

Feb. 1, 2010

The LaGrange County Farm Bureau Inc. Board met Feb. 1, 2010 in the Board room at 6:30p.m. Members present were: Kent Tracey, Jo Gunthorp, Sharon Strayer, Ardala Hepler, John Reffett, Mike Patka, Sara Zook, Travis Zook, Nancy Stump, Ralph Johnson, Lisa Prough, Dan Prough, Randy VanWagner, Steve Engleking, R.D. Wolheter, Ted Wensick, and Susan Lawrence and Kirk Johnson.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Jo. She read "Grass may be greener on the other side but still must be mowed", and then Sharon led in prayer. We then gave the pledge to the Flag.

The minutes and treasurers report were reviewed and Randy moved to accept both with a 2nd by Ardala and it carried.

Safety: Ardala gave safety tips for farmers.

Insurance: Kirk reported we were now fully staffed and things were going well. He hopes to have the light by the door fixed soon.

Old Business:

Policy Meeting: March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds is set for this meeting. It was suggested we include in our policy something on alternative energy and agriculture programs in our schools.

Food Check Out Day: Jo will take care of this during the week of Feb. 15-19.

Ag Breakfast: Steve attended a soybean alliance progressive lunch in Indianapolis that worked well and suggested we might want to try something similar. The committee will meet and work out plans for an event.

New Business: Ice cream machines: We need to set up a date for service on all of them.

New Board Member: Ardala nominated R.D. Wolheter to serve as a member on the board. It was seconded by Randy and it carried.

Ag Clips: John suggested we might want to view Ag Clips.com to keep up with things happening in Ag.

Women's Leader: Jo announced Spring Conference for March 12-13 in Indianapolis. She also read a Thank-you from the Clothes and Food Basket for our contribution.

Young Farmers: Travis reported that their State Conference was excellent and well attended. Their District meeting is March 16. They hope to set up a tour of Miller Poultry near Orland and invited Board members to also attend.

Extension: Steve said it was a good Farm Show and the annual Extension meeting is April 15.

Susan: We need to be writing new members, especially between 2/22 and 3/12. The Spring District meeting will be Sunday, March 12 at 1:30p.m. somewhere in Allen County.

Kent Tracey, President

Nancy Stump, Secretary