

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Minutes of Board Meeting

April 16, 2018 – Marshall Middle School - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The April 16, 2018 Board meeting was called to order by CCAIS Board President, Vic Potter at 7:01 pm at Marshall Middle School.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Benham.

Attendance with Roll Call was conducted by Susan Baldwin.

Present: Vic Potter, Doug Wildt, Susan Baldwin, Steven Benham, Erik Myers (left the meeting at 7:14 due to a work issue), Jim Olds, Steve Swafford. Excused: Matt Ivey, Amanda Shreve, Nick Collier, Art Kale.

Approval of Agenda - motion by Susan Baldwin, seconded by Doug Wildt, to approve the agenda. Motion passed by voice vote.

Secretary's report of the March 19, 2018 Board meeting minutes was given by Susan Baldwin. Motion was made by Susan Baldwin, seconded by Steve Benham, to file the minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Reports – There was no Treasurer Report as the quarterly financial statement was provided last month.

Executive Director's Report – Megan Harvey provided the Executive Director report. The siding is done on the school, and the church has been started. Spring Clean Up update - 71 signed in, plus the Marshall Area Garden Club, totaled just over 100 volunteers. Last week First Class Lawn Care volunteered several days helping blow leaves as well. The grounds are coming along well for the upcoming events. All Things Vintage update - There are 32 vendors paid and committed. The Merchants Building is full, there is some space left in the Boys and Girls building. There are also approx. 30 vintage campers coming. Fair week grandstand schedule - Sunday – “Come Worship With Us,” Monday – “Monster Trucks,” Tuesday – “Truck Pulls,” Wednesday – “Lost Nations Rodeo” Bull riding/free style bull fighting/buckin’ broncs, Thursday – “Lost Nations Rodeo” Bull riding/ junior bull riding/barrel racing, Friday – “West Michigan Mud Runs,” Saturday – “Demolition Derby.” Sponsorships are coming along well. Have

reached more than ½ to the \$90,000 goal, and waiting to hear back from several individuals and businesses in regards to which packages they will chose for this year.

Public Comment - requested for any agenda items.

None.

New Business:

- A. Lawn Mower Bid/Purchase.** Vic Potter reported on the mower for the fairgrounds. The existing mower is in rough shape and needs substantial repairs. The Board discussed the option of bidding on a used mower that was being sold by Homer Township. Doug Wildt said he would check on the cost of repairs versus buying a newer used mower. Following discussion, a proposal was made to look into the options of bidding on the Homer Township mower, repairing the old one, or buying a new used mower. Motion was made by Doug Wildt, seconded by Jim Olds, that Board volunteers and Megan Harvey would look at the options, select an appropriate option and make the necessary purchase. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor - motion approved.

Discussion Items:

- A. PQA Update.** Kathy Fischer provided an update on Pork Quality Assurance information. The National Pork Board put together training for raising safe pork, which has been in place for a number of years. A new plan was supposed to go into place this year but has been delayed. The PQA program has been extended to May 31 for youth to get certified, which will remain effective for three years. 4H is putting on a class to certify kids. The larger pork processors require PQA certification to process pigs. Kathy is working with MSU to figure out other training options.

Committee Reports

- A. Operations Committee** – Ryan Harvey reported that the siding on the school is done except for caulking. The church should be done in about 10 days depending on weather. Water has been turned on for the fairgrounds and there are a number of leaks. Jason is working with Ryan to repair these. Also working on repairs to various buildings.

- B. Marketing Committee** – Megan Harvey reported that radio ads are scheduled for all events through the Sportsman’s show. They are still discussing newspaper inserts.
- C. Superintendent Committee** – no report.
- D. Animal Auction Committee** – committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Church.
- E. Livestock Committee** – Hope Horton reported that the Committee will meet on Thursday, April 19 at the Church. Working on the rules for the calf catch. Safes have arrived for the DNA samples. Sample can be mailed to the fair office.
- F. NonLivestock Committee** – No report.
- G. Master Plan Committee** – Megan Harvey reported that C2AE wants to meet with the Board and Committee in a workshop. They will do a presentation and then work in breakout groups. A date is still being worked out.
- H. Policy & Procedure Committee** – no report.
- I. Millionaire Raffle Committee** – the new chair Brian Boyd scheduled a meeting but no one showed up. Still working on the situation.

Events and Community Reports:

- A. 4H Council** – Marilyn Letts reported regarding how the 4H program is using the lemonade stand. Working with the county to do a rain garden at Historic Bridge Park.
- B. FFA Report** – Laura Finch emailed a report for Marshall FFA. “Last month we attended the State FFA Convention in Lansing, where many members earned awards. New officers were elected including: Harrison Hautau, Sara Horton, Samuel Kiessling, Tegan Roberts, Lucas Settineri, Emma Ruedisueli and Seith Miller.

Botany students and FFA members have also been working hard in the Greenhouse planting geraniums, petunias, begonias, tomatoes and other plants for the Annual FFA Plant Sale, which will be held Fri-Sat May 11-12 at the Fairgrounds.

FFA was recently awarded with a Glassbrook Grant and a Monsanto "America's Farmers" grant, plus we will be receiving a Rotary Grant this week. This grant funds will be combined to continue our work to make the new AG Room a full-service learning environment.

This week we have State Spring Ag Skills Contests at MSU. Members are busy studying, practicing and preparing. Next week we have officer training at Regional Camp for the newly elected officers. FFA Spring Awards Banquet will be held Friday, May 4th at 6pm at MHS. All are invited. We will start with dinner then conclude with the awards ceremony where we will recognize FFA members' achievements throughout the year.”

- C. Floral Hall Building – John Taylor stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- D. Houston School – Margaret Taylor reported that Bruce Rapp is paying for a new sign for the school. She also reported that an auction would be held on May 19 for the school, church and museum. There is something scheduled for every night of the fair at the Church, including the Sweet Adelines.
- E. Maple Grove Church – See School report.
- F. Fair Museum – See School report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – three minute time limit and one opportunity to speak.

Kim Day asked if the sound system is being addressed at the grandstand during fair.

Johanna Wilson expressed thanks for all of the help last week for her event. She appreciated all of the cooperation. The barns were opened to help handle all of the rain.

Kathy Fischer asked about Superintendent guidelines. Megan Harvey will provide the information.

Kim Mowry asked about the dates for sign-up for fair entries. Megan indicated this will be on the Fair’s web page. Kim also asked for clarification about exhibitor numbers. Megan explained the system.

BOARD COMMENTS –

Vic Potter stated that Ryan Underhill is chairing the golf outing, which will be held at the Medalist on July 13 this year. The committee is trying the event on a Friday to see if this steps up attendance.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm by Vic Potter.

Submitted by Susan Baldwin, Board Secretary