

Agricultural Steering Committee Meeting Agenda  
November 12, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

- Welcome
- LMG Update
- Sponsorship Update
  - Lobby (\$250,000)
    - York County Natural Gas Authority
  - Concession Stand (\$150,000)
    - Farm Bureau
  - Meeting Room Sponsor (\$75,000)
    - York Electric Cooperative
  - Staging Area (\$50,000)
    - The Barnette Family
  - Section Seating Sponsors (5 out of the 5 sections) - (\$25,000)
    - Bank of York
    - Bratton Family
    - Comporium
    - Senn Family
    - York Rotary Club
- Funding Update
  - Total - \$5,951,964.19
    - State Funds - \$4,250,000
    - Interest Earnings - \$187,933.84
    - Fundraised/Sponsorships - \$502,030.35
    - York County School Districts - \$212,000
    - York County Council – \$800,000
  - Committed (\$175,000):
    - YCNGA - \$175,000
  - Rock Hill School District
- Past Events:
  - Hometown Harvest (October 16<sup>th</sup>)
  - “Growing the Future” Spring Awards Celebration (November 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Wall of Honor Sponsorship Update from Members
- Expansion of Committee Discussion
- Next Meeting: December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Not the regularly scheduled meeting date)

## Meeting Notes

Present at the meeting were: Heath Branham, Shannon Clinton, Amy Hagner, Charlie Westbrook, Tim Cooper, Beth White, C.W. Senn, Janet Parker, Marty Cotton, Ginger Marr, Dickie Harper and Jane Wallace.

Amy Hagner welcomed everyone and introduced Charlie for an update on the arena site.

Charlie Westbrook had several pictures and video clips to give the group a feel for the position of the building on the lot and the elevation of the meeting room, bleachers, and the arena floor. He shared that the next step on the site would be to get the water line cut in next week, and then the drain fields soon after. It was discussed that the metal building would take 6-8 months to manufacture. Once drawings are approved, the order for the building will be placed. While the building is in process, work on the retaining wall and some grading on the shoulder of the highway will take place. Grading will take the slope out of the hill in front of the arena so that the structure is visible when passing the site.

Amy Hagner gave a sponsorship and funding update

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Amy added that she and Dr. Branham have been in talks with Rock Hill School District concerning the arena. They are very supportive of the project and have verbally committed to financial support. Rock Hill's education foundation will possibly be getting involved in the project as well.

The Hometown Harvest event hosted by York School District One Education Foundation was held on October 16, with 200-250 people in attendance. The profit from the event was approximately \$90,000. There was even an individual who offered matching funds for the next fundraising event the foundation sponsored for the arena.

The Growing the Future event was held on November 10 to recognize 4H and FFA students in the four county school districts. It is the intention that the event rotate between the four districts and recognize students each semester.

Amy stated that since we have 14 months remaining to get the arena operational, she would like to see the expansion of the steering committee and have the main focus turn to fundraising. She asked that the group brainstorm suggestions of movers and shakers in our communities we could invite to join. As suggestions were made, various group members agreed to reach out to the person. Contact information should be shared with Amy so that she can reach out by November 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

Marty Cotton reminded everyone of the Clover LEAF gala that will take place on March 7 and offered a place to promote the arena brick campaign.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2 at 4:00. The plan is for the existing steering committee as well as our newly recruited members to be present so that we can begin our push to raise funds for the arena to open in the fall of 2026.