

Attendance: Dean Scott, Brad Farrer, Ryan Swayze, Jay Bordner, Eric Ross, Kyle Wagner Raymon Eikenberry, Neil Mylet, Tyler Wise, Mike Titus, John Garrison, Shawn Meek, Jason Calhoun, Jay Bush, Wes Peters, Angie May, Jeff Shanks, Michelle Cox, Miriam Robeson, Josh Plue

Agenda:

1. **Call to Order.** President Dean Scott called the meeting to order.
2. **Introductions.** Dean Scott introduced the board members: Aaron Anderson, Jay Bush, Jason Calhoun, Jason Scott, Dean Schott, Chad Lanum, Angie May, Brad Farrer, Kent Overholser, Scott Guicken, Ryan Swayze, and Kyle Wagner. He also introduced Erin Scott and Sydney Bordner, who are non-voting student board members.
 - a. **Board Terms Expiring.** Board members Angie May, Jay Bordner, and Dean Scott terms are expiring.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from last year will be posted on carrollcountyag.com for review.
4. **Financial Report.** Treasurer Angie May gave an overview of the financials. The balance at the time of the report was \$34,520.
5. **Nominations for New Directors.** The floor was opened for nominations for new directors. Nominations were Shawn Meek, Neil Mylet, and Tyler Wise. Kyle Wagner moved to accept the nominations, and Sam Moffit approved. The motion was passed.

Old Business:

6. **Year in Review.** Dean provided a brief overview of the year in review, including the success at the Fair, the Bacon Bowl, and the support of the local food pantries and Kokomo Rescue Mission.

New Business:

7. **Emergency Equipment Inventory.** The emergency equipment inventory was circulated for review and completion. It will be passed out at the Annual Meeting on March 2nd.
8. **Ag Day.** Ag Day will be held on March 19th this year.
9. **Carroll County 4-H Fair.** The Ag Association sponsord a day at the Carroll County 4-H Fair in 2019. Thank you to all who supported that effort.
10. **Featured Speaker – Mike Titus, Farm and Fire Safety.** Mike Titus spoke about farm and fire safety for first responders.
 - a. Farms are more complicated because of the chemicals stored on-site and the equipment.
 - b. Programs used to be presented on farm and fire safety, and those programs would draft out facilities and locations to be used in an emergency. Today, there is a farm map where farmers can attach any detailed information to the 911 response. This map includes information like:

911 Address Owner and Company Name Country Roads Labeled and Marked Landmarks Vacant Houses Chemicals Well House	Fuel Depots and Power to Fuel Homes Pools Bulk Chemicals by Season Liquid Fertilizers LP Tanks and Size
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- c. Fire departments have laptops in their trucks, or dispatch can send the information to first responders' cell phones. The biggest issue with spray complaints is accurately reporting where the wind is blowing to.
- d. The Terra Fertilizer plant fire demonstrated the importance of site maps. Terra had drainage locations for environmental protection of spills. Because of the site maps, they knew who to call, where the shut-off locations were, and the number of hogs and propane tanks at the hog houses.
- e. Between 1962 and 2019 there were 19 fatalities, and 14 were since Mike served as a first responder.
- f. TDM has a trailer and provided good training for livestock emergency response.
- g. The CCAA strongly encourages everyone to prepare and supply a map to the program.
- h. Supplying a map is required by OSHA for farms with more than ten employees.

11. Local Tax Policy. Josh Plue spoke about the local tax policy.

- a. In 2007, the base rate was \$880. In 2015, the base rate was frozen and reformatted. Since then, the base rate has gone down 18%.
- b. In 2019-20, there is expected to be a decrease in assessed value.
 - i. The County Levy is fixed, despite the AV Levy. The average rate is at \$2.5 Million
 - ii. What other outputs go into funding the County Budget?
 - iii. Of the \$88M budget, \$2.5M are from Property Tax and \$500M are from Agriculture. 44% of property taxes and 13% of all taxes go to the county.
 - iv. Tax Policy Variables and Influences.
 - v. Land Valuation. Grain costs change values, which eventually changes the average.
 - vi. In Carroll County, the residential land value assessment is \$400M and the farmland value assessment is \$500M.
 - vii. Our goal is to balance land use to protect farms and encourage residential development.

12. CCAA Financial Review. Michelle Cox and Jay Bush reviewed the financial records for CCAA and found no issues or irregularities. Thanks to Michelle and Jay for their assistance.

Meeting adjourned.