

The Shelby County Ag Society met on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 in the Large Conference Room at the Extension/Soil and Water building. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Vice President Matt Henman. Roll call was taken with 25 members present. Also, in attendance were Chris Roediger, Morgan Meyer, Alex Knouff and Matt Schmerge.

Secretary Report:

Dan Geise moved to accept the emailed December meeting minutes; Mitch Brautigam seconded the motion; motion approved.

Treasure Report:

Kevin Doseck moved to accept the emailed Treasures report, Ken Ihle seconded the motion; motion approved.

Eugene Schulze asked the board to pay the expenditures for January in the amount of \$15,420.17. Jerry Schmidt moved to pay the bills; Tyler Geise seconded the motion; motion approved.

Old Business:

Bertsch Donation: Members of the Jim Bertsch family was in attendance to present the board with a donation of \$1,070.00 in Jim's name to be used towards the purchase of a digital sign. John Bertsch then added a \$2,000.00 donation in his father's name for the same purpose.

HB655: Eugene shared with the board the impact of the passing of House Bill 655. The required county contribution will increase from \$800 to \$1600 and removed the cap for both Jr. Fair and the Ag Society. The board will no longer be required to post the annual financial report in the paper, but now can post on website. The bill also allows for fair boards to have raffles/fundraisers during the fair.

Committee Reports: **Entertainment:** The Monster Truck Vendor has committed to 1 day instead of the agreed upon 2 day event and reduced the contract amount by \$1,000.00. There was discussion about replacing the event with Diesel Dirt Drag Racing as an option B. **Beer Sales:** Jason Howell not present to discuss. **Mkt. Cattle:** Cathy Platfoot reported that there were 19 steers, 13 heifers and 21 dairy steers entries that picked up tags for the 2021 fair.

Conflict of Interest Forms: Board members were reminded if they have not turned in a signed form, then they need to do so.

Fairbook Changes: The board was reminded that all changes need to be in by March.

Gun Raffle: Matt Henman distributed raffle tickets to the membership .. 1000 tickets to be sold at \$20 each. When all tickets have been sold, then the drawing will occur.

New Business:

Application for Weigher of Livestock: Forms were provided to those members that weigh livestock to be turned in at the end of the meeting.

Camping: Jamie Reece will reach out to Chris regarding as revised layout for the camping behind the fair office. This information will be shared with Area Energy and Electric. Jamie stated that he would like for

the camping application to be changed to state that “no prior year campsite spots would be guaranteed for 2021”, there is a need to move campers to some of the new locations.

Community Foundation Grant: Bill shared that a grant proposal has been sent in for the purchase of additional Lifetime chairs for the beige building.

Golf Cart Rentals: The membership was informed that no golf carts will be rented for personal use for 2021.

2021 Junior Fair Changes: Eric Garber shared with the board the 2021 fair changes that was discussed at the recent JFB meeting.

Ractopamine Penalty: This was a tabled item from the recent JFB meeting. This feed additive is a legal product however has been banned for use in hogs for the 2021 Fair due to meat packer request. There was significant discussion regarding if a penalty should be implemented, and if so; to what level? The question was raised that if testing was done – (1) when would the test occur, (2) what animals would be tested, (3) who would pay for the test. Aaron Heilers, swine dept. chair, recommended the use of an affidavit to be signed by the exhibitor with no additional fines. Additional discussion continued – resulting in Aaron Heilers making the motion that an affidavit would be signed by both the breeder and the exhibitor that no ractopamine had been fed. The following statement needed to be added to the affidavit - If a hog test positive for ractopamine; then the exhibitor would be responsible for any addition incurred cost. Ken Ihle seconded the motion. Motion passed. please note that the understanding is that if a positive test should occur, the exhibitor will be subject to the paragraph regarding the use of illegal substances.

Touchless Faucets in Sr. Fair Office: Tyler Geise moved that we proceed with changing the faucets in the Sr. Fair Office with a cost of \$995.00, Jake Yinger seconded the motion, motion passed

Chris:

Beige Building – Chris stated the Beige building renovation is in process.

INI project - working on a plan – sewage and storm water project – likely to start in the fall of 2021

Extension:

New 4-H Educator – Expected to be on site the first week of February

Extension Office Hours – Extension is back in the office, however – only 1 person per day

JFB Fundraiser – the JFB will be offering the following fundraiser at the 2021 fair - Exhibitors can sign up and pay to have their pens cleaned at the end of the fair - \$20 first pen, and \$10 per pen after that. This will only be for hogs, sheep and goats.

Adjourn – First – Dan Geise; Second – Mitch Brautigam; motion approved.

_____ January 20, 2021 _____

President

Date

Secretary