

WCTA Meeting Minutes February 17, 2011

The February 17, 2011 Williams County Township Association Meeting was opened by Jeff Burkholder who led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. President Burkholder then asked for a roll call of those present. Secretary/Treasurer LuAnn Friend read the roll call with twenty (20) members present.

President Burkholder asked if there were any additions or corrections to minutes of the February 17, 2011 meeting. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes presented for the February 17, 2011. Bob Short made a motion to accept the minutes. Chris Maneval seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Burkholder called for the Treasurer's report. Friend reported there was a balance of \$249.55 in the checking account. There were \$3,372.58 expenses and State Dues paid. There was \$2,505.00 deposited from Banquet Tickets and donations and 2011 dues paid. Nine townships still owe 2011 dues since Friend did not send out bills for the dues yet. Friend advanced \$540.00 to pay the State Association dues. Williams County Township Association Treasurer's balance is \$249.55 of which \$176.25 is a Scholarship Fund balance and \$73.30 is General use. Burkholder asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Steve Planson moved to accept the Treasurer's report with a second by Tom Saul. All agreed.

Burkholder introduced Williams County Engineer Dennis Bell who spoke about the Engineer's Website. Bell advised those present that each township had a page on the website that told about that township. He felt the townships were well represented by Burkholder as he had the insight to have a page created for the Williams County Township Association general information. The page would contain the officers, minutes, meeting schedule and other pertinent information.

Jeff welcomed Williams County Commissioners Lew Hilkert and Al Word to the meeting. They talked about the Williams County view on Municipal Electric Aggregation. Each government entity must pass a resolution to put the issue on the ballot. Legal steps must be finished 90 days prior to putting on the ballot. August 10, 2011 is the deadline. There may be a county effort.

The Palmer Energy representative was not present so Tom Thompson explained what he understood of the issue. The Palmer Energy Representative will be invited back to the next Williams County Township Association meeting so the trustees will have a chance to ask questions.

Next Burkholder introduced Wayne Morning from Ohio Concrete. He gave a quick presentation on the different techniques of concrete and their uses. He said that the changes in techniques and uses have made concrete more cost effective in many cases and it generally lasts longer than pavement. Some communities and townships are using concrete at intersections to give those areas a longer life expectancy.

Burkholder called for old business:

Bob Short reported that he felt the Winter Conference was very good this year. The information was directed as much or more to smaller townships as it was to the bigger ones.

Burkholder announced the WCTA had started using the Williams County Engineer's website to post minutes, meeting dates and speakers. He encouraged everyone to visit the site.

Burkholder asked for a motion to pay \$25.00 to the Northwest Ohio Township Association for 2011 dues. Jim Davis made the motion. Tom Saul seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Davis explained that the money is used to put on the breakfast held during the Winter Conference.

Friend reported she had the bills for OTA and WCTA 2011 dues for those townships not paid.

Those present were reminded that reflective signs must meet required standards soon and the Estate Tax bill vote was delayed until 2013.

Burkholder called for new business:
There was none.

Burkholder called for committee reports.

Bob Short - none

Hugh Perry - none

Hillis Rockey was replaced by Scott Oberlin in working with WEDCO. They meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m.. Tod Schlachter has agreed to be an alternate.

Dan Gillen - none

Burkholder announced the next meeting will be held May 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Springfield Township.

There being no further new business Burkholder announced the next WCTA meeting will be held in Springfield Township on May, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.. Burkholder thanked Center Township for their hospitality.

Linda Beck made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Willie Grime seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Door prizes were given away.

Respectively submitted,

LuAnn Friend