

Fair Board Meeting April 19th 2023

Members Present: Mike Sullivan, Dean Defrees, Ron Rowan, Cliff Schoeningh (zoom), Michelle Kaseberg (zoom)

Fair board Employees: Angela Robb, Ashleigh Kautz

Guests: Brian Tweit, Jon Woolard, Morgan Sherman, Danny Sherman, Ross West, Katherine West.

Chairman Rowan called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Review & Approval of Minutes: Ron Motion Dean 2nd.

Review and Approval of Financials/ Budget: No big changes on the financial side, fair grounds has many upcoming rentals including graduation, weddings and other meetings in-between. Mike motion to approve financials Michelle 2nd, unanimous yes.

Michelle-251: Proposed budget, TLT tax we have not received invoice yet. Personal would like to add separate line for OSU Intern because seasonal temp \$2000.00 would be specifically in fair OSU Intern would be \$8000.00, in doing this we will replace fair manager line. Dean: utilities for Event center and Showbarn, we will be changing the total cost for Event center to \$13,000.00. We will be dropping our beginning fund balance to 101,000.00 with the changes made. Dean would like to work with OTEC on changing over to LED more efficient lightbulbs. Michelle would like to revisit the cost to rent the event center

Michelle-351: the county admin fee 3% which is 61,000.00 no other counties are paying this admin fee when we are hiring Clerk of Work, so the county will not be doing anything but cutting checks Dean suggested paying hourly wage to Christina to cut checks. Ron will call and talk to Christina directly. Dean motions to approve as presented with adjustments that were made Mike 2nd.

Project Manager: Clerk to work position has been filled by Mark Johnson and should start within the next month. Drew Martin will be writing the contract for Mark Johnson.

There was no additional applicants who applied and Mark Bennet and Fred Warner were not available.

Friends of the Fair: John asked if they would need insurance for the Pie Auction (July 25th) Dean supported it as a fair board event no additional insurance needed.

John asked about the budget for some of the projects sent over specifically the small animal barn. They have raised around \$10,000.00 towards the project so far and would like to know about how much more they need to raise and if any of the new grant money will be going towards this project. Dean confirmed we will be applying both funds towards the project, as the barn will be for multiple uses on the property. Deadline for spending any grant money will be January 2025.

Friends of the Fair was advised by Jake Coiller to place all money raised thus far into an 13 month CD. Friends of the Fair would like to sponsor something for the fair, specifically to help out any kids that may need it, suggested speaking with Terri Siddoway for items they may need (i.e sheep shears, blowers, ect.)

John asked for clearance on grant money we received as we are fundraising for funds as well. Clifford: all the money received is not for the kids but specifically for the facility, our fundraising goes directly back to the FFA and 4-H kids.

Friends of the Fair has a scholarship ending May 8th you can find information on the fair website or 4-H facebook page \$500-\$2000. In total they were able to raise \$16,000.00 last year to go back to our kids.

Fair Theme: Unanimous vote for **Barn to be Wild**

D&B 5 Year Sponsorship: 5 shade cloths with pictures of our local fair kids that will be hung for 5 years. If there is any damage they will fix them, they also included a \$1,000.00 yearly sponsorship for the fair.

Premium Book Update: Plan to print a premium book this year depending on sponsors, will be taking out 4-H class descriptions to reduce cost as they will already be enrolled and have the information.

Fireworks Show in 5 Acre Field: Ron is curious as to what type of firework show they are requesting, Dean suggested having him come to the next meeting to explain what he is looking to do. Brian suggestion speaking with the city due to noise ordinances.

Economic Development: Brian gave an update on moving forward with the event center off Hughes Ln, which includes last year's purchase of the 70 acres. They are planning to move forward with the project which will include continuing College Street all the way to Hughes Ln, this should be done within the next three months. They have found that there is already enough water on Hughes Ln to support the needs, and Oregon Trial Electric is planning on running 3 phase 3 wires at no cost to the county. Once all of this is done and plans have been drawn they do plan to start building right away, in the hopes to work with the Fair board and Friends of Fair in the design of the structures. Brian asked that we have a small committee to work with him in development Mike, John and Terri were suggested. This project will take 5-10 years at the total cost of 12-30 million dollars, which all funds would come from grant money not local pockets.

Michelle Kaseburg: Concerns about what is happening in neighboring county (Umatilla) concerns with moving the fairgrounds to the new facility. Brian and Michelle will meet at later date to go over concerns.

Public Comment:

Next Meeting May 10th 2023 at 6:00pm