald McDonald House raised \$5011. Marla thanked all who helped with our Annual Meeting. There was close to 175 in attendance. Marla also attended the District 3 Spring Seminar at the Trails there were 10 from our County in attendance. Marla also thanked all who helped with the Ag Day program for making it a great success. Ag Day pictures have been posted on our website. Marla encouraged the Board to continue to send information and photos to Becky for the website. Marla has some ideas for the Fair either this year or next. She would also like to have forms available at the Fair and Annual Meeting to sign up people who are interested in joining Young Farmers.

Kendall reported on the new property tax legislation. The new package gives homeowners relief but not tax reform. Sales tax has been increased to 7%. By the year

2010 White County will lose \$275,000 County wide. Ag land is set to go up 29% next year. Farm Bureau PAC has endorsed McClain and Lehe. Kendall suggested interviewing other candidates for possible endorsements for the fall election. Indiana Farm Bureau has been asked to join a lawsuit to challenge the “circuit breakers” in the new property tax plan.

Janice submitted a written report. She encouraged the board to work on the member prospect list and participate in the membership contests. She asked the board to study what the current Ag issues are in the county and she went over the AFBF priority issues. She also included a summary of the major provisions of the property tax package. Janice also asked that we consider doing a County brochure. For a copy of Janice’s complete report contact her or Andy Stoll.

Board members were encouraged to watch the local papers for meetings concerning White County’s new zoning proposal.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Pilotte, President

Andy Stoll, Secretary