

Marshall County Council
Secretary's Report
February 2, 2023
Tonja Lemler, Council Secretary

Call to Order, Abby Ennis, Council President

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report~Tonja Lemler
Motion to approve made by Theresa Kline
Seconded by Barb Penrod
Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report~Patti Kitch

-Amazon is discontinuing their Amazon Smile program. We are encouraged to participate in the Kroger program.

-As of this meeting, the County Appropriation money has not been distributed. Patti heard the check will be cut on February 6th.

-Trophy information was sent to the Supers and will need to be returned to us by February 15th, 2023. Then the Trophy Sponsorship letters will tentatively be sent out on March 1, 2023.

-We currently don't have a line item in our budget for transportation and it was asked if we thought we would benefit by having one. We decided to revisit this topic at a later date.

-Patti mentioned that it has been awhile since we have reviewed and updated our insurance. She is currently reviewing the policy and checking around for different quotes.

-The topic of moving and investing some of our money was brought up again. At our last meeting it was mentioned that the interest rates were low around 1%, but they have since been climbing up to around 4%. After shopping around to various banking institutions, Patti was able to come up with the following rates:

*24 months 2.5% 1st Federal

*15 months 4.18% Teachers Credit Union

*12 months 4% 1st Merchants

*11 months 4% 1st Source and Centier

-After a time of discussion, it was decided that 15 months with Teachers Credit Union was a bit too long to tie the money up, but with the 11 months at 1st Source, we could revisit this and roll it over, especially if the rates continue to rise.

-Patti looked at all known expenses we will be looking at this year and she estimates them to be around \$10,000. It was mentioned that if we put \$30,000 in a CD for 11 months through 1st Source where our money already is, it would, at 11 months, gain an interest of around \$1,200.

-Morry Riddle made a motion to move \$30,000 into a CD with a 4% rate, for 11 months, at 1st Source bank.

Teri Zechiel seconded

Motion Passed

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Morry Riddle
Seconded by Teri Zechiel
Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

COMMITTEE AND GROUP REPORTS

Junior Leaders

- Mike, Stacy, and Connor welcomed baby Maggie into their family this week!
- Their next meeting is currently scheduled for February 7, 2023 to make Valentine's cards for a nursing home.

Fairboard-Angel Balsley

- They are getting several requests for building rentals.
- They are wrapping up getting sponsors.
- They have had some Activity meetings. They plan to have the fair schedule finalized by February 24th, 2023 and then it will be sent to the printers.
- Livestock has mentioned there will be no early release at the fair this year, as there has been in years past.
- The Paddle Auction on February 11th is coming along. They have already sold around 140 pre-tickets. Could use a few more baskets to auction.
- Plan to have a Breakfast the morning of Beef/Steer Tag-In (cold tag), so come hungry!

Livestock-Barb Penrod

- Beef/Steer Tag-in will be March 11
- SuperTag will be May 6
- They still need some Poultry Superintendents and the Auction Committee could use some volunteers to help them out.

OLD BUSINESS

Combined Meeting

- This was held on January 12th, 2023. The meeting went well.
- They plan to meet again on April 17, 2023, at 7pm, at The Gallery on West.

Audits

- Patti currently has 18 packets of Audit materials to do
- If you have not turned in your Club Packets, those need turned in ASAP. Patti is making a list of who she needs to touch base with and will report back at the next meeting.

Indiana Quality Care

- Michelle was able to find out some much needed information and gave each of us a handout sheet. Thank you, Michelle!
- The best news is that she will be able to train some Ag teachers to be able to help teach some of the classes.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Flower Forms

*Every member in each club will get one flier, one order form, and one grand total form.

Please pick up more forms if you need them.

*All orders and money should be turned into Patti by April 21, 2023. Please do not turn any orders or money into the Extension Office.

-Tag-In

-Beef/Steer

*Will be March 11, 2023

*(having a breakfast as mentioned above)

*The Extension Office is waiting on duplicate forms to come in and will send them out, hopefully, next week.

-SuperTag

*Will be May 6, 2023

*The Extension Office will send out the paperwork. by April 1st, 2023.

-Abby is working on making the maps for all those involved in each tag-in and for fair.

-The Fairboard is planning on making us signs to label all of the gates around the Fairgrounds.

-National and State Trips Calendar

-We were given a very detailed sheet of the various trips available.

