

Fair Board Meeting Minutes

April 2024

Fair Board Members in Attendance: Ron Rowan, Dean Defrees, Chris Stocks, Kathleen Parker, Michelle Kaseberg, Cliff Schoeningh, Mike Sullivan

Advisory Board Member: Nathaniel Garrick

Visitor Attendance: Mark Johnson, Casey Vanderwiele

Public Comment: Casey with Triple C gave a presentation about screening out the rock from the dirt in the rodeo arena. He spoke with Daryl Saoul and he said when adding sand or dirt back into the arena to add more dirt than sand. Use about 10% sand and the rest of dirt. Mark Johnson recommended digging up a section and sifting through the dirt to see how much rock gets pulled out to see what the Fair Board is looking at. Dean asked Casey had any idea about how much it would cost and Casey gave an estimate off the top of his head of between \$40,000-50,000. Michelle made a motion to move forward with talking to businesses about sifting the sand. Mike Sullivan 2nd the motion. No other discussion. All were in favor.

Joshua Dillon with Sourdough Jams spoke to the Fair Board about his business. He would like to be a permanent resident and rent our kitchen for his business until he can buy a building. Dean Defrees recommended that he look at using the Show Barn kitchen. Joshua is going to stop by and check out the kitchen. Mark Johnson told him to bring in his business plan and let the Fair Board look at it. Mike asked how many hours a week he would be in the kitchen. Joshua would like 4 full solid days 32-40 hours per week. Joshua is going to come the fairgrounds and look at the kitchen in the Show Barn and we will move forward after that.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Michelle move to approve the minutes from March 2024. Kathleen Parker 2nd it. No further discussion. All were in favor.

Review and Approval of Financials: 251: Michelle went over the financials. There was question if we ever paid the county for Angie Turner's unemployment. Michelle is going to talk to Christena and make sure that we are paid up. Michelle talked about the Loss of Revenue from Covid dollars and we got approved for the \$67,000.

351: No discussion

Michelle motioned to approve the financials. Dean 2nd it. No further discussion. All were in favor.

Budget Discussion: Michelle went over the budget that was discussed in March. She is going to work with Christena regarding the beginning balance for the 251 and make sure it is accurate. Dean moved to approve the budget with the beginning fund balance that Christena helps Michelle with. Michelle 2nd it. No further discussion. All were in favor.

Small Animal Barn Update: Kathleen talked about the barn. It is going to be right out the back of the event center using some of the parking lot. The building is going to be 90 ft long and 46 ft wide. Beef will be on one end of the building. The beef will continue to show inside the Show Barn and the extra space would be for stalling. We will lose about 16 parking spaces, but the Fair Board is going to open the rodeo grounds to offer more parking. They are going to add more wash racks and tie-out spaces. The small animal barn will be at the other end of the building completely closed in. It will have space for some storage for tables and chairs from the event center if needed. The new building will be 46 ft wide. The plan is to have a breeze way from the new building to the event center. Can be used for rentable space after the fair is over. There will be bathrooms included. There was discussion about adding a

washer and dryer and coming up with the space. The next step is for the group to decide on the location exactly and then meet with Amber to add the building to the Fairgrounds Plan.

Test Plots: Mark Johnson talked about being done in the Leo Adler Field. He had 5 test pits dug. The land closest to East Street, SREC had to go down about 15 ft to get to dirt. The closer you get to Clark Street it was only about 5 ft. Hanley Engineering came and participated also.

Bleacher Update: Mark is going to present to the commissioners regarding having the Inmates in Custody at Powder River Corrections to be the company that constructs the bleachers. He also was provided with a list of supplies that we need to provide to the workers. He took the list to Miller's, Ace Hardware and D&B to get a prices for the tools. D&B was quite a bit lower. The Fair Board is gong to get a tool box to hold all of the tools that are bought this year and keep them together for the years to come with working on the bleachers.

ALSCO Uniforms Update: Angela spoke with Chase Shields and he has put together a quote to have our towels laundered and our rugs cleaned and changed out. It looks like it will be about \$41 every other week. Michelle motioned to use ALSCO for our laundry service. Kathleen 2nd it. No further discussion. All were in favor.

Next Meeting: May 9 @ 6pm