

MINUTES
Friends of Agriculture
March 6, 2023

NO Quorum.

- **Board:** Jeff Hawkins, David Jackson Glenn Robinson & Laura Robinson
- **Guests:** Dusty Cole, Chris Jones, JD Malone & Brantly Mason

Welcome – Sorry for the last-minute change of location. Thank you, Chris J, for setting it up at the Rockmart High School.

Minutes – Read but not voted on.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Soil Sample** – Glenn reported that the soil sample was taken on **. He provided the results to Kathy Miller, Polk Health Department. Next step will be to get a building permit before construction begins.

NEW BUSINESS

- **New Board Member(s)** - Doug Singleton off the board. Dusty Cole to be voted on at the next meeting where quorum is established.
- **PayPal** – Laura R reported that Glenn set up a PayPal account to allow for donations as well as online brick sales.

FUNDRAISING

- **Updates:**
 - **FFA Calf Sale** – February 3 – Laura R reported that we raised \$400 selling bricks.
 - **Bricks** – Laura R reported that the website had been added to our donation page.
 - **Ball Grant Application Status** – we still need short bios for Jeff H & Dusty C.
 - **SAM.gov Status** – Glenn R reported that we were registered for SAM to allow us to apply for federal grants.
 - **TipTop Status** – Glenn R told the board that the TipTop board had met in February and agreed to donate \$2500.
 - **Atrium** – Glenn R reported that he, Jeff H and Laura R met with representatives on January 13 in Rome. We were told that their foundation had not yet been set up, but a chair had been selected (to be announced). We will be able to meet with them once they are organized. It was noted that the Atrium Foundation must donate to Polk and Floyd county charities.
 - **Pledges:** White Hawk: \$5000; Dan Casey: \$1000.
- **Upcoming:**
 - **Chick-Fil-A Day** – Zach Thomas said they no longer have that fundraiser but offered the space next to the restaurant for a fundraiser. We decided to hold a “Cow Plop 50/50” on Saturday April 29. Tickets would be sold for \$100 each with 100 being sold. A grid of 100 3’x3’ squares would be set up and a cow let into the area to graze. When she “plopped”

the square(s) with the manure on it would win 50% of the ticket money. Brantley agreed to be the lead on this.

- **Golf Tournament** - Mike F is working to set this up. It was agreed to move it to the Fall for cooler weather. Janet T offered to help.
- **Young Farmer Trade Show – March 14.** Glenn R donated \$150 for a booth where we will sell Bricks and Cow Plop tickets.
- **WelshFest Booth – March 18.** Laura R donated \$75 for an ad in the Welshfest brochure and online. We will have a free booth in the trailhead set up for donations, selling bricks and Cow Plop tickets.
- **AgGeorgia Farm Credit** – Glenn R has been in contact with AgGeorgia Farm Credit to talk to their board members (date TBD).
- **AFLAC** – Glenn R reported that Alabama was building a new state agriculture facility and that AFLAC would be paying 70% of the cost. He plans to contact them for information.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Treasurers Report – Century Bank (**\$25,155.35**) & Edward Jones (**~\$2000**)

Closing Remarks

Next Meeting – April 10 @ 7:30am

Adjourn

Approved:

Glenn K Robinson