

Hancock County Ag Association Minutes

January 15, 2023

Present: Mike Elsbury, Barb Pescitelli, Mike Manship, Rachelle Kihlstrum, Wyneta Duncan, Holly Plank, Jesse Melton, Lauren Conway, David Wildman, Lloyd Arthur and Chrissy Paxton

Absent: Nicole Mann

Meeting called to order.

Guests:

- 1) Tyler Deutsch – Eagle Scout project. He would like to landscape around the Llama barn and showed the board diagrams and budget. He is estimating it would be \$2,720, with the project beginning late March, early April and finishing up late April early May. Lloyd motions to allow Tyler to continue getting approval to move forward with his project, Jesse seconded – Motion Carries
- 2) Rylee Grinstead – Cool Cart. Rylee told the board that the Cool Cart was a big success and that they raised \$1,000 to support their 4H club. They would like to have the Cool Cart again at the 2023 fair. Holly motioned to allow the Cool Cart for the 2023 fair, Chrissy seconded – Motion Carries.
- 3) Emily Meckle – Possibilities Program. She would like to start a Possibilities Program for the 2023 fair. This program would be for ages 4-22 and would be for those children with special needs who cannot join regular 4H but would like to show an animal. The estimated cost will be \$3,000 to \$4,000 and there would be a committee set up to oversee the program. Holly motioned to have the Possibilities Program for the 2023 fair, Lloyd seconded – Motion Carries.
- 4) Michelle Hasty – Queen Contest – Michelle informed the board the Claire Bishop was chosen for the 2023 Miss Indiana State Fair Queen and that there will be a Meet and Greet Open House on 2/12/23, 3 to 5 pm at Ninestar. They would like to host again the Royal Reception in the Exhibit hall the Thursday of the fair from 9 – 10 am. Chrissy motioned to have the Royal Reception for the 2023 fair, Jesse seconded – Motion Carries.

- 5) Kim Dawson – Hancock County Mini 4H Princess Pageant – For 2023 she would like to have a contest that would allow any girl in mini 4H to participate and it would be at no cost to the Ag Association. Chrissy motioned to have the Hancock County Mini 4H Princess Pageant for the 2023 fair, Jesse seconded – Motion Carries.
- 6) Greg Hochstedler – Koenig – Koenig would like to supply the 2023 fair with 2 – 4 seat gators, 2 – 2 seat gators, 1 track skid steer with bucket and forks, 1 five series tractor and for the driving competitions 2 garden tractors with 54 inch decks, 2 zero turn 700 series mowers with 60 inch decks and 2 tractors 4000 series. They would like to supply the equipment in return for being able to put up sponsorship signs. Greg will get with Keving Quick to get the names and phone numbers for the tractors for tractor maintenance competition superintendents to make sure they have the tractors they need; Kevin Quick the superintendent of the compact tractor has talked with Greg and their needs are being met. Jesse motioned to accept the offer; Lloyd seconded – Motion Carries.
- 7) Kevin Quick – Pioneer Building – The Historical Society would like to move out of the cabin as they are not getting much foot traffic and move into the Pioneer Building. The Pioneer Building committee would like to put a cement pad in the building for the Historical Society to set up, and they would like to look at bids to get this done. Chrissy motioned to allow the Pioneer Building Committee to get quotes, Rachelle seconded – Motion Carries. Kevin would like before the fair that the fans above the stage be replaced and wanted to remind whoever will be setting up the fair that the exit signs in their building will need to be checked because they usually need the batteries replaced. He also wanted to let us know that he would be placing an order for sarsaparilla by mid-March.
- 8) Debbie Vansickle – Youth Sheet Expo – She would like a contract for 2 years and it be hosted at the fairgrounds on July 26-30th 2023 and July 24-28th 2024. They will be charging a pin fee since clean-up has been an issue, she would like her and Lloyd Arthur to meet and discuss a discounted rate as they would like to add 2 scholarships so that it may qualify as a youth event, they will provide the roll offs. Holly motioned to start contract discussions with YSE, Chrissy seconded – Motion Carries.

End of Guests

Meeting Minutes from December – Jesse motioned to accept the meeting minutes; Rachelle seconded – Motion Carries.

Financials – There is 367,477.00 in our accounts and we had \$3,900 in income and \$5,865 in expenses for the month of December. YTD \$6,604 in income and \$6,815 in expenses. Rachelle motions to accept the financials, Chrissy seconded – Motion Carries.

Employee Search – Rob Barnhart has interviewed with several board members, and an offer would like to be given. With a start date of March 1st, 2023 and a salary of \$65,000 a year. Llyod motions to extend the offer to Rob Barnhart, Jesse seconded – Motion Carries.

Attorney Search – Mike Elsbury has told us that it is not going well and if anyone has any recommendations to please pass them along.

Food Vendor and Commercial Building Contracts for the 2023 fair – the contracts have been updated and would like to know if the Commercial Building should close at 9 pm as the commercial vendors do not see much foot traffic after that. Chrissy motioned to close the Commercial Building at 9 pm, Wyneta seconded – Motion Carries.

Hall of Fame Committee – The committee consist of Wyneta Duncan, Chair, Holly Plank, Lauren Conrad, Debbie Vansickle and Rachelle Kihlsrum – This committee is set up to recognize those who have been a big part of 4H in Hancock County. A letter would go out by or web page, social media and email with a return date of February 6th, for nominations from the membership, with the idea that the names would go up permanently somewhere on the fairgrounds. Chrissy moved that we send out the letter, Lloyd seconded – Motion Carries.

Buildings and Grounds –

A. Barb told us about the meeting she and Mike had with Nick Dezelan from the City of Greenfield, about the Lift Station they would like to put on the property on the north side. It appears to not be a benefit for us to allow them to do that and Barb sent a letter to Nick to let him know that and he responded that he understood and would get with the City Engineers let us know if they have anything further.

Lloyd motioned we wait until we hear back from them before making any more decision, Jesse seconded – Motion Carries.

- B. Building and Grounds would like to have a day where we do inventory of the facilities and clean up, thinking the first of April. We also need to do the inventory for the buildings to figure out insurance pricing. Lloyd motioned that we get the insurance company to come out and walk the buildings to give us an updated pricing, Holley seconded – Motion Carries.

Purdue Update – Mike Elsbury told the board he is still waiting on confirmation of when we will meet with Dr. Casey Mull and the Purdue Lawyer, they are requesting a small group meet. Mike will let us know when the meeting takes place and what comes of it.

New Business – None

Old Business – None

Working meeting with take place on February 6.

Next month's Board meeting with be February 20.

Jesse motioned to adjourn, Holly seconded – Meeting Adjourned.

APPROVED – 2/20/2023

2/20/2023 Hancock Ag Association Meeting Minutes

Present: Mike Elsbury, Mike Manship, Wyneta Duncan, Lauren Conway, Holly Plank, David Wildman, Rachelle Kihlstrum, Nicole Mann, Barb Pescitelli, Chrissy Paxton, Jesse Melton, Lloyd Arthur

Meeting called to order.

Guests:

- 1) Tyler Deutsch – His Eagle Scout project is on course. His projected budget is \$2,800. He is currently asking for donations from local businesses and waiting on replies. He asked if the board would be willing to donate. Mike Manship motioned to give up to \$1,400 for the project; Rachelle seconded – Motion Carries.

End of Guests

Mike Elsbury introduced Rob Barnhart as the new Grounds Superintendent and his first official day will be March 1st, 2023.

Meeting Minutes from January – Wyneta Duncan motioned to accept the meeting minutes; Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.

Financials – There is 330,128.91 in our accounts and we had \$4,727.66 in income and \$30,516.65 in expenses for the month of January. YTD income is \$11,331.66 and expenses are \$26,000.47. Holly Plank motioned to accept the financials and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Hall of Fame Update – Holly Plank let us know the progress the committee has made. The deadline was February 16th for submission and they got a good response. They have decided that 23 names will be selected for 2023. The goals are to get pricing for signage, what type of signage would be best and reviewing the names. They will bring us another update at the March board meeting.

Proposed Naming the Buildings – Jim Gunn and Jim Shouffler Cattle Building, Walt Waite Swine Building, Max Gentry Show Pavilion, and Don and Phyllis Kingen Pioneer Building.

Buildings and Grounds –

- A. There has been back and forth with Greg Morelock about the Lift Station the city wants to put on the north side property. We are still looking for an engineer who can go over the plans. We are also waiting on the city to give us the plans so we can have our engineer look over them. Lauren Conway was going to help get us in contact with an engineer she knows.

- B. Insurance – Kyle Browning, our insurance agent, and Barb walked through all the buildings and it will need to be decided which buildings need coverage and which buildings we are willing to replace out of pocket. There is a concern that we are underinsured for contents covered in our buildings. They are working on a quote on how much it would cost for different content coverages, it was suggested at least a million-dollar policy for contents. The tractor and skid steer are under a separate policy. Questions were asked about the carnival and if we are over insured, with the carnival having their own insurance, that is being looked at as the agent said that is really up to us. More information will be gotten and another report will be given at the March board meeting.
- C. Buildings and Grounds will be moved to Monday before the working meeting at 6 pm with the working meeting will be at 7:30 pm. This will be a trial basis to see if it is feasible before anything permanent is decided.

