

Richland County Agricultural Society
Executive Board Special Meeting
December 19, 2024

Members present: Christy Keith, James Schaub II, Bill McFarland, Dave Grauer, Dave Dick, Gene Esbenshade, Tom Craft and Kathi Cutlip-Mills

Staff present: Shirley Swihart and Becca Gregg

Guests: Remington Blevins

President Christy Keith called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.

- I. Christy Keith reported that our electric contract is expiring. She has talked to Charles Runion and asked for his recommendation. He suggested we go with a 6 month contract as no one knows what may happen with prices after President Trump comes into office. We are currently with Dynegy Energy and paying 0.0525 per kilowatt. It will be going up to 0.0659 per kilowatt hour. **Dave Grauer made the motion to do a 6 month contract. Tom Craft seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- II. Waynedale School is having an online auction on the RES Auction Website. They have a new school and cannot take appliances from their current school to the new one. They are auctioning 3 silver Tru coolers. 2 are 2010 models and 1 is a 2016 model. They are like we have that we move from building to building. If we were to purchase at least 2 of these coolers, we would not have to move the coolers from building to building. Each cooler has 6 shelves and the shelves are in them. If we would have to buy the shelves separately, they run \$119.00 per shelf. Our current cooler is a 1999 model. If we get the bids on any or all of these units, they must be removed on Friday after Christmas. **Tom Craft made the motion to spend up to \$6,000.00 total on the units. Gene Esbenshade seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Allied currently has 2 units for \$2,000.00 each. They have glass front doors. So if we don't get the ones from the school we could still get these from Allied.

- III. The school also has a double door convection oven (Volkan) on the auction. **Tom Craft made the motion to bid on this and spend up to \$2,000.00. Bill McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- IV. Christy shared that we will have to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors in December as we have to vote on the Annual Report prior to OFMA. Other items for this meeting or the January Board of Directors meeting are:

- A. Annual Report
- B. Snow Plowing
- C. Arena Committee – bleachers contract
- D. Bleachers –INC
- E. Roll-off Dumpsters
- F. Dave Fackler's letter of resignation

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Cutlip-Mills Secretary