



Lancaster County Agriculture Council  
Board of Directors

Thursday, March 26, 2020  
1:30 PM

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by George Cook.

**Roll Call of Members**

**Present:** Ron Frederick, Lisa Graybeal, Rob Barley, Mark Lowery, Scott Sheely, Commissioner Ray D'Agostino, Greg Kirkham, George Cook, Jedd Moncavage, Stephanie Shirk, Chuck Hooper, Don Hoover, Mary Henry, Dale Hershey, Michael Peachey, Jack Coleman, Andy Bollinger, Chuck Hooper, Loren Hershey, and Chris Thompson

**Guest:** Lonnie Kauffman (prospective Board member), guest of George Cook

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** The February 27, 2020 meeting minutes that had been previously distributed and are in the meeting packet were noted. Motion made by Lisa Graybeal, seconded by Greg Kirkham to approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2020 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Review of Monthly Financial Reports:** Dale Hershey presented the Profit and Loss statement through February 29, 2020 which shows Net Income of \$24,668 from the beginning of the year. The balance in the checking account as of March 26, 2020 was \$32,742.

**Report of the Executive Director:** Deferred until April meeting

**Reports of Committees:** Deferred until April meeting

**Unfinished Business**

- The Agriculture Council offered Oregon Dairy a donation of \$3,000 toward their additional costs for 2019 Family Farm Days. This was accepted by Oregon Dairy and the issue is now concluded.
- Members reviewed the financial plan for Family Farm Days for 2020 and going forward which offers to share the net revenue before the costs of personnel with a 60%/40% split for Oregon Dairy and the Ag Council. A motion by Dale Hershey gives the Executive Committee authority to negotiate any further issues. *Motion make by Dale Hershey, seconded by Jedd Moncavage to approve the proposed financial plan and allow the Executive Committee to negotiate and further details. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Planning for the 2020 Family Farm Days has been moving ahead. At the meeting of the Family Farm Day Advisory Committee on March 23, it was decided to postpone the decision on when to decide



go/no go for the event until meetings of staff and the Advisory Committee during the week of April 6. Some preparations continue; there have been no further solicitations for donations.

- Lisa reported that there was no further information from the Barnstormers, although their Ag Night is still scheduled for June 27, 2020.
- George introduced his guest, Lonnie Kauffman from Kauffman Fruit Farm in Bird-in-Hand. Lonnie shared that his business has been in existence for 100 years. He and the fifth generation of the family just purchased the business last year. Board members welcomed Lonnie and encouraged him to join the Board of Directors. Jedd added that Esbenshade Farm has also been approached about having someone from management involved in the Board.
- Reports on recent activities
  - Those who attended the Farm and Home Foundation banquet on March 5 reported a good time of fellowship over a great meal with an interesting speaker. More than 150 young people from several FFA chapters participated in the Career Day activities earlier that day.
  - Jedd Moncavage and Scott Sheely judged the North Museum Science Fair on March 12 looking for candidates for the six awards given by the Ag Council. The winners received a plaque and a check for \$100. They are...
    - Everett Roy, Centerville Middle School, "Herbicide Efficacy..."
    - Hendrik Beelen, Lancaster County Christian School, "Using Technology to Improve..."
    - Margaret Bila, Sacred Heart School, "Growin' with Graywater"
    - Jacquelyn McBride, Conestoga Valley High School, "The Removal of Industrial Pollutants"
    - Kierra Parsons, Ephrata High School, "Waste Poultry Feathers"
    - Emerson Long, Landisville, Middle School, "Controlling Filamentous Algae"
  - There has been no further word on the Barshinger Foundation grant. George Cook did talk with the person who staffs the Foundation from Fulton Bank and thanked them for the grant funding.
  - Staff will be pursuing the Farm Credit Foundation program for community education...applications due in July.

## **New Business**

- Jedd reported that DEP has not changed many of the impending deadlines. Mike Peachey raised interfacing with the dialogue around the indicators for the Clean Water Partners, a conversation that was joined by Jedd, Rob Barley, and Chris Thompson. Topic for Legislative and Environmental Committee.



There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott J. Sheely  
Acting Secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 12:30 PM probably via electronic means.