Extension Educator Update – Amber Barks – We currently have 648 youth enrolled for 2023 with 51 additional just needing to pay to be considered enrolled. 787 total were enrolled in 2022. YQCA is now called Indiana 4-H Livestock Care, there will be 3 in person clinics held on 3/1, 3/16 and 4/5, there is also an online link yqcaprogram.org, that can be done anytime. Handbooks should be in soon. Amber and her staff have visited all the county schools. Trophy letters have gone out, getting some money back already. Co-Alliance will be sponsoring all the swine shows in 4H this year at all the county fairs to coincide with their pork and animal division. They are giving \$1000 and ask that a banner be put up and Mike E said that would be fine. The extension office had an event with the middle schoolers in grades 5 and 6 to go to an Indy Fuel Game, it went well. Amber would like to send up to 18 youths total to Purdue Academy and Roundup. David Wildman motioned to pay up to \$3500 towards 18 youth total to go to Purdue Academy and Roundup, Mike Manship seconded – Motion Carries.

Sponsorship – Holly let us know much is still the same, but because tourism pays for a lot that we have had sponsored in the past, that she would like to change it up and add bigger ticket items and would like to have approval to start sending all the sponsorship letters and communications out. We could even auction off a booth in the commercial building. Lloyd Arthur motioned to approve the paperwork to be sent out, Nicole Mann seconded – Motion Carries.

Commercial Vendors – Nicole updated us that the plan to get new vendors is not working as well as she had hoped but she is not giving up. She will be sending out to the old vendors in the near future.

Food Vendors – Rachelle let everyone know all the food vendor contracts went out at the first of the month and that we may have a couple new ones. However, we have an extra day at the fair this year because of the carnival and that she has a vendor that cannot come Friday or Saturday but can come Sunday – Saturday and if it is okay to modify the contract for those who want to stay the extra day. Holly motioned to allow the contract to be modified for the extra day, Lloyd Arthur seconded – Motion Carries.

Fair Items

- 1) Safety Plan – We need to approve the contract agreement for the Sheriff's department to be security for the 2023 fair. The fee is \$650 a day and then \$200 for the extra day of the carnival. Wyneta Duncan motioned to approve the contract agreement, Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.
- 2) We will need a cleaning service for the fair. We are not sure Deena who has done it for many years is interested. Holly will post on social media asking for suggestions and Barb will see if Deena has any interest in cleaning again this year.
- 3) We will need to look at the trash service as the quote that came back to Barb is very expensive. There were suggestions made of services we could use and Barb was going to look into that and let us know what she found out.
- 4) Our tent vendor is retiring and we will need a new tent service, suggestions were made and Barb was going to follow up and let us know at the next board meeting.
- 5) Parade theme – The theme suggested was The Next 100 Years. Barb Pescitelli motioned that we use The Next 100 Years as the theme for the Parade and Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.
- 6) Went over the schedule for the weeks leading up to the fair and fair week, everything was addressed and Mike Elsbury asked Amber to please invite all the superintendents to the next board meeting so we can address any concerns they may have.
- 7) Vickie Ramsey asked if we still wanted to do a Heritage Homemakers event during the fair, Barb had mentioned last year that it would be nice to do. It was felt that the area best to hold this event would be the old Chicago's Pizza area. We do have a new food vendor possibly coming into that spot and so it was decided to find out if the vendor is coming before scheduling anything. Rachelle will get with Vickie

later in the week after she hears from the vendor with possible days and times for that event.

Mike has talked to Tim Burneu, President of the Huntington County Fair Board member about initially Purdue, but the subject moved to fundraising ideas and Tim told Mike about their fundraising events and how they made over \$100,000 this year. Mike felt we should think about starting a fundraising committee. Mike also reminded every about our first annual golf outing at Arrowhead Golf course on July 15, 2023 at 8 am. Lloyd motioned to establish a fund-raising committee and Jesse seconded – Motion Carries.

The fund-raising committee will be chaired by Holly Plank and members will be Brooke Green, Delaney Melton, Mike Elsbury, Lloyd Arthur and Rachelle Kihlstrum with new members added if needed, an exact number of members was not set for this committee.

Questions from the audience –

It was asked if we have a plan for the flaking paint from the ceiling in the cattle barn, Mike Elsbury said it is on the list of projects.

It was asked if we could get a new 4H flag for the exhibit hall. David Wildman motioned that all American and 4H flags in every building be looked at and determined if replacement is needed and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Motion Carries.

Next working meeting – March 6th at 7:30 pm.

Next month's board meeting will be March 20th at 6:30 pm in the Exhibit Hall.

Rachelle Kihlstrum motioned to adjourn and Mike Manship seconded – Meeting Adjourned.

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March 20, 2023

Present: David Wildman, Wyneta Duncan, Nicole Mann, Barb Pescitelli, Rachelle Kihlstrum, Mike Manship, Lauren Conway, Mike Elsbury, Holly Plank, Chrissy Paxton, Jesse Melton

Advisory: Amber Barks, Rob Barnhart

Meeting called to order.

Guests:

- 1) Kent Fisk from the County Council & Bob Mattsey, Treasurer of Tourism – They came to tell us that there is money that we can ask for that can be used for many different projects and they understand there has been some misunderstandings of what the tourism money can and cannot be used for, but they would like to clarify that up. Mr. Mattsey would like to set up a meeting in the next few weeks to go over the list of items we would like to see if Tourism is able to help us get those projects accomplished. Holly Plank, committee chair of the Fundraising Committee will get in touch with Mr. Mattsey in the next few days to get that meeting set up with the tourism and the Fundraising Committee Members.

Meeting Minutes from February – Jesse Melton motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.

Financials – There is 328,629.50 in our accounts and we had \$5,002.89 in income and \$5,722.00 in expenses for the month of February. YTD \$16,334.55 in income and \$43,054.43 in expenses. Jesse Melton motions to accept the financials and Chrissy Paxton seconded – Motion Carries.

Superintendents and Leaders were asked to attend this meeting to let us know if they had any requests or concerns about the upcoming fair. Vickie Ramsey – Country Kritters Leader and Careers Take Charge Superintendent – no issues; David Wildman, Amanda Stiffler and Sarah Kelley – Rabbit Club – no issues; Cathie Kirtley – Country Kritters Leader and Crafts Superintendent – would love to see projects displayed better and perhaps bring the gazebo back; Jeff Jones – Swine

Superintendent – no issues; Steve Wilson and Josh Sparks – the cattleman’s will be addressing the water pressure issues at the wash racks and painting in the spring, no other issues; Christie Proper – Junior Leaders leader, Horsemanship without a Horse and Do Your Own Thing Superintendent – No issues; Steven Elsbury – Sheep Superintendent – would like to see the schedule next year be better for the sheep kids and helpers, but other than that – No issues; Jim Lewis – Livestock Auction – No issues; Brian Jefferies – Pioneer Barn – Would like to get the concrete pad for the barn, Mike E will get a hold of Kevin Quick to see if he got bids or where we stand on that, and the ramp going to the cabin needs to be replaced; Rachelle Kihlstrum – Junior Master Gardner’s Co-Leader and Floriculture, Forestry, Sportfishing, Vet Science and Wildlife Superintendent – No issues; Savannah Hudson – Goats Superintendent – No issues; Chrissy Paxton and Holly Plank – Foods Superintendent – No issues; Wyneta Duncan and Barb Pescitelli – Horse and Pony – No issues; Jesse Melton and Breeana Fish – Llama & Alpaca Club – No issues; Linda Petty – Leader Clip Clop Clovers – No issues; Debbi Hill – Leader Brandywine’s Best – No issues.

Rob Barnhart – Grounds Superintendent:

Quote for the Sheriff’s tent and the sides for the food court - \$1,230.00 – Rachelle Kihlstrum motions to accept and Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.

Quote for the ice – Home City Ice for \$2,140.00 – Chrissy Paxton motions to accept and Lauren Conway seconded – Motion Carries.

For trash removal it looks like Republic is our only choice, Rob is going to try and get an actual break down of the quote. He would like us to start getting bids for the 2024 fair now as it looks like it is too late to get any other quotes for this year’s fair – Lauren Conway motions to accept and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Amber Barks – Extension Educator:

They have had several events for the kids for Spring Break with a Chef’s Club, Poster Workshop and Mini 4H workshops. There are 90 kids trained on the Quality Livestock Care Assurance Training, with another workshop scheduled in April. She expects most to take it online.

Junior Leaders is having a fundraiser at Panera on 3/25 from 4 to 8 pm. 707 kids are signed up for 4H this year with another 60 just needing to pay.

Update on the Lift Station – Mike Elsbury got the plans from the cities lawyers and Lauren Conway has been in touch with an engineering firm that may be able to look at the plans for us. She is still following up on that. Sarah Kelley mentioned that her subdivision dealt with something like this and Mike Elsbury asked if she could reach out the HOA President and maybe help us out on what we can and can't do. Sarah will contact him and get back with us with more information when she has it.

Insurance Update – Mike Elsbury has not heard anything from Kyle Browning, but Mike will follow up again.

Board Attorney Update – Mike Elsbury has had no luck finding anyone and is open to any suggestions.

Selection of VP – Holly Plank was nominated by Chrissy Paxton and seconded by Nicole Mann, motion to close by Jesse Melton and seconded by Chrissy Paxton. Holly Plank is the new VP.

Selection of New Board Member – Only one person said they were interested in running for the open Green, Center, and Brandywine spot and that was Debbie Vansickle, Wyneta Duncan motions to seat Debbie Vansickle for the duration until the November's Annual Meeting and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Fundraising Committee – Holly Plank is working on a list of items that will need fundraising and will get with tourism in the next few days to set up the meeting with them.

Hall of Fame Committee – Holly Plank gave the committee report and it was decided to focus on naming the buildings only and not rush to get the wall of fame done this year. There was concern that naming the buildings would discourage businesses to donate money for the future naming rights. The 8 signs will be 2x4 at \$158.78 each for a total of \$1,270.02 – Chrissy Paxton motions to order the signs and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Building and Grounds – Spent time getting Rob up to speed on all the projects that are ongoing. Got a quote for Rhino Shield for the buildings and for the Cattle Barn it would be \$117,000.00, Hog Barn it would be \$104,000.00 and for the Community Pavilion it is \$45,000.00. Still waiting to get a quote for insulating the inside of the Cattle and Hog barn.

