

Carroll County Agriculture Association, Inc.  
Meeting of Membership  
June 28, 2008

**Mission: To promote agriculture through Best Management Practices and  
to enhance and sustain the Carroll County Community**

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The meeting of the Members of the Carroll County Agriculture Association, Inc., was called to order by President Dean Scott. 25 Members attended the meeting.

Agenda:

1. Daryl Smith, Executive Director, Carroll County Economic Development Corporation. Presentation of the proposal for EDIT increase to .25% (1/4 of 1%). Daryl shared that the EDIT funds would be used for specific projects targeted specific for economic development. If we are to recover from the recent financial setbacks in the County, one of our goals must be to invest in our future. Jerry Hendress stated that, as Council Member, he agreed with the need to set aside funds to invest in County Economic Development. The cost to each household would be approximately \$52 per year, or the cost of one cup of coffee per week. This is an income tax (not property tax) that is paid on the State IT-40 tax return. A copy of the proposal is available at the Carroll Count Chamber of Commerce website:
  - a. <http://www.carrollcountychamber.com/econ.htm> (click on "view plan")
  
2. Miriam Robeson, Attorney.
  - a. Miriam gave an update on the Carroll County Comprehensive Plan. The Plan was near completion, and a series of public meetings will be held at the end of July. After the Comprehensive Plan is adopted, it will be used as a foundation for updating the County Zoning ordinances, which haven't been significantly reviewed since the 1970s.
  
  - b. Miriam also presented the new Area Plan Commission Zoning fee schedule, effective July 1, 2008. This permit schedule covers all construction that "creates or adds square footage." Miriam also reminded livestock farmers to obtain "pre-application" permit prior to starting the IDEM permit process. This will protect the proposed livestock facility from area residents who might try to obtain a building permit within the setback zone for the purpose of preventing the livestock operation. A copy of the new Fee Schedule can be obtained from the Co-Op office or from the County Web site: <http://www.carrollcountyin.gov/apc/index.htm>
  
3. Ag Association Update – Dean Scott presented updated information about Ag Association activities:
  - a. Officers: President -Dean Scott, Vice President - Sam Moffitt, Secretary - Travis Flora, Treasurer - Maurice Robeson. Directors: George Mears, Jason Pearson, and John Garrison. Paul Marcellino serves on the Board as Extension Educator

and Miriam Robeson as legal counsel.

- b. Ag Association County Information Handbooks - These handbooks are available free to each Member, and have been given to government officials as a resource for County, State and Federal information and regulations concerning agriculture. Copies can be obtained from Paul Marcellino or Dean Scott.
  - c. Logo. The Ag Association has a logo, which has been put on a banner for cooking events and will appear on Ag Association publications and the web site.
  - d. New Website: [carrollcountyag.com](http://carrollcountyag.com) – check it out!
  - e. Insurance – Liability, property and directors insurance has been purchased
  - f. Donations: \$150 to Delphi Farmer’s Market to help them get started
  - g. Cass County Tractor Pull - CCAA First cooking event net: \$1020
  - h. Email Newsletter – look for email information about CCAA activities and issues
  - i. Pork Producers Cooking Equipment – CCAA purchased PP cooking equipment fo \$1.00
  - j. Article on crop spraying– Paul Marcellino will submit an article to the Comet about aerial crop fungicide spraying - safety and information. Look for more public service educational articles this summer, as well as CCAA announcements for your information.
  - k. Membership – membership forms are still available from any board member or from Paul Marcellino at the Extension office
  - l. Fair cooking event – all week! Please sign up to cook a shift (or two!) At the fair.
4. Other Business – CCAA will have member meetings approximately quarterly – look for information for the next meeting in a few months.
5. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Travis Flora - Secretary

APPROVED:

Dean Scott - President