

January 4, 2010

The Farm Bureau Inc. Board met January 4, 2010 at 6:30 in the Board room. Present were Kent Tracey, Jo Gunthorp, Sharon Strayer, R. D. Wolheter, Ted Wensick, Ardala Hepler, Sara Zook, Becky Younce, Mike Patka, Darren Engleking, Steve Engleking, Nancy Stump, Ralph Johnson, Randy VanWagner, Dan Prough, Kirk Johnson, and Susan Lawrence.

The meeting opened with devotions by Jo. She read an article about "True Friends" and then Ardala led in prayer. The pledge to the flag was given by all.

The minutes of the November meeting and the treasurers report were reviewed and Randy moved to accept with a second by Sharon and it carried.

SAFETY: Ardala reviewed an article about a Hanata Virus which is very serious and affects farmers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual meeting: Good meeting! We will evaluate date change and then determine the date for the 2010 meeting. The early December date seemed good.

3<sup>rd</sup> Session Meeting: On Dec. 15 we met with our congressmen in the board room. It was a very informative meeting and all enjoyed the pizza.

Policy Meeting: It is set for March 6, 2010 at 6:30p.m. at the Fairgrounds with a carry in dinner. The meat and drinks will be furnished. RSVP is to be in by February 26. We will go over the policy at the February meeting.

AG Breakfast: Steve and Sharon felt this to be a good idea but found it hard to find a date in March. We decided to look at possibly a morning at the 4-H Fair as a possibility or other options.

County PR: Mike and Lisa will co-chair with Mike being the first contact.

NEW BUSINESS:

Food Check-out Day: We have budgeted \$150 to use for this event. Ardala suggested we give 6 gift certificates from Miller's at \$25 each. This would be done during the week of February 15-19.

Women's Leader: Jo read thank-you's from Kerry and Tina and Ralph and Ida Johnson.

Young Farmers: Sara reported on a bowling party in December that was well attended. They also gave two families things at Christmas and presented the Food and Clothes Basket with \$100 from money collected at the milkshake stand.

Extension: Steve reminded us the Ft Wayne Farm Show is Jan. 12—14. Also Lakeland is doing a Tech Ag Fair on January 29.

Susan reported the Farming In The Classroom is reaching many students and we need to promote more to get into the schools. She encouraged sign up for the FB to DC.

Insurance: Kirk reported the agency is doing well. Also Tonya Conley will be our new person to take care of Farm Bureau Inc. business.

Meeting adjourned.

Kent Tracey, President

Nancy Stump, Secretary