Commercial Building – Nicole Mann tried to get new vendors, but most said the cost, insurance and time were a factor that kept them from coming. So, she has sent out contracts to the old vendors and is getting responses back.

Food Vendors – Rachelle Kihlstrum says all is going well with no problems and looks like we will have 2 new vendors this year.

Presenting and Day Sponsors – Holly Plank is still working on those.

Chrissy Paxton is working on updating the committees list. She will be sending out a building set up page to all events soon. Advertising is the same pricing except the geo tracking has raised \$100.00, but she is not ready to get a motion for those to be paid yet.

New Member Requests: Adam Mann – Jackson Township, James Mumaw – Sugar Creek Township, Diana Mumaw - Sugar Creek Township, Rob Barnhart – Blue River Township, Charlie Joyce – Jackson Township, David Cyborski – Brandywine Township, Dave Garmene – Blue River Township, Kaylyn Joyce – Buck Creek Township, Megan Woods – Blue River Township. Rachelle Kihlstrum motions to accept all new member requests and Mike Manship seconded – Motion Carries.

No New Business

No Old Business

Mike Manship motions to adjourn and Jesse Melton seconded – Adjourned

Next working meeting is April 3rd at 7:30 pm and the next regular meeting is April 17th at 6:30 pm in the exhibit hall.

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April 17, 2023

Present: David Wildman, Wyneta Duncan, Nicole Mann, Barb Pescitelli, Rachelle Kihlstrum, Lauren Conway, Mike Elsbury, Holly Plank, Chrissy Paxton, Jesse Melton, Debbie Vansickle

Absent: Mike Manship

Advisory: Amber Barks, Rob Barnhart

Meeting called to order.

Guests: None

Meeting Minutes from March – David Wildman motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Financials – There is \$284,534.12 in our accounts and we had \$17,852.40 in income and \$30,399.45 in expenses for the month of February. YTD \$30,399.45 in income and \$73,453.88 in expenses. Holly Plank motions to accept the financials and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Building and Grounds

Circle M Construction – They have come with a bid of \$60,000 to put in a concrete floor in the Pioneer Building. It will be for a flat surface, with fiber mesh and 2 x 12 band board all the way around. There will be fill that will need to be removed, but that can be piled up on the fairgrounds. They can get us on the schedule immediately, but there may be some permitting that needs to be done before anything can be started. They feel comfortable that they can get this done before fair. Chrissy Paxton motions to approve \$60,000 to concrete the floor in the Pioneer Building and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Motion Carries.

Commercial Kitchen in the Exhibit Hall – The health department came out and told us we would need to strip and wax the floors, peel off the caulk, and recalk around the stove and install a vent to be able to rent our kitchen as a commercial kitchen. Rob wants to start small with a few vendors before moving to a full-time schedule. The cost would be around \$500 to get everything up to code. Chrissy Paxton motions to

spend not more than \$500 to get the items the health department wants done to make the exhibit hall kitchen up to commercial kitchen code and Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.

Block Bathrooms – It is on schedule to be done in May.

Ninestar Sound System – Ninestar came out and looked and they feel there is nothing major that needs to be done. No quote yet but hopefully will have that in the next week or two.

Cleaning for the Fair – Rob got a quote from Kristen Crabtree for \$7,000 for the week, and that includes all three bathrooms from 10 am to 10 pm. Rob was asked to go back to Kristen and ask if there was any room to lower the price and get back with us at the next board meeting.

Grease Dumpsters – Got a quote for 3 grease dumpsters, 2 behind the Community Pavilion and 1 behind the fair office for \$500 for the week. Holly Plank motions to approve the \$500 for 3 grease dumpsters and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Jesse Melton motions to order 10 – 24 inch fans for the Pioneer Building and West Arena with a cap of \$1,500 and Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.

Eagle Scout Project – Rob stated that Tyler and his crew were here this past Saturday working and it looks good. He said they are still on schedule to be done before fair.

Amber Barks – Extension Educator:

Currently there are 581 regular 4-H members and 158 mini-4-H members enrolled and paid, with an additional 68 pending. The office will be sending out invoices this week to the unpaid members. When all the pending are paid we will have 807 members signed up this year. That is a 2.9% increase.

Still looking for sponsors for some of the awards and finalizing judges' contracts.

There will T-shirts for sale again this year and they will be available to order online very soon.

4 youth got YES grants.

28 steers/commercial heifers were tagged on April 2, 2023.

Sheep tagging is coming up May 7, 2023 from 2 to 3:45 pm and on May 10, 2023 from 6 to 7 pm.

Goat tagging will be on May 11, 2023 from 6 to 7 pm.

All 40 spots have been filled for camp and a waiting list has been started.

The Junior Leaders plan to collect baby items through the fair as a service project they are doing. They are also planning on having a 4-H game night on May 3, 2023 from 6 to 7 pm.

Lilly Endowment Grant – Debbie said we are eligible for up to \$300,000 and she feels we should ask for the full amount. The problem is if we stay with the Community Pavilion, we will have to show a detailed budget of how we are going to get the rest of the money to build it. The board felt it would be better to go for the roofs and mobile stage and Debbie was confident she could make that work. Chrissy Paxton motions to apply for the grant for the roofs for the Community Pavilion, Cattle Barn and Hog Barn, and the Mobile Stage and Lauren Conway seconded – Motion Carries.

Carnival Update – Mike talked to Byron Bowman from the carnival company and they are confirmed for the fair. He would like to come out and measure to see what they can bring and where they can set up. We need to come up with a bracelet/ticket system for the 4H member passes to be sold before the fair starts. The pricing will be \$45 for 3 days and \$75 for 5 days. It will be \$25 per day for bracelets for the general public. They do have other dates available if we are interested in just having them come back later in the year.

Lift Station – Mike has heard back from the city attorney and the alternative location we wanted on our property by the creek is not an option due to it sitting in the floodway. Mike will ask the attorney if as many board members as we can have sit down in person with the parties involved to see if there are other options for us and to ask questions. Mike will call and let us know when he hears back.

Insurance Update – Barb heard back from Kyle Browning and we have a few options, but the pricing is still high so it was decided that we should get a second opinion and that will be set up in the next couple of weeks.

Poss-ABILITIES Program update – It cannot be a 4-H event unless it follows the age requirements of Purdue’s guidelines. The committee decided to just forgo that and make it their own. They are in the process of getting a 5013C. They had a social event to kick off the program and had 26 participants sign up and around 100 in attendance. In order to keep it separate from 4H during the fair it was decided that we would rent the facility to them for the day for \$1. Holly Plank motioned to rent the facility to them for \$1 and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Fundraising Committee – Golf Tournament – Holly would like to print up flyers for the fair week to promote the golf tournament. It was decided to charge \$300 per a team of 4 and \$100 for sponsorship of the holes. Will need to work on getting sponsors and items for the silent auction.

Holly has not heard from Tourism after our initial meeting, she has reached out twice and will now reach out to Bridgette to see if we can get something set up.

Hall of Fame Committee – They are still working on getting signs made and getting a program put together for the naming ceremony during fair week.

Commercial Building – Nicole Mann – She has 12 signed contracts. She is thinking up ways to fill the building if we are not full and one idea was a cornhole area for the kids.

Food Vendors – Rachelle Kihlstrum – We are full for the 2023 Fair, and contracts are almost all in.

Presenting and Day Sponsors – Holly Plank - still working on getting a Presenting Sponsor and currently we have 1 day sponsor signed up. She will not be asking for any sponsorship for the events Tourism will be paying for.

Advertising – Chrissy Paxton – We will use the Daily Reporter for the Fair Preview, Corrugated Signs, and postcards for a total of \$3,677. We will ask Tourism if we can use their geo tracking system before paying for the Daily Reporters.

Chrissy Paxton – We will be using the Junior Leaders shirt designs for shirts this year and the color chosen is Kelly Green. We will order hats also. Jesse Melton motions to order hats and shirts for the board and Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.

Stella Luna will be performing on Friday Night June 23rd at the Bowl. It will cost \$2,000. Debbie Vansickle motions to pay Stella Luna \$2,000 to perform on Friday night and Chrissy Paxton seconded – Motion Carries.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Bylaws – Mike Elsbury said we will look at those after the fair is over.

Jesse Melton motions to adjourn and Lauren Conway seconded –
Adjourned

Next working meeting is May 1st at 7:30 pm and the next regular meeting is May 15th at 6:30 pm in the exhibit hall.

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Absent: Wyneta Duncan, Nicole Mann, Lauren Conway

Advisory: Amber Barks, Rob Barnhart

Meeting called to order.

Guests:

Steven Elsbury – Sheep Superintendent – they would like to allow the sheep committee members with 4hers and those 4Hers who have both sheep and beef to be able to come in on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 3 – 4 pm. It was also brought up to let the kids who have goats to do the same. It was agreed to that they would be aware that it is a Kid's Day at the Carnival so they will need to be sure to watch out for the public. Their trailers have to be off the fairgrounds by 4:30 pm with the gates closed and that was agreed upon. Holly Plank motioned to allow, for the 2023 fair, this change and Chrissy Paxton seconded – Motion Carries.

Steve Wilson – Beef Superintendent – They would like to have the gravel that is being taken out of the Pioneer Barn spread through the main isle going East and West and North and South of the cattle barn. Holly Plank motioned to put the extra gravel in the Cattle Barn and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Motion Carries.

