

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Minutes of Board Meeting

April 17th, 2017 – Marshall Middle School - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The April 17th, 2017 Board meeting was called to order by CCAIS Board President, Vic Potter at 7:00 pm at the Marshall Middle School.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Olds.

Attendance with Roll Call was conducted by Susan Baldwin.

Present: Vic Potter, Doug Wildt, Jim Olds, Amanda Shreve, Susan Baldwin, Steven Benham, Matt Ivey, Art Kale, Erik Myers. Excused: Tom Carr, Nick Collier.

Approval of Agenda - motion by Susan Baldwin, seconded by Doug Wildt, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Secretary's report of the March 20thⁿ, 2017 minutes was given by Susan Baldwin. Baldwin thanked Megan Harvey for handling the minutes in her absence for the March meeting. Motion was made by Susan Baldwin, seconded by Matt Ivey, to file the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Reports – Amanda Shreve provided the Treasurer's report. The March 31st Balance Sheet was reviewed as well as the Profit and Loss report. More auction payouts have been made to youth as the last payments from buyers are received. The Finance Committee is now meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month to allow time for bank reconciliation. Potter and Shreve noted that the mortgage balloon payment was made and refinanced at a lower percent. CCAIS will continue to make the same monthly payments to accelerate the payoff. Jim Olds asked about the golf outing fund noted on the reports. Shreve explained that the policy is to hold one year of mortgage payments in accounts – some of the funds are held at Battle Creek Community Foundation, the rest are in a CCAIS restricted account. Motion was made by Doug Wildt, seconded by Steve Benham to file the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report – Megan Harvey reported that the spring clean-up went very well – many thanks to all of the volunteers. The All Things Vintage event was a good success with double the participation as last fall. The video of the event has been shared over 10,000 times.

Battle Creek Area Association of Realtors presented a check for \$2500 for the Merry Mile event.

Fair updates - Sponsorships for the 2017 Fair are going well. \$75,000 has been committed with half already invoiced or paid. Lafayette pulled out of the fair but a new vendor has already been secured. Megan also shared information about ear-tagging for this year, and DNA testing that will be in place for 2018. The stock portion of the fair book is online and the non-stock should be up soon.

Megan raised an item for consideration regarding feed records judging. The Livestock Committee is proposing a pilot program for verbal feed records for beef, goats and rabbits. Megan has some questions about using verbal records for younger ages. Several suggestions were made. Sarah Green indicated that the Committee is still considering the questions to be used. Vic Potter stated that the policy would be voted on next month.

Public Comment - requested for any agenda items.

Fred McMillan made a comment regarding feed records and timing during fair week. Weigh-in is Saturday and the show is Monday morning so there may be issues with the verbal feed records and judging.

New Business: No items

Discussion Items:

- A. Megan Harvey reported that she and Elise are working on filling in additional policies for the new policy books which were distributed earlier this year. Votes will be taken on sections of the book over the next few months.

Committee Reports

- A. **Operations Committee** – Ryan Harvey reported that they are soliciting bids for siding on the church and school. The specs are in the office for anyone interested. Contractors are encouraged to bid.
- B. **Marketing Committee** – Megan Harvey reported that the Committee is working to finalize fair posters. The Vintage Market video was nominated for a Facebook award.
- C. **Superintendent Committee** – no report.
- D. **Animal Auction Committee** – no report.
- E. **Livestock Committee** – no report.
- F. **Master Plan Committee** – Matt Ivey noted that there was no current update.
- G. **Policy & Procedure Committee** – see Megan Harvey's earlier report.

- H. **Millionaire Raffle Committee** – Megan Harvey reported that she is finalizing a new chairperson.

Events and Community Reports:

- A. **4H Council** – Marilyn Letts reported that there will be an ice cream social on May 21 at Cool Mama's. The lemonade stand will be there as a fundraiser. Cloverbud camp will be June 26.
- B. **FFA Report** – Megan Harvey shared a report from Lora Finch –“Currently we are studying, practicing and preparing for State Ag Skills Contests. 32 Marshall FFA members will be competing with over 1,000 other FFA members from around the state. New officers have been elected for the 2017-2018 year. President is Morgan Hautau, Vice President Andrew Kiessler, Secretary Wink (Daniel) McDonald, Treasurer Harrison Hautau, Reporter Sara Horton, Historian Emma Ruedisueli and Sentinel Samuel Kiessler. They will be trained over the next few months and over the summer. They will be installed at Banquet. Plant Sale is coming soon! The FFA members/AFNR students have been busy planting and caring for the annuals and hanging baskets. They will be for sale, along with Perennials from Red Barn Greenhouse. The sale will be Thurs-Friday May 4-5 at the fairgrounds in the Sheep & Goat Barn. Thank you to the CCAIS and FFA alumni for their continued support of the sale, which is a valuable fundraiser for the FFA chapter and AFNR program. The spring awards banquet has been scheduled for Thursday, May 18th social hour beginning at 6, Dinner at 6:30 pm and awards to begin at 7pm. It will be held in the MHS cafeteria. All are welcome.”
- C. **Floral Hall Building** – John Taylor reported he had nothing at this time.
- D. **Houston School** – see Church report.
- E. **Maple Grove Church** – Margaret Taylor reported that there will be an auction at Rapp's on April 22 with proceeds to benefit the Church, School and Museum. There are several weddings coming up.
- F. **Fair Museum** – see Church report.
- G. **Cruise the Fountain** – Megan reported that the show will be all day on Saturday with sign-ups available Friday night and perhaps a small event.
- H. **Fundraisers/Golf Outing** – Amanda Shreve reported that the golf outing will be held on June 10th at Tomac Woods. She passed out copies of the registration form. The Committee is sending out letters to former golfers. Elise has been a great help with the project. The Committee is

still looking for sponsors. A hole-in-one contest is being considered but will need a sponsor.

PUBLIC COMMENT – three minute time limit and one opportunity to speak.

Kathy Fischer shared her concerns about the verbal feed records proposal. She asked about the interview process – how much time would be allotted, the number of questions. She has experience at other fairs that do verbal records. Doug Wildt stated that Centerville Fair uses verbal records and CCAIS is looking at their details. Fischer noted that Centerville has a good process – she has worked with their program. Her concerns are about the younger kids.

Allen Seedorff asked about the status of the storm damage claim and any insurance coverage. Megan Harvey indicated that she and Darryl are working on options. Darryl stated that he is looking for metal donations for various roofs that have issues on the fairgrounds. Jim Olds indicated he may have some material. Doug Wildt suggested some places to contact.

BOARD COMMENTS –

Art Kale shared that on May 16, there will be a luncheon for Centenarians in the county – anyone 100 years and older receive a free lunch. Art and Vic Potter are on the Senior Millage Board.

Adjournment – Motion was made by Steven Benham, seconded by Matt Ivey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted by Susan Baldwin, Board Secretary