-Letters/packets stating all trip information should be sent out as soon as possible to give time for applicants to register.

-Most trip deadlines are around March 5. This means the trip letters/packets of information would need to be sent out by mid-February.

-It was mentioned that clarification will need to be made that Council pays for 75% of the registration fees for all trips except Camp and the child/families only need to pay for 25% of these costs.

-For Camp (Michiana Camp/Camp Amigo) kids in the 3rd-7th grades are able to attend. The fee is \$25 per child. Camp Counselors are 8th-12th grades and the fee for them is \$45 per child. Council picks up the rest of the fee for attending.

*Camp for this year will be June 5th-9th, 2023.

*It was mentioned that some updated information is needed. The following questions were asked:

~How many can attend per county this year

~How do you sign up

~What form of transportation is needed

~Where will you get transportation

~Camp counselor information

EDUCATOR'S COMMENTS

-4-H at the Statehouse

*Wednesday cut off date for another volunteer to travel down and back

-Michelle and Abby plan to leave on Monday, February 6th and they will return on Tuesday, February 7th in the evening.

Camps and Trips update

-As mentioned above, a sheet was sent out and handed out to all on Council.

-Enrollment

*For last year (2022):

4-H and Mini Members: 468

Adult Volunteers: 193

*For this year (2023):

4-H and Mini Members: 321

Adult Volunteers: 90

-Poultry Superintendent: waiting on resignation letter as well as any other resignations within livestock.

*It was mentioned that Purdue would like a written resignation letter from Tim and Melinda Lemler or for their resignations to be officially in the meeting minutes.

*Morry Riddle said to let it be stated in these Council Meeting Minutes on February 2, 2023, that the Livestock Committee accepted the resignations of Tim and Melinda Lemler from the Auction Committee and as the Poultry Superintendents.

*Barb Penrod mentioned that Geri Newman resigned as Auction Chair. She will be staying on the Auction Committee, but will just not be the chair person.

Barb Penrod made a motion that we accept Morry's above statement of the resignations of Tim and Melinda Lemler from the Auction Committee and as Poultry Superintendents and Geri Newman as Auction Committee Chair.

Tracy Houin seconded

Motion Passed

-The on-going financial issues of the Livestock Auction Committee were brought up. There was much discussion on this.

*Abby asked if we were still working on a meeting with Steve McKinley over the tax issues. There was originally some misunderstanding as to why we needed the meeting. Patti and Abby asked if there was a way to go ahead and set up that meeting, as all of this is now in Council's hands. It was left with the understanding that the Extension Office will try and get this scheduled for all involved.

*Patti has spent 40+hours working on this alone in recent weeks. She has talked to 2 bank Presidents, a tax attorney, an EA (higher than a CPA), and an Accounting Firm in Elkhart.

*There are some issues when it comes to the EIN#'s and Purdue not including the Auction Committee in their GEN C.

*We need a 503C stating the Auction Committee is tax exempt.

*This has been an on-going issue for some time, but the problem has escalated and if not resolved soon, we could see the Council money frozen by the IRS.

*Patti is doing everything she can and reaching out to all she knows to try and find some help in resolving this! We on Council agreed to her continuing to do what she needs to do to resolve this and appreciate all of the time and effort she is putting into taking care this!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 by Abby Ennis

Name	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Terri Barnhart-Bourbon	x	x										
Patti Kitch-Bourbon	x	x										
Jodie Vermillion-Bourbon	x											
Tracy Campbell-Center												
Morry Riddle-Center	x	x										
Theresa Kline-German	x	x										
-German												
Abby Ennis-Green	x	x										
-Green												
Brooke Kitch-Jr. Leaders												
Travis Barnhart-Jr. Leaders												
Regina Jones-North		x										
-North												
Nicole Cox-Polk	x	x										
Jeanie Stidams-Polk		x										
Tonja Lemler-Tippecanoe	x	x										
Mindi Williams-Tippecanoe	x	x										
Barb Penrod-Union	x	x										

Michael Skiles-Union		x										
Dawn Middaugh-Walnut	x	x										
Helen Schmidt-Walnut	x	x										
Tracy Houin-West	x	x										
Teri Zechiel-West	x	x										
Extension Office Representative-Michelle Gordon-Releford	x	x										
Fairboard-Angel Balsley	x	x										

Others in attendance:
Kate Hayden-West Township