

The LaGrange County Farm Bureau, Inc. Board met March 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board room. Present for the meeting were: Kent Tracey, Jo Gunthorp, Sharon Strayer, Steve Engleking, Ted Wensick, Ardala Hepler, Sara Zook, Travis Zook, Ralph Johnson, John Reffet, R.D. Wolhete, Nancy Stump, Lisa Prough, Dan Prough, Mike Patka, Randy Van Wagner, Kirk Johnson, Digger , and Susan Lawrence.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Jo reading "Time Well Spent", followed with prayer by Sharon. We then gave the pledge to the flag.

The minutes and treasures report were reviewed and John moved to accept with a second by Randy and it carried.

SAFETY: Ardala read an article on the importance of checking your well cap.

INSURANCE: Kirk reported all was well. He also gave Digger credit for being one of the top agents in the area.

#### OLD BUSINESS

MARCH POLICY MEETING: Questionnaires were sent out and a few were returned. All is set for March 6 meeting at the Fairgrounds. Jo will get 50 gift cards from Miller's.

FOOD CHECK OUT DAY—Jo gave out 6 gift cards and do to a counting error gave \$25 of her own. John moved to reimburse her with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ardala and it passed.

RADIO ADS – To be aired during the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested we use Logan Prough, Darren Engleking, and Seth Reffet to record the messages. Mike and Lisa will coordinate this.

YOUNG FARMERS – District dues were suggested to go up from \$250 to \$300. Randy moved the increase be approved with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. It carried. Travis and Sara just returned from National Convention and reported on a good time. The Young Farmers sponsored a tour of the Miller Poultry and had 10 attend and reported a very good tour.

#### NEW BUSINESS

ANIMAL CARE AT THE 4-H Fair: We requested Susan obtain for us to use 2 banners during Fair week. Sharon moved and Jo 2<sup>nd</sup> this and it carried. We discussed getting T shirts for the fair and Mike will check with the Fair Board. We will decide the number as we see how many members there are.

MARCH DISTRICT MEETING – March 21 .

CLAY AND CAITLIN – requested the use of the milk shake stand for their wedding reception on Sept. 4, 2010. Jo moved to allow with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Travis and it carried.

AG DAY ACTIVITIES – Steve suggested maybe do something in the fall such as a progressive meal with the chamber and plan an Ag Breakfast for spring of 2011.

SUSAN – Public Relations training to be March 12 at Spring Conference from 3-4:30. Strategic Plan is set to take place on April 5 at our next board meeting. The Board meeting will be at 6p.m. (with Pizza—Mike moved to have pizza with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan and it carried) The Strategic Plan meeting will follow and should take 1-2 hours. We can order a large check to be used in promotions. It will cost about \$40 and is dry erase. Mike moved and R.D. 2<sup>nd</sup> that we obtain one and it carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Kent Tracey, President

Nancy Stump, Secretary