

The Board of Directors of White County Farm Bureau Inc. met for their regular monthly on Monday February 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Insurance Office. Those present were Brian & Rachel Pilotte, Doug Morehouse, Derek & Angie Lawson, Greg Westerhouse, Lynn Teel, Toby Ploss, David Allen, Jim & Phyllis Hallar, Darlene Horton, Bob Dolick, Craig Byroad, Marla Storm, and Kevin Kelley. It was moved by Toby and seconded by Rachel to accept the minutes from the November 2008 meeting, motion passed. The 2009 budget was presented by Vice President Doug Morehouse on behalf of the Budget Committee. By common consent the budget was approved as presented.

Policy Chair Toby Ploss asked for policy items to be placed on the ballot for the Annual Meeting. The following items were proposed.

Local – WCFB supports the establishment of a Right to Farm ordinance in White County

State – WCFB opposes the elimination of Township Government

WCFB opposes replacing the County Commissioners with a single County Manager.

WCFB opposes forced School consolidation; this should be a local decision.

Internal – WCFB would like the IFB staff to compile statistics which show dollars of services required versus dollars of property taxes paid for residential, agricultural, and commercial property.

WCFB would like IFB to produce an advertising campaign that promotes the activities of Farm Bureau not just the Insurance Company.

Federal – WCFB supports Farmers being able to establish base acres on new farms which have never been in the Government programs.

It was moved by Angie and seconded by Rachel to approve these Policy items and place them on the ballot for the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be March 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wolcott Community Building. The meal will be catered by Baileys of Delphi and the entertainment will be provided by D.J. Miller. The Nominating Committee recommended the following delegates be placed on the ballot for the Annual Meeting: Andy Stoll, Kevin Kelley, Marla Storm, Brian Pilotte, Toby Ploss, Doug Morehouse and Craig Byroad. The Committee also nominated the following officers, President Brian Pilotte, Vice President Doug Morehouse, Women's Leader Marla Storm, and Sec/Tres Andy Stoll. The nominations were accepted by common consent. The prizes for those who spin the wheel at the Annual Meeting will include five gift cards and one paid membership.

Membership Chair Doug Morehouse reported that the Membership Blitz will take place from February 16-27. The challenge is to write ten members in ten days. Doug has a copy of the current member list and reminded Board Members to put their name and county on the forms of any new member they write.

Janice reminded the Board of the Farm Bill meeting on February 13 and Ag Day on April 1. For a copy of Janice's written report contact her or Andy Stoll.

Marla attended the State Convention on Dec. 4-6, 2009 the attendance was lower than normal but higher than expected. On Jan 17, Marla attended the Farm Bureau on the

Frontline training at Rensselaer. She thanked all who attended. On Jan 29, Marla attended the District Cabinet Meeting; the District Summer Meeting will be June 15 on the Madam Carroll. Marla also announced the winners of the coloring contest. The local winners move on to the State level. On Feb. 6-7, Marla along with her husband Larry and Brad and Debbie Denton attended their first sessions for FB to DC. It was very informative and they recommend the program to anyone who has not done it. Marla also reminded the Board of Food Checkout Day on Feb 20. Marla also needs to know if anyone else is going to the Spring Conference in Indy. The Board received a thank you card from scholarship recipient Courtney Wesner.

It was moved by Marla and seconded by Darlene to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Pilotte, President

Andy Stoll, Secretary