

CCAA - Carroll County Ag Association

Member Meeting Notes

January 19, 2013

Attendance: Sign in sheet filed with Minute Book. 23 members in attendance.

President Dean Scott called the meeting to order and thanked Jason Pearson and Tri-Green Tractor for providing refreshments.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and introduction of Directors. President Scott welcomed those in attendance and introduced the current Directors and Officers.
2. Approval of the January, 2012 meeting minutes
 - a. Larry Trapp moved and Woody Nichols seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2012 Member Meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Financial report - Maurice Robeson, Treasurer
 - a. Fantastic Christmas donation \$5000 left after 3600 # meat. The Board has instituted a practice of donating leftover meat and excess donations to the food pantries that serve Carroll County, including the Carroll County Food Pantry, the Burlington Food Pantry and the Kokomo Rescue Mission.
 - b. Fair contributions needed- will send info out shortly
 - c. \$3500 balance in the emergency response fund
4. Director Nomination - Jason Pearson and Travis Flora's terms are up and new Board Members are nominated to be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominees are:
 - a. Doug Mears - swine
 - b. Raymon Eikenberry - at large
 - c. Brenton Peters - agribusiness
 - d. Woody Nichols moved and Michelle seconded a motion to approve the nominees. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
5. Other information:
 - a. Ag Day March 21 @ Delphi old Gym Middle school
 - b. Fair- sponsor a day at the fair \$1500
 - c. Junior Leaders \$3500 donation from last year – Thanks to all that helped make the Fair a success
 - d. Bacon Bowl donation of \$500 host school
 - e. Donations to Food Pantries: \$250 each to Kokomo Rescue Mission and Burlington Food Pantry. \$500 to Carroll County Food Pantry (for two distribution sites in Flora and Delphi).
 - f. \$500 donation to Carroll County Religious Education
 - g. \$5000 donated to the 4-H Building Renovation Project
 - h. This year looking into other options to donate to help causes that feed the hungry

6. Carroll County Leadership - CCAA will sponsor a Member who wishes to attend this worthwhile and informative series of workshops.
7. Emergency Response Inventory List. Emergency response equipment inventory will be provided to emergency responders. Sign up sheets were circulated to the Membership for those who were interested in making their equipment available for emergency response.
8. New CDL license requirements – Andrea Brown
 - a. HB 1068 - adopting similar bill – State law requirement may vary
 - b. No medical card/no annual inspect /no log books
 - c. MAP 21 Federal Law
 - d. In state producers have to follow license plate rules
 - e. May not have to do annual inspections, but good idea to have it on hand, anyway as documentation of proper procedure and safety measures in the case of an accident.
9. 4-H Building Renovation Project - Miriam Robeson presented an update on the 4H Building renovation project sponsored by the Flora Community Club. After meeting with the Exhibit Board and Extension Board, a new layout has been approved and the project has been tentatively approved by the Carroll County Commissioners. The Club is proceeding with final stages of fund raising (needing approximately \$82,000 of \$400,000 total budget) and will convene the Design Committee to finalize plans, costing, and materials for the project. A number of questions were asked about the use of the facility, control, amenities, and future plans for the building.
10. Fiscal cliff notes – Miriam Robeson presented a brief summary of the 2013 American Taxpayer Relief Act, with a focus on elements of the Act that directly affect farmers. Miriam also noted the 2013 change in Carroll County income tax rate and the IRS waiver of the March 1 filing deadline for farmers for tax year 2012.
11. Indiana Bill watch – Miriam Robeson reviewed a number of Ag-related bills pending before the Indiana General Assembly.
12. Adams Mill information – Dean Scott noted that the CCAA Board met with representatives of the Adams Mill group and discussed ways that the CCAA can assist Adams Mill. The Mill is an agri-tour and agri-history destination, which aligns with the CCAA mission.
13. Announcements
 - a. Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Banquet - March 4
 - b. Note upcoming news and information and workshop dates on CCAA website.

Meeting Adjourned.