

Franklin Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2019

Municipal Building 355 East Central Street

In Attendance: Members Present: *Carly Fisher, Jeff Perry, Nick Hoffman, Tim Garboski, Roger Trahan, Linda Noel, & Marian Szymanski.* Also present: *Mel Hamblen.*

1. Opening:

- A.** Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Carly Fisher.
- B.** Roll Call: All seven members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
- C.** Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the 1/24/2019 were unanimously approved.

2. New Business:

A. Contact Information for the Commission-

The Agricultural Commission will mail a packet of information to all of the 61A and 61B property owners. Discussion was held as to whether or not the phone numbers of the Commission members should be included in the packet. It was decided that the information packets will contain the phone numbers of the Commission members, but the information on our website will not. Jeff Perry will draft a letter to be included in the packets.

B. AgCom/Farm Booklet-

The Franklin Agricultural Commission unanimously approved the AgCom/Farm booklet created by Mel Hamblen. The Tri-County High School will print the booklet which will then be distributed.

C. Pollinator Pastures-

The Franklin Agricultural Commission will encourage the town of Franklin to stop using hard chemicals on “weedy” areas in town. We will instead create, “pollinator pastures” – areas of wildflowers where pollinators can forage in safety. We will need to drive through the town and inventory areas where we can create these pastures. Perhaps areas that have recently had roadwork or construction done?

3. Old Business:

A. Update on LOE for the Franklin Agricultural Commission – Jeff Perry created and distributed a document called, “Future Goals and Lines of Effort”. The Commission has agreed to use this document to help us to define our goals and to develop our plans for 2019. The Commission has identified the following items as goals for the first part of 2019:

- 1.** Establish relationships and share information with 61 property owners-
- 2.** FDP Strawberry Stroll on June 14th from 4-8
- 3.** Creating an Ag Com Newsletter-
- 4.** Memorial Day Parade-

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Carley Fisher and Linda Noel at 8:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski