



## **Carroll County Ag Advisory Committee**

*Meeting Tuesday, August 20, 2024 – 3:00 pm*

Conference Room A – Carroll County Ag Center

### **MINUTES**

Present: Bill Hodge, Kelly Hagen, Ryan Morris Sam Duke, Allison Key and Dee Perry. Absent: Jerry Culver, Merrill Folsom.

Bill called the meeting to order at 3:05 and a quorum was present. The meeting is recorded for ease construction of written minutes at a later time.

#### **I. Old Business**

- A. Minutes of July 9, 2024 were emailed. There was no discussion. Allison Key made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Ryan Morris. There was no further discussion and the motion carried 5-0.
- B. Dee Perry updated the committee about the CC Board of Commissioners decision to charge a 2% Stewardship Fee beginning in 2026.
- C. Discussion of the Farmland Owner Information Forum – forum was well attended and there was a lot of interest from landowners. The unknown is what kind of money the BOC will put toward the program. Dee Perry commented that it will be dependent on the number and quality of applications. It was noted that Ben Hicks attended the forum. There was discussion about how the commissioners will support the program in the future. Ryan suggested that a committee member take 15 minutes to speak at a Cattlemen's meeting. Bill Hodge added that the same could be done with the Young Farmers group. Dee Perry suggested sharing at the next forum the dollars that farmers realized in the past to balance against their expenses. Bill Hodge suggested having Hubert Sparks and Kim Dutton come speak to the Ag Advisory Committee about CUVA and zoning.
- D. Kelly Hagan presented her idea on Ag Adjacency Agreements and Dee Perry is still trying to get an appointment with Kim Dutton. There was discussion about the issues locally with farms and residential parcels. There are two issues at hand – the Ag Adjacency Agreement and the Areas of Agricultural Significance Overlay Zone.

There was more discussion about what to do and not do at next year's forum.

II. New Business

- A. There was discussion about the landowners who picked up applications. Several tracts looked good.
- B. Ideas for Future – tiny house zoning and issues with housing and home sizes were discussed. The cost of community services study was brought up by Bill Hodge and it was acknowledged that study should be done. Allison Key brought up creating an “Agricultural Trail”. Kelly Hagan and Dee Perry will report on their meeting with Kim Dutton at the next meeting and the committee will begin to formally put down some ideas and how to present.

III. Adjournment

- A. Ryan Morris made a motion to adjourn and Kelly Hagan seconded. Motion Carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.