End of Guests

Meeting Minutes from April – Jesse Melton motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Mike Manship seconded – Motion Carries.

Financials – There is \$286,885.21 in our accounts and we had \$5,162.76 in income and \$9,596.67 in expenses for the month of April. YTD -\$42,455.84 in income and \$83,050.55 in expenses. Rachelle Kihlstrum motions to accept the financials and Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.

Building and Grounds – Rob Barnhart

Pioneer Barn Update – The project started 5/15/2023 am and they expect to have concrete poured 5/18/2023, no problems so far.

Commercial Kitchen in the Exhibit Hall – Will be working on that after the fair.

Ninestar Sound System – Still waiting to hear back from them.

Cleaning for the Fair – Our cleaning company has had to back out of this year's fair, will start the process of finding a new one.

Lift station – Soil borings were done May 10, 2023.

Flags – They are here and will be put up before fair.

Wash Rack Concrete – The quote to extend the wash rack is \$1100.00. Rachelle Kihlstrum motions to extend the wash rack concrete for the quoted amount and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Campsite Poles – Jesse Melton – Doug Rodebeck was able to get the supplies that we need here before fair and that project should be done before fair. There may be some overages because of the supply chain issues and the time crunch, but will not know that until later.

Insurance – Jesse Melton and Lloyd Arthur – They were able to get people out and now it is with the underwriters and will know more when they are done.

Amber Barks – Extension Educator:

Today is the Drop/Add Deadline for all projects as well as the hard deadline for all livestock to be entered on 4Honline.

Today is the last day to order 4-H shirts

Still have some trophies without sponsors mainly Dairy Cattle and Cats.

Finalizing judges and hope to have all of them confirmed by the end of the week.

There's 5 youth and 1 adult chaperone going to 4-H Academy and 1 youth going to 4-H Round-up.

49 youth going to 4-H camp.

Intern is Emma Branham she has started in the Extension Office.

The Purdue Extension Office will be under renovation after the fair.

4-H Poster Workshop May 23rd 5-6pm

The Jr. Leaders will be collecting items to donate to the Life Choice Care Center during the fair.

Lilly Endowment Grant – Debbie Vansickle submitted the grant and asked for \$693,000 in capital improvements. There was no information on when they will make their final determination, but she believes we will know in the Fall if we receive anything for the projects submitted.

Carnival Update – Waiting for the email to put our data in so that the poster can be made by the carnival company. Barb has reached out to Signarama to get the cards for the 4H carnival ride special, will keep us updated.

Fundraising Committee – Golf Tournament – Holly – we have a few sponsors already, but will have signs up promoting the Golf Tournament during fair. We will need to decide what this fundraising money will go towards, so we will need a project.

Tourism – Holly – We submitted 3 items for 2023 – Campground Poles for \$12,000, Concrete Pioneer Barn for \$60,000 and Fair events, advertising and cleaning for \$29,327. We were approved for \$80,000 immediately, but the other \$21,327 will need to be approved by the City Council at Tourism's next meeting so they will let us know the status on that as soon as they have their meeting with them.

Presenting and Day Sponsors – Holly Plank – Ninestar will be our Presenting Sponsor for the 2023 fair.

Hancock Health will be sponsoring the baby contest this year but not the Parade so we will need to find one for that.

Wanting to get signs thanking Circle M, IMI and Tourism for the upgrade of the Pioneer Barn; banner for stage; knowledge facts for the barns; golf outing fundraiser – no quote yet but do not see it being more than \$1,500.

Debbie Vansickle motioned to approve up to \$1,500 to get all the signs and banners made and Chrissy Paxton seconded – Motion Carries.

The stage is \$2,194 and Custom Exterior will be sponsoring \$1,000 for the stage and will put up a banner, we need to come up with the other \$1,194.00. They will set up the stage on Thursday June 22nd and tear down Monday July 3rd. Holly Plank motioned to pay the remaining balance for the stage and Debbie Vansickle seconded – Motion Carries.

Advertising – Chrissy Paxton – All the advertising went to the Daily Reporter and no changes can be made at this point.

Chrissy Paxton – Shirts and hats have been ordered.

Hall of Fame Committee – Signs have been ordered for the 4 buildings. There will be a ceremony at 5 pm on Sunday June 18th for the name reveals with a reception following in the pioneer building.

Commercial Building – Holly Plank for Nicole Mann – There are 19 of the 26 spots filled.

Eagle Scout Project – It is done and looks great.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Rachelle Kihlstrum motioned to allow the City of Greenfield the right away to do their soil boring tests in the two areas of the possible lift station on the North part of the property and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Holly Plank motioned to adjourn and Mike Manship seconded – Adjourned

Next working meeting is June 5th at 7:30 pm and the next regular meeting is June 12th at 6:30 pm in the exhibit hall.

Hancock County Ag Association Minutes

June 12, 2023

Present: David Wildman, Wyneta Duncan, Nicole Mann, Barb Pescitelli, Rachelle Kihlstrum, Lauren Conway, Mike Elsbury, Holly Plank, Chrissy Paxton, Jesse Melton, Mike Manship, Debbie Vansickle

Advisory: Amber Barks; Absent - Rob Barnhart

Meeting called to order.

Guests: None

Meeting Minutes from May – Holly Plank motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Chrissy Paxton seconded – Motion Carries.

Financials – There is \$456,101.32 in our account and we had \$222,134.00 in income, \$101,327.00 from tourism and \$99,000.00 from the tax levy were deposited for this month and \$14,341.50 in expenses for the month of May. YTD \$165,337.07 in income and \$97,337.07 in expenses. Holly Plank motions to accept the financials and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Motion Carries.

Mike Manship has set up a Venmo & Square account so that we can take debit and credit cards, we will use that for the carnival bracelets and for future events at the fairgrounds, he will get that to Barb Pescitelli to use for carnival bracelet payments.

Building and Grounds

The fans for the pioneer building will be put in by Jesse Melton before fair.

Set up is going well.

Wash racks – Charlie Joyce has submitted a bid to get water to the area at \$4,000, members were uncomfortable with that idea and wanted another option. It was decided Jesse Melton and Rob Barnhart will work on getting water to the new wash racks. Mike Elsbury will work on getting gates to put around the new area all before fair.

It was motioned by Jesse Melton to get more fans for the cattle and hog barns up to \$2,500 to be done hopefully by fair and Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries

It was motioned by Holly Plank to get gates for the new wash rack area to finish it, up to \$1000.00 before fair and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

It was motioned by Jesse Melton to plumb water to the new wash rack, up to \$1,500 and Lauren Conway seconded – Motion Carries.

Mike will contact the carnival to make sure they are on schedule and if they need anything from us.

The auction stand that is not used anymore will be given to Marc Huber.

The Wi-Fi password will be 2023FAIR! and will be set up later this week.

There is a need for a 30-yard dumpster to deal with pre fair clean up and it was motioned by Holly Plank to get one ordered for pre fair clean up and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Motion Carries.

Amber Barks – Extension Educator:

Currently there are 811 4-H members an increase from last year of 37 members.

June 13 will be exhibit hall building set up at 5 pm.

Verbal communication judging is on Thursday, and exhibit hall project judging will begin on June 19.

They are wanting to find a way to honor Claire Bishop during the 2023 fair for her time as the Indiana State Fair Queen. Amber would like to request \$83.87 to cover the cost of the photo to be displayed on the fairgrounds for the week of the fair. Chrissy Paxton motions to pay \$83.87 for the picture of Clair Bishop to be displayed at the 2023 fair and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Motion Carries.

June 17th is fairgrounds clean up day at 8 am

Campsites are almost finished, and it is believed they will be ready to go before the fair starts.

Insurance – after 2 quotes it was decided what we have right now is our best option.

Carnival Bracelets – we will sell them during exhibit hall project turn in and during the first few days of the fair opening.

June 19th – 9 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm in the exhibit hall

June 20th – 9 am to 12 pm and 4 pm to 6 pm in the exhibit hall

June 23rd – 9 am to 12 pm and 5 pm to 9 pm in the commercial building

June 24th – 1 pm to 9 pm in the commercial building.

Chrissy Paxton is working on getting the numbers for the exit doors and will have those put up on the June 17th cleanup day.

Lilly Endowment Grant – Debbie said Purdue sent out a survey of what was the opinion of how the money should be allocated. Debbie filled it out but felt that it was slanted towards Purdue education projects and not fairground projects. She is not expecting to hear much until the Fall.

Holly Plank – Sponsorships are all good and everything has a sponsor. They will get the invoices submitted to tourism for the Pioneer Building and campgrounds once they have all the invoices.

Golf Fundraiser – Mike Elsbury and Holly Plank met with Heather from Arrowhead golf course and all things are set for the July 15th golf fundraiser at 8 am. There will be a beverage cart but it will only have snacks, water and sodas. A dinner will be served. Silent auction will run from 8 am to noon. Still working on hole sponsors and golf teams. They will put out information at the Exhibit Halls hostess table during the fair. Would like to charge \$75 per person/\$300 per team of 4 and \$100 for hole sponsorship. Max is 144 golfers/36 teams. All the monies raised will go towards the new building. It was motioned by Nicole Mann to charge \$100 for hole sponsorship and \$75 per person/\$300 per team and Wyneta Duncan seconded – Motion Carries.

Commercial Building – Nicole Mann – 24 vendors are paid, but will have enough to fill the building by the fair.

Food Vendors – Rachelle Kihlstrum – Have contract, payment and insurance from all the food vendors and they will be setting up 8 am to 8 pm on Thursday, June 22, 2023.

Chrissy Paxton – Advertising – fair promotions are done and the fair schedule needs to be printed to put up on display during the fair which will cost up to \$40. Holly Plank motions to allocate up to \$40 to get those printed and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Motion Carries.

