

The Board of Directors of White County Farm Bureau Inc. met at 7:00 p.m. on February 7, 2008. Those present were Brian Pilotte, Andy Stoll, Marla Storm, Jim and Phyllis Hallar, Dave Allen, Kevin Kelley, Toby Ploss, Janice Deno, Craig Spray, Craig Byroad, Lynn Teel, Bob Dolick, Derek and Angie Lawson, Darlene Horton, and Gary Brownlee. The meeting was called to order by Brian Pilotte. It was moved by Angie and seconded by Marla to accept the minutes from the January 14 meeting as written. The checking account balance is \$5399.21.

Jon Tebo, crop insurance specialist with Farm Bureau Insurance spoke to the board about changes to the crop insurance programs for the coming year. The biggest changes are a premium discount if the farmer plants 75% triple stack corn and significantly higher premiums due to high crop prices. The Board thanked Jon for taking time to present this information to us.

Brian thanked Marla, Bob, Jim and Phyllis, and Kandi for their hard work on food check off day. Thanks to them, Food Check off Day 2008 was a great success.

The 2008 Annual Meeting will be March 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Catering will be by Parrets with the menu choices to follow. We will plan to use the left over fair cups at the annual meeting. There will not be a paid speaker this year. This may allow for more funds to be spent on the meal. We will try to get a speaker from Farm Bureau to talk about property taxes. The delegate nominees will be Brian, Craig Byroad, Andy, Doug, Kevin, and Toby.

The Tri County FFA has asked us for a contribution to their fund drive for chapter activities. Last year the board gave them \$250.00. It was moved by Angie and seconded by Marla to contribute \$250 to each of the 3 FFA chapters in the County.

There will be a property tax rally at the Statehouse on March 12th. All board members are encouraged to attend.

Marla's Report:

Marla needs to have the prizes for the annual meeting into the office at least 4 days prior to the meeting. She also needs volunteers to set up for the annual meeting. They need to be at the Fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m. Marla also thanked all those who helped with Food Check off Day.

Membership:

Dave went over some of the key benefits of membership and challenged each Board Member to sign up one new member this year. There is also a new student membership for students ages 16 to 24; the cost of this membership is \$15.00 per year.

Janice's Report:

White County has won the District teamwork award for our new activity, piggy bank, and membership.

There will be a bus going to the State Convention in Evansville. The bus will go down on Thursday and return on Saturday.

Our membership has not been doing well; we have only added 3 voting members since October.

The District Young Farmers trip will be March 7&8. They are going to the Quad Cities area.

Janice encouraged the Board to try to find persons willing to represent agriculture on the new County Board of Tax and Capital Projects.

Brian encouraged all Board Members to send pictures and information from Board activities to Becky to put on the web sight. The meeting was adjourned by Brian.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Pilotte, President

Andy Stoll, Secretary