

Agricultural Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
August 13, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

Meeting Notes

Present at the meeting were Amy Hagner, Shannon Clinton, Jane Wallace, Tim Cooper, Charlie Westbrook, Kyle Eller, Lisa Spangler, Sheila Quinn, Rod Ruth, C.W. Senn, Jim Britton, Kristen Kunde, Latoya Dixon, Dickie Harper, and Ginger Marr.

Amy welcomed everyone back together, then provided a funding update

- Total - \$4,790,752.09
 - State Funds - \$4,250,000
 - Interest Earnings - \$145,444.77
 - Fundraised/Sponsorships - \$183,307.32
 - York County School Districts - \$212,000 – Clover and Fort Mill
- In Process (\$975,000):
 - York County Council – \$800,000 – not yet received
 - Farm Bureau - \$150,000 – annual meeting next week, will present check
 - Senn family - \$25,000 – all 5 sections of bleachers

Amy also provided an update on the Sponsorship programs. The seating sections, meeting room, and concession stand have sponsors.

- Concession Stand (\$150,000)
 - Farm Bureau
- Meeting Room Sponsor (\$75,000)
 - York Electric Cooperative
- Section Seating Sponsors (5 out of the 5 sections) - (\$25,000)
 - Bank of York
 - Bratton Family
 - Comporium
 - Senn Family
 - York Rotary Club

Amy is talking to a company who is very interested in sponsoring the lobby (\$250,000). Their board will vote at the end of August. The monetary value would be cash and in-kind services over several years.

Some in the group asked for clarification of what happened to benches, etc. at the end of the 10 years mentioned in the agreement for sponsorship. Further investigation will be needed to answer that question.

Jim Britton of LMG provided an update on the preparation of the site in Hickory Grove. The site project is under budget! The rain has caused delays – about 2 – 2 ½ weeks. The erosion control system is ready and awaiting inspection. Currently using Pratt Circle, the existing road on the site, as a construction entrance. Ultimately, this road will need to be widened and used as a back entrance to the arena. Some trees will need to be cut in order to make road meet the needs of the site.

Pictures of the site were shared with the group. The drone will be used throughout the project so that we will have documentation of the project from start to finish.

Bids for the building package are due on August 28. There are 4 alternates being pursued with the bidding. Ideally, we would like to have 4-5 companies submitting bids.

The next critical piece is the engineered metal building -this is a 12-month process. The manufacturing of the building is a 3-4 months.

Amy asked the group for ideas for other potential sponsorship options. Many people want to be a part of the arena in some way.

- Flagpole
- Landscaping
- Driveway

Rod Ruth, Sheila Quinn, and Kyle Eller agreed to work together to come up with ideas for sponsorship below the \$10,000 mark.

There was also a discussion on ways to honor Chris Revels, Senator Peeler, and Representative Moss for their roles in making this project possible.

Chris Revels

- Purchased a brick before his death
- Group feels that dedication of the flag pole would be most fitting

Senator Peeler and Representative Moss

- Group feels the honor needs to be something big – possible something in the lobby, at the front door, or possibly a Wall of Honor.

Amy asked everyone to be thinking about things we will need in order to operate the arena once it is up and going. Charlie Westbrook and Kristen Kunde will work on a list. Some items mentioned by group:

- Scale and a place to store it
- Corral panels – YSD 1 Foundation has applied for a grant to purchase 15-20, but will need more
- Squeeze shoot with load bars
- Wash bays

Upcoming events

- Friday, September 5th and Saturday, September 6th A&K Ranch (728 S. Shiloh Rd)
 - Friday - 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm (Dairy cattle and dairy goats)
 - Saturday – 8:30 am – 12:00 pm (Beef cattle, poultry and meat goat show, horse show)
- Thursday, October 16th at MeadowView in McConnells
 - YSD One Education Foundation Farm to Fork Fundraiser

Amy asked that we help promote the Hometown Harvest sponsored by YSD 1 Education Foundation. A question was asked about the banners that were in the fundraising packages for the event. LMC seems to think that 20-25 banners will fit in the arena. Foundation will work on details for the banners such as how long they will hang in the arena.