

Attendance: Chad Lanum, Ryan Swayze, Raymon Eikenberry, Jay Bush, Pat O'Donnell, Colby McIlrath, Doug Walker, Bret Rinehart, Eric Ross, Randy Bush, Angie May, Abby Diener. Guests: Greg Slipher, Josh Trenary

**Agenda:**

**Call to Order: Angie May presided in the absence of Dean Scott**

1. **Welcome.** Angie May welcomed everyone gave a brief update.
2. **Year in Review.**
  - a. **Events.** Ag Day for Delphi 4th Grade, County Fair and Junior Leaders Stand, and Bacon Bowl at Carroll.
  - b. **Gross Receipts.** The approximate total for 2017 gross receipts is \$35,000.
  - c. **Donations.** The Ag Association made donations to the Carroll County Food Pantry (\$5,000), Brady's Hope, The Community Center, Farmer's Market, 1st Responder's Meal, and the Purdue Ag Tour.
3. **Dicamba Farming.** Joanne announced that Dicamba Farming workshop needs help with set up.
4. **Nominations of New Board Members.** Kent Overholser and Kyle Wagoner were presented for nomination as board members with three-year terms. Colby McIlrath made a motion to approve the nominations, and the motion was seconded by Chad Lanum. The motion was passed unanimously.
5. **Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Banquet.** The Annual Meeting will be March 5th at 6 PM at the Delphi United Methodist Church.
6. **Syngenta.** Update from Abby.
  - a. 1.4 – 1.5 B Settlement – needs to allocate between class action and individual profit.
  - b. Benefit should be to individual profit, which are mostly county plaintiffs.
  - c. Town Hall meetings – website. To view the video, go to [cornsettlement.com](http://cornsettlement.com). Password is Harvest.
  - d. Don't know total payment formula, but data is important for determining model.
  - e. Carroll County top 10 m motion for getting info.

- f. 9-12 months before money is paid out via local attorney.
  - g. 200 Carroll County > 10,000 acres of production
7. **Zoning.**
- a. **Indiana Pork.** Josh Trenary and Greg Slipher. Miriam gave an overview of current opposition on Ag and livestock. Indiana Pork, IFB Indiana Soybean and Dairy Greg Stephen. Josh leads Indiana Pork and is also in the statehouse, and he listens to the climate in Indiana.
    - i. A lot of new laws, a lot of angst at the county level. If they can't see headway at the county level, they go to the state and get legislators interested.
    - ii. This came to a head last year at legislative time so put into summer study concern about right to farm law and also siting for farms.
      - 1. Got managed
      - 2. Report of study had a few changed; agree with finding for IDEM and notification.
  - b. Ag Law, IFB, and Indiana Pork – help to fund and establish relationships with qualified attorneys.
  - c. Greg proposed that the agriculture community can help by providing legal resources and educational information, but more importantly, we can encourage local pro-ag supporters to be in the room with decision-makers.
  - d. Let the crazy be crazy. They can be an asset in inspiring the pro-ag people in the trenches to get involved in representing the community.
  - e. Don't assume that decision-makers are informed. Be supportive and constructive.
  - f. Each of us need to start attending meetings. By attending meetings, we are able to speak up when needed, and show support and significance by virtue of presence.
  - g. We won't change the opposition, but we can support decision-makers in making the right decision.
  - h. **Talking Points.** Ag Association will create and share talking points for one-off conversations. We should be seeking out individual conversations with people that matter to create a positive, competitive presence in the community.

- i. Taxes are paid by agriculture and ag supporters. We pay use of services per dollar of tag tax. In this way, agriculture subsidizes county infrastructure.
- ii. "Support County Agriculture" t-shirts and signs.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Jason Calhoun, Secretary

APPROVED:

Dean Scott, President