Fair set up sheets have been received from everyone but the Boer goats.

Hall of Fame Committee – Everything is ready for the dedication ceremony on June 18, 2023 at 6 pm.

Mama Town – Delaney Melton – She has had to scale back because of lack of volunteers. Will still have animals on display but just not as many as she was hoping to have.

Mini Princess – will be Friday the 23rd at the bowl, but if it is raining it will be in the pioneer building. 10 kids are signed up.

New Business

None.

Old Business

It was brought up that the cleaning crew during fair week may need to be here more than 1 pm and 11 pm. It was decided that we would see how the first few days went and if it was decided that we need them here more we will make that call then.

Mike Manship motions to adjourn and Holly Plank seconded – Adjourned

Next working meeting is June 5th at 7:30 pm and the next regular meeting is June 12th at 6:30 pm in the exhibit hall.

Hancock County 4-H Ag Association Minutes

July 17, 2023

Present: David Wildman, Barb Pescitelli, Rachelle Kihlstrum, Mike Elsbury, Holly Plank, Chrissy Paxton, Jesse Melton, Debbie Vansickle, Mike Manship, Wyneta Duncan

Absent: Nicole Mann, Lauren Conway

Advisory: Amber Barks, Rob Barnhart

Meeting called to order.

Meeting Minutes from June – Mike Manship motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Chrissy Paxton seconded – Motion Carries.

Financials – There is \$408,236.00 in our accounts and we had \$72,466.34 in income and \$93,512.78 in expenses for the month of June. YTD -\$144,290.63 in income and \$190,904.83 in expenses. Chrissy Paxton motioned to accept the financials and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Motion Carries.

Amber Barks – Extension Educator:

Fair went well.

Would like to request all BBQ contests take place at the fairgrounds moving forward.

Increased enrollment this year.

Office is currently still under construction and closed at this time.

Would like to send out award sponsorships prior to the end of the year and will work with Debbie Vansickle on any increases in price.

Handbook changes are due September 1st.

Junior Leader sales were down, but that was probably because of the weather.

Thanked everyone for their hard work.

Building and Grounds – Rob Barnhart

He felt that the fair went well, and was a good first fair for him. There are a few changes he would like to implement for next year.

Commercial Kitchen in the Exhibit Hall – He is hoping to get to that this week.

Have utilized the Commercial Building to store everything.

Cleaning service – Debbie Vansickle motioned to pay \$4,500 for the cleaning of the bathrooms during the fair and Mike Manship seconded – Motion Carries.

Ideas about the fair for next year –

Jesse Melton – Finish up the campgrounds and put in permanent power poles.

Wyneta Duncan and Barb Pescitelli – Need to get the bleachers fixed, preferably before August 22, 2023, but if not, they will just block off the section that is rotted.

Debbie Vansickle – Would like to see more entertainment during fair week to bring people to the fair.

Holly Plank – From the sheet that was in the fair office during the fair with suggestions: TV's with next classes for the livestock order; mechanical bull; dunk tank; radar pitch; horse pulls, tractor pulls and rodeo for multipurpose arena, one time for beef arrival; permanent schedule place for Possibilities show; sheep arrive on Monday; put in the schedule when Sullivan's will be here; get clubs and groups to help with clean up day and trash cans.

Chrissy Paxton – Monday could be a good day for the Possibilities show; have the Commercial Building Vendors pay a daily fee and can decide what days they want to come, can be here just a few days or every day; with pricing being between \$50 and \$75 a day.

Steven Elsbury – Sheep Superintendent

Thanked everyone for their hard work.

Would like to change the schedule for sheep but would like to get on the schedule for the August board meeting to present us with what they would like their schedule changes to be.

There is no room for a sheep open show.

Would like to bring lamb burgers back.

Asked about judging compensation and who decides that. The sheep judge got paid \$250.00, but they have heard other livestock judges get higher. The Sheep Producers paid the judge an extra \$250. It was decided that the committees are the ones who have historically submitted their judges compensation requests to the extension educator that forwards that on to the board. That will be looked at in the future to come up with equal compensation for all judges in all the animal projects as well as the exhibit hall projects. Holly Plank motions to reimburse the Sheep Producers \$250.00 for payment to their judge and Chrissy Paxton seconded. Motion Carries.

Steve Wilson – Beef Superintendent

Thanked everyone for the extra effort getting more water pressure to the wash racks.

Feeder calves – new project for them – had 14 entered and thought they had 8 show up and it was well received.

60 – 70 head total.

2023 Carnival – Current contract is for the next 2 years but we do not want to continue with Carnival Company. The contract was sent to attorney Chris Isom at Brand & Morelock, who stated the contract was a mess, but we would need to have a letter sent to them dissolving the contract. Mike Manship motioned to have Chris Isom draw up and send a letter to Carnival Company dissolving our contract with them, Chrissy Paxton seconded – Motion Carries.

2024 Carnival – 4 board members traveled to Decatur County fair on July 13, 2023 to see the Luehr's Ideal Rides, Inc, carnival company. It was a very good, clean and well put together carnival company. The dates they have available are June 18, to June 23, 2024. Those dates will not line up with our 2024 fair exactly but would overlap 3 days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They gave us a contract that they would like signed and returned to them by July 27, 2023. Mike Manship sent that contract to Chris Isom, he said it is better than the other one but could be better and if we decide we want a better one that he would be happy to help with that. Concerns

that were noted were about the food vendor food restrictions, selling tickets and manning the ticket booths ourselves, and how to work some scheduling issues that will arise. Chrissy Paxton motioned to proceed with signing with Luehr's Ideal Rides, Inc, for the 2024 and 2025 fair years, once the dissolution with the Carnival Company letter is sent out, Mike Manship seconded – Motion Carries.

Insurance – Jesse Melton – he will follow up with the insurance company he has been working with and get back to us.

Golf Outing Fundraiser – Was a good day and had 12 teams with an overall income of \$4,277.20. Would like to schedule the 2nd Annual Golf Outing for September 7, 2024. Would also like to look at other fundraising opportunities in the future. Chrissy Paxton motioned to set the date of September 7, 2024 for the next golf fund raiser and Wyneta Duncan seconded – Motion Carries.

Priority List –

Multipurpose Arena – need to fix the bleachers – Jesse Melton, Rob Barnhart and Mike Manship has some contacts and leads they will be looking at for options and will get back to us with what they find out.

Campground and permanent poles on the east side of the commercial building – Jesse Melton and Rob Barnhart will be working with Rodebeck to get a better idea of pricing. A motion was put forth by Debbie Vansickle and seconded by David Wildman for \$5,000 for this project, but it was withdrawn when it was decided that we needed a better idea on the pricing before making a motion for a set price.

Swine Wash Racks – they are only half done and will need to have a better source for the water supply. Mike Elsbury, Jesse Melton and Rob Barnhart will be working on this project.

Painting the Swine and Cattle Barns – Jesse Melton has a contact that he will get a hold of that power washes and he will contact them to see what pricing would be on that. Rob Barnhart and Jesse Melton have been in contact with a company that paints water towers and have made contact with them and will get back to us when they know more. Another option is to look into getting a new roof put on both buildings. It was thought that the coating of the roofs would not be a great option due to the price.

Swine Committee – Mike Lewis let us know the swine committee are meeting in the next few days and there is a possibility from that meeting that they would like to offer the current swine show ring gates for the new swine wash racks for purchase and then they would take that money and buy new swine show ring gates for the show arena. He said he will let us know what the committee decides and gets back to us.

Hall of Fame Committee – Will be meeting in the future, but nothing currently to report.

Lift Station – Not other correspondence has been received, but it looks as there is no choice and a lift station will be put on our property in the future.

Barb Pescitelli Board Seat – Mike Elsbury received her letter of resignation effective 7/17/2023, due to her moving out of her district she was elected in. David Wildman moved that we accept the resignation and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries. Chrissy Paxton motioned to leave the seat unfilled, and to be filled at the November Annual Meeting, and David Wildman seconded. Motion Carries.

New Members – Kevin Cheshier, Jacob Steinmetz, Kaylin Joyce and Megan Woods. Debbie Vansickle motioned that we accept the new members and Holly Plank seconded. Motion Carries.

Daily Reporter – There was concern about the errors the Daily Reporter made this year. A \$1,260 error was made that we and the carnival company absorbed for the carnival bracelets that were put in the paper for \$20 a day when it was supposed to be \$25 a day. There were numerous errors this year and it was decided going forward that we need to review everything the Daily Reporter has before it is sent out. It was also decided that a conversation needs to be had with the Daily Reporter about possibly getting compensated for the mess up this year and Chrissy Paxton and Mike Manship will get in contact with them.

By-laws – They need to be revisited and a committee has been set to look at them. The committee will consist of Debbie Vansickle (chair), Wyneta Duncan, Holly Plank, Delaney Melton, Nicole Mann, John Apple and Penny Hunt.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Jesse Melton motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mike Manship seconded – Meeting Adjourned

Next working meeting is August 7th, at 7:30 pm and the next regular meeting is August 21st at 6:30 pm in the exhibit hall.

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Hancock County 4-H Ag Association Minutes

August 21, 2023

Present: David Wildman, Rachelle Kihlstrum, Mike Elsbury, Holly Plank, Chrissy Paxton, Jesse Melton, Debbie Vansickle, Mike Manship, Wyneta Duncan, Lauren Conway, Nicole Mann

Advisory: Amber Barks, Rob Barnhart

Meeting called to order.

Meeting Minutes from July – Jesse Melton motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Mike Manship seconded – Motion Carries.

Financials – There is \$411,514.00 in our accounts and we had \$73,900.11 in income and \$51,437.64 in expenses for the month of July. YTD -\$146,383.10 in income and \$247,967.47 in expenses. Holly Plank motioned to accept the financials and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Amber Barks – Extension Educator:

Junior leaders are moving to the first Thursday of the month to hopefully recruit new members as the current meeting day falls on EH FFA meetings and many church nights.

There were 4 State Fair Sweepstake Winners

- Claire Bishop – Consumer clothing
- Devon Kelley – Weather
- Sean Kelley – Rabbit display
- Wyatt Kihlstrum – Lavender Herb

There were 5 Celebration of Champion

- Alyssa Cain – Fashion Revue
- Everett and Claire Bishop – Demo
- Sean Kelley – Rabbit Ambassador
- Ainsley Martin – Fashion Revue-consumer clothing

Updates:

- The Indiana State Fair released that in 2024 any pigs born on 12/1/23 or after will be eligible to show in the 2024 IN state fair show.
- 4-H Awards will be September 24 at 2 pm.
- October 5th at 6:00 pm, Sarah Burke 4-H Exhibit Hall, will be an opportunity to take the required trainings in person.

- All returning volunteers are going to be asked to complete their required volunteer trainings by November 1 to be listed in the handbook.
- 4-H Open House will be November 2 – This will be during the week and we are asking youth to represent their projects and plan to offer food this year.
- Purdue Extension's Community Connections event will take place November 11 from 4-7 pm and the board is invited to have a booth.

Currently looking for youth to do project spotlight videos so that they are able to share those through social media.

They had a leaders and superintendents meeting

A suggestion was made to add sports as a project in Hancock County and the board must vote on adding the new project. David Wildman motioned to add a new county project called Sports as a poster or notebook project and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Motion Carries.

Handbook

All clubs and projects are asked to fill out an updated contact form that should be returned to Olivia by Sept 15th, the earlier the better.

Need superintendents for BBQ, Beekeeping, Computer, Entomology, and Sports.

Judge's pay was brought up at the last meeting and she has pulled the numbers from other counties and would like to request increasing our pay out by \$1825 – from \$8,075 to \$9,900.

- Building Project \$65 to \$80
- Building Project Mini \$45 to \$50
- Beef \$300 to \$350
- Boer Goats \$250 to \$300
- Dairy/Pygmy goats \$250 to \$300
- Dairy \$200 to \$250
- Cats \$100 to \$125
- Dog Obedience \$75 to \$100
- Dog obedience/agility \$150 to \$175
- Dog showmanship \$75 to \$100
- Llama costume \$100 to \$150
- Llama Obstacle \$100 to \$150
- Llama showmanship \$100 to \$150
- Poultry \$150 to \$200

- Sheep \$250 to \$600

Holly Plank motions to up our payment for judges to \$1825 for a total of \$9,900 and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Motion Carries.

Awards program in September, it was brought up that the livestock kids do not get awards at the September Awards Program and they use to. It was brought up having a Herdsman Award or some other award and it will be looked at to see if that would be something to add back in to the September Awards Program in 2024.

Building and Grounds – Rob Barnhart

Huber’s Auction is having an auction coming up that will be auctioning items that would work for the commercial kitchen, ovens, refrigerators, metal working tables, shelves, and other items. He would like to have approval from the board to come up with a budget so that he could bid on and get some items for our upcoming commercial kitchen project. Mike Manship motioned to approve up to \$10,000 to bid on the commercial kitchen items and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Jim Peters – Emergency and Disaster Response Program. Mr. Peters introduced the program to us and presented to the board the purpose of the Emergency and Disaster Response Program and how vital it is for Hancock County. He handed out some literature and asked that we would be willing to partner with the 4H clubs as an education piece and to get the Hancock County youth involved. He said the need in Hancock County is growing and they will be having some upcoming trainings and events. He will follow up with Amber for that project and to get a memorandum of understanding before anything further can be done.

Steven Elsbury – Sheep Superintendent – he handed out a proposed sheep schedule for the 2024 fair.

Day	Time	Activity
6/24/24	12 to 1 pm	Sheep committee and volunteers arrive.
6/24/24	1 to 4 pm	Sheep arrive (No optional tack time before arrival).
6/24/24	4 to 5 pm	Scales open, submit purebred ewe papers.
6/24/24	6 pm	All sheep must be weighed.
6/24/24	10 pm	Classes posted.
6/25/24	Noon	Deadline for class changes.

6/25 or 6/26/24	Question of when	Mini 4-H sheep show with mini-4-H goat show.
6/26/24	9 – 10 am	4-H sheep show Jessica Barnhart Memorial Lead Line.
6/26/24	6 pm	4-H Sheep Show of Champions and Showmanship.
6/26/24	30 min after the show	Sheep released.
6/27/24	30 min after the Round Robin	Sheep released.
6/28/24	10 am	All sheep must be out of the barn.

It was decided that we need to look at the schedule for all animal projects, and building projects, so Chrissy Paxton, Rachelle Kihlstrum, Amber Barks, or a representative from the Extension Office and all the livestock superintendents and their assistants will get together in the next few weeks to get a finalized schedule made that will work for everyone involved.

2024 Fair Events – Debbie Vansickle and Holly Plank are working on some concerts, and the rest of the Association and Board was asked to think of things we could have at the fair in 2024.

Commercial Vendors – Holly Plank brought up insurance for the vendors in the commercial building and what we could do to help with that cost. Jesse Melton will ask our insurance agent if we could help cover those vendors or if there are any options. Vickie Ramsey was asked by Chrissy Paxton about their set up for their vendor events and asked if Extension Homemakers would be willing to take on the responsibility of getting the vendors in the commercial building at the 2024 Fair. Vickie indicated that they would be willing to take that project on.

Hall of Fame Committee – They are working on the qualifications to be on the Wall of Fame for volunteers, and businesses. Also working on what that display will look like and how many a year would go on the wall.

Mike Elsbury has talked to Greg Morelock and they would like to meet with us in September. He gave six dates – September 7th, 18th, 19th, 26th, 27th and the 28th. It was decided that the 18th before the next board meeting would be the best time for everyone. Mike will get in touch with Greg and relay to them the day that works for us and let us know the time at a later date.

Insurance Coverage – Jesse Melton has worked with our insurance agent and reworked and updated our coverages and with all the changes we will incur an increase of \$2,700 for a total of \$47,126.00 a year annual premium. It was thought that the \$14,000 event coverage we have was only for the carnival, but in reality, it is for any event taking place on the fairgrounds and is 365 days a year coverage and has nothing to do with the carnival. Holly Plank motioned to go with the updates and changes to the insurance coverage and pay the \$2,700 a year increase for a total of \$47,126.00 and Debbie Vansickle seconded – Motion Carries.

Carnival – Mike Manship talked to Andy from Lehur's at 6:15 pm tonight and we are good to go and Andy is excited to be working with us. We did receive communication from our lawyer Chris Isom who is working with us on the old carnival and he asked if they had a specific exception to give away rabbits, none of the current board felt that we had that, and nothing was in the contract. We are just waiting to see what, if any steps, need to be taken and Chris will let us know if anything else comes of it.

West Commons Building - We will need to move the shop to the Multipurpose arena/North Lot area and the place originally planned is not ideal. Will move the Farm Bureau Building north of where it is at and put the West Commons Building beside it to the South. Rusty Locker has agreed to use his flatbed truck to help with the move of the buildings, but the time frame is still undecided. Lots of items still left to get done before building could be built. There is a possibility that this building could still be built by the end of the year. Holly Plank motioned to approve a payment of \$6,230 as the initial down payment to Burns Construction to move forward with the building project, and Mike Manship seconded. Motion Carries.

Fundraising - Lauren Conway will run our online auction to help with fundraising for the West Commons Building. It was decided that November 30, 2023 will be the day the auction will take place. Huber Auction has agreed to help us with hosting. Details still need to be worked out but we already have a few items and many ideas were given at the meeting for Lauren to follow up with.

Tourism – Holly Plank gave an update with the meeting with Tourism. Tourism is working to partner with many in the county for the solar eclipse that is happening in April of 2024. They would like us to have a part in that event also and they have a logo they are designing especially

for the event, more details are still being worked out, but it is something they are hoping we can participate in.

They also asked that for next years fair we take a look at all the events happening in Hancock County and try to coordinate around each other so that we do not have to many things happening on the same night. Their example was the Stella Luna concert at the 2023 fair was on a night that there was an event at The Depot Park and New Pal had an event also that night, so many people had to make a choice and it hurt everyone's attendance.

They will be sending over a business plan template for us to fill out and they would like to have a consultant come out and look at what we have and what we could do. Tourism would pay for the consultant.

Campsites and Electric Upgrades – Jesse Melton stated that the campsites on the front side are done and now we need to look at the campsites on the back side. He would also like to propose that we put in permanent electric poles for the food vendors on the east side of the commercial building and they can also be used for campsites. Also adding campsites where the old house used to be for the new carnival would be helpful. Holly Plank motioned to approve up to \$42,000 for the finishing the back side of the campgrounds, putting in permanent poles on the east side of the commercial building and adding new camping poles to the old house site, and Debbie Vansickle seconded. Motion Carries.

Wash Racks and Water Supply – The water company came out and told us what we had already suspected that the three-quarter inch line is not big enough. The solution was to replace the three-quarter inch line to a one-inch line. That would solve the water pressure at the cattle wash racks. Then the suggestion is to put a two-inch line from the cattle wash racks and trench it over to the swine wash racks. That should solve our water pressure issues.

Bylaws Committee – Presented was the first reading of the 5th amended bylaws.

Lilly Endowment – Debbie Vansickle told us that she had received a letter from Casey Mull that they will not be funding any capital improvements projects with the Lilly Endowment grant. So, we will not qualify for any of the money. She is looking into other avenues for funding.

New Business

Heather Hill spoke in regards to the matter that took place at the area 4-H tractor maintenance contest that was hosted by Hancock County on July 24, 2023. The area superintendent made a call before the event that impacted the final results in a negative way. After the event was over, it was brought to the attention of Amber Barks. Amber immediately worked with Tony Carrell at Purdue to find a solution for those impacted by the decision made by the area superintendent. Amber's solution with Tony's support, allowed for those negatively impacted by the results to compete at the state fair contest.

Old Business

None.

Board Resignation – Nicole Mann has sent a letter to Mike Elsbury and Holly Plank, formally resigning from the board effective this evening.

Mike Manship motioned to adjourn the meeting and Rachelle Kihlstrum seconded – Meeting Adjourned.

Next working meeting is September 6th, at 7:00 pm and the next regular meeting is September 18th at 6:30 pm in the exhibit hall.

Hancock County 4-H Ag Association Minutes

September 18, 2023

Present: David Wildman, Rachelle Kihlstrum, Mike Elsbury, Holly Plank, Chrissy Paxton, Jesse Melton, Debbie Vansickle, Mike Manship, Wyneta Duncan, Lauren Conway

Advisory: Amber Barks, Rob Barnhart

Meeting called to order.

Meeting Minutes from July – Jesse Melton motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Mike Manship seconded – Motion Carries.

Financials – There is \$314,858.99 in our accounts and we had **-\$82,339.74** in income and \$96,944.10 in expenses for the month of August. YTD \$64,043.36 in income and \$344,961.57 in expenses. Holly Plank motioned to accept the financials and Jesse Melton seconded – Motion Carries.

Amber Barks – Extension Educator:

The Jr. Leaders are planning a 4-H bonfire to recruit new members Oct. 4. Superintendents have been asked to have any changes in rules to Olivia by October 1.

Amber has the Youth Staff Update meetings for the next 2 days. This is typically when she learns what changes are coming from Purdue regarding 4-H policies.

Enrollment incentive - STEM and Pie Day- 75 enrollments for one pie to the face, anyone who is willing to sign up to get a pie to the face is welcomed.

Currently awaiting a finalized fair schedule so they can begin scheduling judges and sending out contracts.

Sugar Creek 4-H club has agreed to promote 4-H at the Sugar Creek safety day September 23rd.

4-H Camp is scheduled for May 30-June 1, 2024.

There will be an in person 4-H volunteer training meeting on October 5 at 6 pm in the Exhibit Hall Building.

Volunteer Training can currently be taken on the 4H Online portal – [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](http://4honline.com).

September 24th at 2pm is the 4-H awards program.

Nov 2nd is the 4-H Kickoff from 5-7 pm in the Exhibit Hall Building.

Nov 11th from 4-7 pm is the Community Connections event – the Ag Association is welcomed to set up a booth if they would like.

Mike Elsbury requested Amber teach the in-person volunteer training at the annual meeting. Amber is willing to offer this at 5 pm prior to the meeting with the understanding that this training **does not** make those individuals 4-H volunteers. This will get the process started. New volunteers completing the process that night **would not** be eligible to run for a seat on the board. The Purdue vetting process states: Nominees to fill 4-H volunteer roles on appointed or elected boards/committees will be screened and approved prior to the time the appointment or election process is held.

Building and Grounds – Rob Barnhart

GC FFA is putting on a Farm Safety Night on Wednesday September 20th from 4 to 8 pm, to educate the public about safety as the farmers start to get into the fields.

The Huber Auction went well and all the auction items have been picked up and are in the Commercial Building. It did go over budget of a cost of \$3,500. Jesse Melton motions to add an additional \$3,500 to cover the auction bill at Huber Auction and Lauren Conway seconded – Motion Carries.

Jesse Melton motions to purchase a lift for the grounds that is 6 years old, with a warranty and 213 hours for \$9,125.29 and Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.

Rob will get with Rodebeck this week about removing the electric from the shop and start the process of the next phase of the campgrounds and the permanent electric on the east side of the commercial building.

Rob's brother is sending prices for 2x10 boards to replace the bleachers in the multipurpose arena.

Gleaners will no longer be coming to the fairgrounds to pass out food.

Rob received a phone call from a nonprofit looking for a place to hold a 5-day bicycle training for kids who have special needs and Rob was thinking the Pioneer Building would be a great place. However, we do not have any pricing on that building yet and he is wanting to know how much the board thinks we should charge. David Wildman motions to charge \$500, with proof of insurance, and proof of nonprofit status and Holly Plank seconded – Motion Carries.

Livestock building roofs - Jesse Melton

Jesse got quotes for fixing the livestock building roofs and the price would be \$55,000 each and that would include pressure washing top and bottom and whatever paint did not come off to scrape it off, then paint. This is cheaper than the other quotes we have received. It was decided that we would wait until after the West Commons Building is done before working on the livestock building roofs.

Lift station – Mike Elsbury

The board had a meeting before the board meeting with the city, and the engineers and they presented us with drawings of what they plan to do. Estimated start date is projected to be July 1st 2025. Greg Morelock, the city attorney, will be sending us a follow up email of what we discussed in the next few days.

2024 Fair Schedule – Chrissy Paxton and Rachelle Kihlstrum

They have been working to get the schedule ready for approval so that judges can be acquired. All animal, exhibit hall, carnival dates and times has been confirmed with the animal superintendents, extension educator and carnival. They are asking that we go ahead and approve the schedule, as is, knowing that more will be added to it for events, but it is 90% complete for the 2024 fair. David Wildman motions to accept the 2024 fair schedule as written on September 18th, 2023 at 7:20 pm, with the knowledge that events will be added in the future and Wyneta Duncan seconded – Motion Carries.

Tourism – Holly Plank

The meeting was canceled last month but there is a meeting scheduled for next week.

Fundraising – Lauren Conway

She has gotten a few more items and has reached out to the suggestions that she has gotten. The date of the silent auction will be 11/30 through 12/7 and she will be working with Huber Auctions to get all of that set up.

Hall of Fame – Wyneta Duncan
No updates at this time.

Insurance – Jesse Melton

The contract is done and is in the hands of billing and we should be good with the updated pricing. There was a question if we need to have vendors carry insurance and Jesse said the insurance company strongly recommends that we do ask them to carry insurance to protect them, but we technically do not have to require it. Chrissy Paxton is going to meet with Vickie Ramsey and Margie Clark to figure out what we can do to help bring different vendors to the Commercial Building during the fair, especially if they do not have to have insurance, that meeting will be schedule in the next few weeks with an update at the next board meeting.

West Commons Building – Jesse Melton

Things are progressing. The shop is cleaned out now, and Rodenbeck will be out soon to kill the power for the move. We will need a permit to move the building across the road and Jesse Melton is working with the city to get that accomplished.

Luehrs' Carnival – Rachelle Kihlstrum

Rachelle has talked to Lorelei Schoendienst from Luehrs' about the times for the carnival for 2024 to get them into the schedule. They do not meet until January to set pricing so we will not have any of that until then. They will stop around February to lay out what they can bring. They will work with us to set up the carnival ride specials around the first part of 2024.

Bylaws – Debbie Vansickle

They committee have had to be put the bylaws on hold for now. So, we will be operating under the 4th bylaws for the November meeting.

There will be the following five spots open as either a vacancy or reelection opportunity.

District 1 – one – three-year term.

District 2 – one – three-year term – there are already 2 from Center

Township so it cannot be a Center Township representative.

District 3 – one – three-year term.

one – two-year term to fill the spot Nicole Mann vacated.

*If Mike Manship chooses to run again in District 3, and is elected, then the two-year term cannot be from Jackson Township as we will have 2 already from that township.

Adult Leader – one – three-year term.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Mike Manship motioned to adjourn the meeting and Holly Plank seconded – Meeting Adjourned.

Next working meeting is October 2nd, at 7:15 pm and the next regular meeting is October 16th at 6:30 pm in the exhibit hall.

Hancock Co. Ag Association Meeting Minutes

Hancock Co. Fairgrounds, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall

Monday, October 16th, 2023 – 6:30 pm

Attendance: Wyneta Duncan, David Wildman, Mike Elsbury, Lauren Conway, Jesse Melton, Debbie Vansickle; Absent: Rachelle Kilstrum, Mike Manship, Chrissy Paxton and Holly Plank

Also in attendance: Matt Strahl and Bryan Smith from the Hancock Leadership Class

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Elsbury.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Motion was made by Jesse Melton to accept the minutes; seconded by Debbie Vansickle. Motion passed.

The financials were presented. David Wildman made a motion to defer approval of the financials until next meeting; Jesse Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried and financials will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Rob Barnhart reported on facility activities. They included –

- Greenfield Park and Recreation will be holding their annual Trunk or Treat at the fairgrounds on October 26th. They have over 40 vendors including the Jr. Leaders. He suggested that the Ag Association have a booth to pass out candy. Wyneta Duncan moved that we do so and Lauren Conway seconded the motion. Motion passed. We will need approximately 1500 pieces of candy.
- The Farm Bureau Building is empty except for some signs that will be stored. The shop is also empty. Meeting with Circle M re: concrete for the West Commons building and moving the shop.
- Met with Nancy Davis with the Hancock Regional Hospital Foundation about a sponsorship for purchasing lights to put up at the fairgrounds for Christmas. He and Debbie Vansickle met with Nancy and allocated a \$2500 sponsorship to do the Christmas lights and decorations as well as a day sponsorship for the fair. After discussion, Jesse Melton made a motion to use \$1000 of the allocated funds to purchase Christmas lights; Lauren Conway seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- A report was made regarding the upgrade of the electricity project; facility rental with 5 campsites being rented for a month; and update on fixing the water pressure with the Greenfield Water Department
- The Commercial Kitchen upgrade in the Exhibit Hall should be done after the first of the year. He currently has 3 people interested in renting the kitchen – two bakers and one caterer.
- The drive running parallel to the Pioneer Building is higher than the building and causing a few issues. Working on resolving the problem.

