

**MINUTES**  
**Friends of Agriculture**  
**November 14, 2022**

Quorum: Pam Blakeney, Jeff Hawkins, David Jackson, Shelia Jennings, Glenn Robinson, Laura Robinson, Doug Singleton.

Missing: Sue Cuzzort, Janet Tinney

Visitor: Jordan Atkins

Welcome

Minutes – Laura - Approved

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Family Fun Day** (aka “shovel ceremony”). Laura R reported we had roughly 300 visitors to the future site of the center on October 22. Thank you to all who helped paint the site, set up “rooms”, cook BBQ all night, and take time to talk to all who visited. We earned \$2437 in donations (not including the donated food, plates, etc.) and \$390 in brick orders. We spend \$105 for the banner and \$55.56 miscellaneous items such as table cloth, cups, candy, etc.
- **Fundraising**
  - **Bricks.** Doug S brought samples of the brick and larger tile provided by Brickmarker USA. Each are guaranteed for 25 years against flaw or breakage. The bricks are sold through their webpage for \$40 each with a “mini-brick” for \$10 and the 18”x18” tile for \$100. We will receive 75% of money collected. Doug said he would contact the company and have them send Laura the website in time for Christmas sales.
  - **Chick-fil-A.** Zack Thomas offered to hold a fund-raiser day at the Rockmart Chick-fil-A. We agreed that we would aim for March or the first of last week of April to allow maximum participation by the FFA/Calf Team students.
  - **Skeet Shoot.** Pam B and Jeff H suggested a skeet shoot or turkey shoot as a potential fundraiser. They agreed to bring more details to the next meeting.
  - **Grants.** Glenn R reported seeking grants from Ball and Newall, the company that purchased the canning jar division of Ball.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **VOTE:** Money to renew PO Box & Webpage - \$250 max – Approved.
- **Request for Proposal (RFP) Discussion.** We reviewed the updated RFP and made recommendations for additional changes. Three major updates were recommended. (1) we agreed to require an in-person pre-bid meeting to discourage spurious proposals. At that time, we will provide copies of the proposal and answer questions. (2) was the addition of the opportunity for bidders to make a short presentation after they submit

their proposal. (3) we need to add a monetary fine for failure to complete construction within nine months of the start date.

The board discussed the potential milestones and how to advertise. It was decided that we need to advertise as widely as possible using the webpage, newspaper, word-of-mouth, etc. The proposed milestones are contingent on final approval of the RFP at the January 9, 2023 board meeting:

- Determine who will participate in RFP review. This requires a minimum of FIVE Board Members who will be able to attend **all** meetings indicated by an asterisk (\*) below.
- \*Pre-bid Meeting: mid-January 2023
- Proposals Due: February 28 (Tuesday)
- \*Bid Opening: Date, Time & Members TBD. This will allow us to plan date(s) for bid presentations if required.
- \*Bid Presentations: Date(s), Time(s) & Members TBD.
- Announce Winning Bid: TBD (~30 days after presentations)

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Treasurers Report. Laura R reported that, as of November 10, 2022, we have \$11,343.94 in Century Bank and \$2802.35 with Edward Jones for a total of **\$14,146.29**.

**Closing Remarks.** Next meeting was set for January 9, 2023 at 7:30am at the Polk Nutrition Officer.

Adjourn