

# CCAA - Carroll County Ag Association

## Member Meeting Notes

January 28, 2012

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Attendance: Sign-in sheet filed with Minute Book. 22 members in attendance.

Sam moved/Travis second (\$5000 pay car reimburse to Brad Burton)

Discussion

1. Dean called the Meeting to order
2. Thanks to Dale and Toby McIlrath for providing refreshments
3. **Introduce Board and representation**
4. **Travis read the minutes from the last member meeting**
5. **Reimbursement to Brad Burton for purchasing Sheriff's Reserve Car.** Sam moved/Travis second (\$5000 pay car reimburse to Brad Burton). Motion passed by unanimous vote.
6. **Financial report to date**
  - a. \$24,550
  - b. \$2,800 Christmas fund w/bills still outstanding
  - c. \$3700 donated and several hogs
  - d. \$3546 emergency fund
  - e. \$81 fair fund
7. **Nomination of board members for next year - 3 year term**
  - a. Woody Nichols - Corn
  - b. Coby McIlrath - Agribusiness
  - c. Dean Scott - At Large (George returning @ large)
  - d. Jason / Joe closed nominations will be presented @ annual Meeting
8. **Year- end report by Dean Scott**
  - a. Ag Day
  - b. Emergency response donations to help youth including \$2600 to help refurbish Jr Leader w/about 2600 left to use this year
  - c. Scholarships - TDM/ CCAA
  - d. CCAA sponsorships for fair @ 2500 +3000 to Jr Leaders
  - e. Thank Larry Trapp for Thursday Meal
  - f. IPC Large contributor for meat
  - g. Rhonda Hicks @ Jr Leaders stand
  - h. Bacon Bowl \$500 to most school
  - i. December 33 attended Grain bin rescue, Andrea training Co- Alliance, Anderson and Kokomo rescue helped w/meal. Training @ Ed Jason Oylers
  - j. 154 producers @ CAT 14 training & 100% pass rate
  - k. \$5000 to purchase of reserve car
  - l. Are we staying w/in our mission statement - YES our activities

- m. Zoning Ordinance - Dean discussed pending zoning ordinance and controversy surrounding deal.
  - n. Miriam discussed the zoning ordinance and importance of attending commissioner's meeting to show support
  - o. Joe O'Donnell noted that this is only an update and not a substantial change
  - p. Commissioners may consider change of Ag section
  - q. Important @ 800 feet = work done to determine that
9. **Proposed Zoning Set backs**
- a. Most quad 10 acres 660 x 660' - quads in 40 acre field will fit w/800' set back. W/Tans on back, 1300' set back from residence.
  - b. Can't fit w/1/2 mile set back - difficult to fit w/anything more than 800'
  - c. More an issue of placement than distance
  - d. Mike Vellhelsen said that buffers will help - 50 -60% eliminated w/buffer
  - e. Area plan granted variance for Huffer property w/stipulation to plant trees
  - f. Lets younger farmers get in business
  - g. Continuing to develop technology
  - h. Need to pass as - is and deal w/not picking details @ APC & BZA and variance
  - i. Reciprocal setback needs to be enforced
  - j. Area plan - needs to stand up @ commissioner's meeting
  - k. Sam's office can sign letter in support
10. **FSA CEP - Morgan Thornburg** - originally from Rensseler, father 1100 acres and Mother works in FSA office. Degree in communications County Operations Training - was trained 25 county offices and acting CED Marshall county Permanent in St. Joe County Anders of cutting tools - husband promoted and moved to Central office. Lives in Lafayette, 1 year old son, Tommy
- a. 2012 farm Program - no advance payments(formerly 22% @ sing up) - no \$ until October
  - b. Calculation slightly different 83.3% now 85% of base acre payment
  - c. Certify crops by July
  - d. New A GL form - consolidated IRS form
  - e. No POA allowed - must be signed by person
  - f. Morgan may provide a template letter to help
11. **FSA AGI Limits**
- a. \$500,000 of non- farm income
  - b. 750,000 of farm income -only for direct payment
  - c. 1M - non farm or 2/3 farming for conversation program
  - d. 1 M - farm and non-farm DCP
  - e. All are average of 3 years prior
  - f. IT \$ software upgrades may be developed to help prepare forms (rather than hand-prepare)
12. **Next Farm Bill** -bring down to ACRE and SURE programs (disaster >50% loss to qualify
- a. Conservation program probably retained, but reduced
  - b. 2011-2012 26 M reduction in FSA budget

13. **USDA - office closures in 3 counties in Indiana**, ST. Joseph, Lake County, Morgan County. 2 or fewer employees or w/in 20 miles of another office
  - a. Carroll County w/in 20 miles of white Co.
  - b. Carroll County Can reduce - will be hiring to replace @ USA jobs. gov
  - c. Please pass the word to find someone to employ - Ag computer and customer service
  - d. Sign up online- access to on-line system is available - talk to FSA
  
14. **Sheriff's Reserve Program – Brad Burton** - currently 5 reservists and 3 in training - reserve car- talked about county reserve service
  - a. Glad to be in a small, active community
  - b. Reserve program
  - c. Have all training except 1LE/ment officer training
  - d. Have a lot of responsibilities service of process, investigation
  - e. Assistance @pleasure of Sheriff
  - f. Ball games, police presence, HS dance
  - g. Patrol @county, back up office and in jail section, + 200 to 300 ride along hours
  - h. Same police powers when in uniform
  - i. Same service and professionalism as next officers
  - j. Unit is self- sufficient Carroll and Delphi pay for on site assistance
  - k. Steepened council \$475/year
  - l. Officers purchase own gear
  
15. **George Mears - Machinery Stolen** - gravity wagon and sold 2 X and scrapped twice - it was recovered from Clinton county
  - a. Reserve provides routine day to day duties so the officers can focus higher - priority concerns
  - b. (30% of all calls are donestic related) don't repeat 1-2 calls/week - child, spouse, etc.
  - c. Local support to purchase vehicle - business and agribusiness support for the vehicle.
    - i. Brad Burton
    - ii. J D Cree
    - iii. Chad Barnard
    - iv. Mike Peters
    - v. Joe Stewart
      - (1) Current reserve officers
    - vi. John Thompson
    - vii. Mark Bono
    - viii. Neil Hamilton
      - (1) Recruits in training
  
16. **Annual Meeting March 5**
  - a. Ag Day March 22 @ Delphi Middle School
  - b. Thank George for his years of service on board
  - c. George noted that its important for Ag to have CC representation
  - d. Joe O'Donnell suggested that we submit articles to comet for the Ag Page to keep Ag information in the public

Meeting Adjourned.