Amber Barks gave the 4-H Update. It included –

- Pie in the Face program. For every 75 kids entered in 4-H, there will be a pie in the face
- The Junior Leader Bonfire had 24 kids in attendance

- Working on the 4-H Handbook
- The 4-H Kickoff and Open House will be November 2 from 5-7 pm.

Amber asked if we wanted to do Volunteer Training prior to the Annual Meeting. Mike Elsbury said he would get back with her on that.

Amber stated she was waiting on the Process and Procedures from Purdue. She also has the guidelines for the new Sports project for this year.

Mike Elsbury reported on the Lift Station status. Nothing new to report and he had contacted attorney Greg Morelock that day. Wyneta Duncan wanted to clarify that they have horse and pony activities on that side of the fairgrounds starting April 1 through September and that the minutes from that meeting just say they have activities in April.

Jesse Melton reported on the status of the West Commons building. The state is in the process of approving the drawings for the state permitting process. The shop is not being moved to the north side of the fairgrounds but will be moved north of its current location and will become Momma Town during the fair. The Farm Bureau Building is being disassembled and it and the storage container will be up for sale, possibly putting them in the online auction. All vendors for the project have been contacted – waiting on prices for building materials, electric and concrete. Lauren Conway made a motion to add the Farm Bureau Building and the storage container to the online auction; Jesse Melton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jesse Melton also reported that he was meeting with Doug Rodebeck about finishing the campgrounds.

Lauren Conway reported on what has been secured for the online auction. There are 19 confirmed lots with multiple contacts waiting to be heard from. She stated she needs all lots by November 20th. She is meeting Marc Huber on October 19th to start publicizing and check on what he needs from us to get the auction up and running.

Other fundraising ideas were presented –

- Buy A Brick or wall for new West Commons Building
- Wish List for people to support such as sugar, lemon juice for the Lemonade Shake Up Stand; shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows etc. Items that people could pay online that would benefit our facility that we would not have to take out of our current financials
- Golf Outing is planned for September 7, 2024

Debbie Vansickle reported on the status of getting a Walker County concert at the county fair. She has gotten to the right people and is in the process of filling out the “Request to Appear” form.

No report on Hall of Fame.

The Annual Meeting of the Ag Association is November 20th at 6:30 pm. Debbie Vansickle is in the process of developing a newsletter and it will serve as the annual meeting notice along with other information for the association.

There is a Solar Eclipse Planning Meeting coming up and Amber Barks stated she would be attending that meeting. Jesse Melton stated they had been contacted by the county about using Briney Creek facility for parking to view the eclipse.

New Business –

- Community Connections will be November 11th at the Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall. The question was raised about the Ag Association having a booth at the event.

Debbie Vansickle made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jesse Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Debbie Vansickle
Acting Secretary

APPROVED

Hancock Co. Ag Association Meeting Minutes

Hancock Co. Fairgrounds, Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall

Monday, November 20th, 2023 – 6:30 pm

Attendance: David Wildman, Mike Elsbury, Lauren Conway, Jesse Melton, Debbie Vansickle, Mike Manship, Holly Plank, Holly Williams, Dave Garmene, Matt Joyce, Penny Hunt, Brooke Greene; Rob Barnhart and Amber Barks.

Meeting was called to order. Minutes from October meeting were presented. Jesse Melton moved to approve the minutes and Holly Plank seconded. Motion carried.

Financials for the association were presented by Mike Manship.

Business that was conducted –

Elected to officer positions for the upcoming year were:

President – Mike Elsbury

Vice President – Holly Plank

Secretary – Debbie Vansickle

Treasurer – Mike Manship

Assistant Treasurer – to be determined

Jesse Melton updated information on the Christmas light project at the fairgrounds. In addition to the original \$1000 approved of the \$2500 that was received in donation for the project, he moved to spend \$1500 on decorations to add to the project. Penny Hunt seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The next working meeting for the board will be Monday, December 4th at 6:15 pm in the Fair Office.

There will not be a regular board meeting in December. Next meeting will be January 15th, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall.

Mike Manship moved to adjourn the meeting. Holly Plank seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Vansickle

Secretary

2023 Hancock County 4-H Ag Association Annual Meeting – 11/20/2023

Present: Jesse Melton, David Wildman, Debbie Vansickle, Mike Elsbury, Holly Plank, Lauren Conway, Mike Manship, Rachelle Kihlstrum, Wyneta Duncan

Advisory: Amber Barks

Call to Order, Mike Elsbury, 6:30pm

Penny Hunt motioned to accept the annual meeting minutes from 2022, Lloyd Arthur seconded.

Mike Manship went over financials - \$266,515 total in checking and savings, YTD net income is a loss of \$2,208.86. Jesse Melton motioned to accept the financials and Lauren Conway seconded.

Fair Schedule, Holly Plank

Carnival will be June 18th – 23rd / Fair Week will be June 21st – 28th

Carnival week will include Homemakers Country Vintage Market at the fair. Wednesday June 19th 1-9pm. We are planning to have putt putt, mechanical bull, and other games / attractions. The carnival will have food vendors during this time and our regular food vendors will be offered to stay both weeks or just fair week. Fair week we are working on securing 12-15 bounce houses from June 24th – 27th. On June 28th we will have a car show. Through the week we will have attractions such as the bull, putt putt. Concerts, rodeo, monster trucks, horse pulls. We would like to put together a touch a tractor event that will be ag related.

Superintendent Update - Rob Barnhart

Trunk or Treat was fantastic, 5,000 people we present. Hancock Health donated \$2,500 to be used for decorating the facility for Christmas throughout December. Rob has gotten a lot of these items purchased and up for display. The commercial kitchen is nearly complete. The ringside kitchen upgrade will begin after the cattle show. The campground wiring is done and the permanent wiring near the commercial building is being completed. We currently have a construction crew renting the campground area as they complete a local job. This is going well and renting these spaces was a great decision.

Lift Station – Mike Elsbury

There have not been any further actions on the lift station. They are working on plans and don't plan to start construction until 2025.

West Commons – Jesse Melton

Process is going according to plan. The Farm Bureau building has been removed. It was in bad shape. The plans are with the State, and they should be back in the next month. They were able to salvage some of the water and electrical. The building will be constructed and complete by the 2024 fair. The only area that will not be complete will be the restrooms due to the lift station timeline. We will wait until they start that so we can hook into it.

Holly Plank – We are having a pendant sale. These will be \$75. They will be displayed outside the building during fair week and be moved inside after.

Lauren Conway – We are having an online auction November 27th - December 5th.

Hall of Fame – Wyneta Duncan

Hall of Fame is working on some items and plan to have a meeting in January.

Committee Update – Holly Plank

Our current committees are Buildings & Grounds, Hall of Fame, Fair Events, Carnival, Commercial / Food Vendors, Multipurpose Arena, Sponsorship/Fundraising, Advertisement. We need volunteers for all areas. We would like to see more association members involved in these committees. Please sign up at the table.

Carnival – Jesse Melton

Luehrs came out and measured to draw up their layout. We have a meeting scheduled in January.

Eclipse – Rachelle Kihlstrum

The county is expecting this to be a huge event. They warned that traffic could potentially be backed up for up to 8 hours. This will result in lack of police and fire availability. Campsites are going around \$100/day. This is something we are working on.

4-H Updates – Amber Barks

4-H Open House was great, they double enrollment at the event from last years event. The new member meeting is scheduled for January. They visited local schools, GC, EH, & MV. SH would not allow us in. Community Connections event was a success. 150 were in attendance.

2023 Board Elections – Mike Elsbury

District 3 – 3 year term. Nominations – Lloyd Arthur motioned to nominate Mike Manship, seconded. Motion to close nominations by Dan Strahl, second, Jesse Melton. Mike Manship elected.

District 2 – 3 year term. Nominations – Lloyd Arthur motioned to nominate David Garmene, seconded. Motioned to nominate Wyneta Duncan, seconded. Wyneta declines. Lloyd Arthur motion to close nominations, seconded by Delanie Melton. David Garmene elected.

District 4 – 3 year term. Nominations – Dewayne Vansickle motioned to nominate Holly Williams, seconded. Steven Elsbury motion to close nominations, second Lloyd Arthur. Holly Williams elected.

District 1 - 3 year term. Nominations – Ashley Schenck motioned to nominate Matt Joyce, seconded. Duane Vansickle motion to close nominations, second, Lloyd Arthur. Matt Joyce elected.

District 3 – 2 year vacancy. Nominations – Matt Joyce motioned to nominate Brooke Green, seconded. Jesse Melton motioned to nominate Delanie Melton, seconded.

Duane Vansickle motion to close nominations, seconded by Steven Elsbury. Brooke Green Elected. 31/26.

District 2 – 1 year vacancy. Nominations – Duane Vansickle motioned to nominate Penny Hunt, seconded. Dan Strahl motion to close nominations, seconded by Jesse Melton. Penny Hunt elected.

David Wildman makes a motion to destroy the used ballots. Seconded by Penny Hunt. Ballots collected and destroyed.

New Board members notified that vetting will need to be completed prior to January 1st, 2024 if not yet approved.

Lloyd Arthur makes a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Penny Hunt.