

Fair Board Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022, Amended

Started the meeting at 6:00pm.

Those present were:

Board Members: Ron Rowan, Dean Defrees, Cliff Schoeningh, Mark Johnson, Michelle Kaseberg, Terri Siddoway, Christina Smith, Mark Bennett & Rob Ellingson

Also present: Angela Robb, Dan Davis, Dan Garrick, Aaron Still and Travis

Dan with Augustfest attended and talked about the event. Terri representing the Sale Committee mentioned their concern with the event happening during the sale auction of the fair. Dan does not want to be a conflict to the fair. After discussion the Fair Board agreed they are trying to make the fair bigger and expand so they are allowing the Augustfest to happen. We will need to up the insurance to \$2 million from the \$1 million we ask for currently. With the time constraints, Dan is not going to have the event in 2022 but is signing a contract for 2023.

Dan Garrick attended and is running for Commissioner. He wants to attend community meetings to understand what is going on in our county before election time comes.

Aaron Still attended. He owns property across of Leo Adler Field and voiced concerns about maintenance of the field and where we were headed with it.

Travis attended and he lives across for the Leo Adler field with the same concerns.

Project List:

Ron and Dean took a tour of the grounds and put together a priority list for the money we are getting. Michelle said she heard it was for infrastructure. The money might come in end of June or September. Infrastructure could mean maintenance of existing buildings or new construction. They are still waiting to hear details.

First topic of priority was the rodeo grounds. Work on perimeter fence and include the 5 acre field. Mark talked about leaving the Leo Adler fence up for security. The Board is going work on the sprinkler system and see what works and then get it fixed. The Board only has \$3,000 in the budget for field maintenance. They are going to add money to the line item to keep the field green and taken care of. Aaron Still talked about having a Geo Tech looking at the field due to ground structure. Also addressed the sidewalk that is supposed to run along the rodeo grounds between the Armory. Mark started addressing the addition of restrooms in the rodeo grounds. Ron went back to the perimeter fence. Identify moving the fence to the North Side of the old beef barn. Keep a board fence off of Grove Street to keep curb appeal. South end of grounds along the military grounds would be chain link. East side along East Street with chain link. Fence will be 6ft high. After discussion of expense of bathrooms, they are no longer a priority. Move the horse stalls and add some parking.

Cliff and Mark looked at the crow's nest and the grandstands. Mark and Cliff are going to look at them again and Mark has some ideas. Mark is going to send a couple of his guys over and fix the steps to the crow's nest and replace the steps on the grand stands. **Dean Defrees moved that Mark be authorized to have them fixed. Michelle Kaseberg 2nd it. It was approved.** Discussion about painting the rodeo

grounds. Painting can be done by maintenance. Cliff and Mark will be in charge of that. Ron will work with Amber to decide how big our parking spaces will be. Cliff and Michelle would like the bleachers to be a priority.

The reader board is not a priority. Angela talked to Buell, the Athletic Director, and when he gets going on the reader board for the school district he will reach out so we can partnership and use our corner lot on Campbell and Grove Street.

Michelle and Christena Cook thought they would only add \$500,000 into our budget for this year from the \$2 million we get. The Board agreed \$750,000 and then if we don't spend it, it is fine.

Terri talked about the beef barn. Move goat and sheep into the beef barn. Move small animals to the goat and sheep barn. Build a new beef barn a little bigger than what we currently have. Add more tie-outs.

Leo Adler field. Fix the sprinkler system. Mark mentioned scraping off a few inches of the top layer and starting over with the field. The Board agreed to add money to the budget for upkeep of the field. Mowing, weed upkeep, and watering, \$5,000. There was a recommendation to use Don Fink to mow the field.

Terri proposes that the Fair Board buy "big ass fans" for the Showbarn. Ron told Terri to get quotes and bring it to a Fair Board meeting.

There was talk about the Fair Board buying new plastic 8ft tables. Several tables were taken to the dump because they were damaged. The Fair Board will look into getting a grant from Farm Credit Services to pay for half of them.

We went over financials with Michelle and Christena. Christena talked about the bills being so high in the Showbarn. The Fair Board needs copies of the water bills, natural gas and electricity bills to turn into insurance. Ron said he would get with Angela to get that information. The traveling fuel is for Terri and Angela to go to State Convention. **Michelle moved that we approve the financials. Dean Defrees 2nd. No discussion. Approved.**

Christena Cook mentioned no one had applied for our maintenance position yet. Ron asked if Dan was going to cover us until we get this settled? Christena said yes but to give Dan the calendar of the month instead of weekly. Terri agreed to come down to mop the event center by Friday morning.

Mark gave a painting update. He passed out the 3 bids he got from businesses for painting our event center. The Board voted on the lowest bidder, A Sharp Painter from Pendleton. **Mark Johnson motioned to approve using A Sharp Painter. Dean Defrees 2nd it. Approved.**

Mark gave a floor update. He is going to solicit 3 flooring companies this week. Should have bids in about 2 weeks. The process will take about a week to finish the floors.

Cliff gave an update on the Bull & Bronc event. He mentioned he still didn't have the signed contract. Angela mentioned she has a signed contract but not the original.

Terri gave an update on the Fair and 4-H. She is calling a resolution meeting to start work on fixing some of the grounds. Taking the fence down could be done first and then all the panels in the sheep and goat barn. Terri told the 4-H Association that the grounds will be ready but the Association is to setup the grounds the way they want. The forklift needs to be assessable. Someone from the Fair Board will be there for assistance.

Angela talked about Toni wanting a Fair To Do List. Angela started a list with hanging the shade cloth, creating the show pens, and the alley ways but wasn't sure what else. Terri told the Board that she would help come up with a list.

Michelle gave an update regarding the Administrative Program Assistant.

Angela gave an update on the Military Convoy. 30 military vehicles and 10 supporter vehicles coming in August. McCluskey wants to rent all of the rv spots, the green grass area and bathrooms.

July 7-10 a gal called and wants to know if she could have the motorcycle rally on our street and use our grass area and let bikers camp in our field. The Fair Board said it was a good idea. Angela will call them in the morning and let them know.

Angela asked if the Fair Board should create a contract for Field to Fork to use their facility and if we should charge them since it is a partnership with 4-H. The Fair Board agreed on a contract with start and finish dates and to charge them \$75 for a cleaning fee.

Angela asked if the Fair Board would like to create a contract for the 4-H Association and the 4-H office to use the facility for fair. The Fair Board agreed to putting a start date and an ending date but not charging them any fees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm