

Fair Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2024

Fair Board Attendance: Michelle Kaseberg, Kathleen Parker, Cliff Schoeningh, Dean Defrees, Chris Stocks

Advisory Board Member Attendance: Nathaniel Garrick

Staff & Public Visitors: Angela Robb, Terri Siddoway, Tami Foltz, Christine Hawes

Meeting called to order by Dean Defrees at 6:00pm

Public Comment: Christine Hawes came to talk about an incident that happened at the fair. A parent accosted a 4-H member during the Livestock Auction. The parent didn't like the way the 4-H member looked. The Fair Board spoke with Martin Arritola from the Livestock Auction Committee, Commissioner Alderson, and the 4-H Association President to work on a form of action. Dean mentioned letting our Council know and see what she says. Still waiting to here from the 4-H'er or their parents if they are going to press charges.

Tami Foltz would like there to be some clarification on Open Class. She wanted to put her open class animals in the extra pens in the goat barn. The current policy says all open class stay on their trailers and show out of them. Next year for a one time trial run, the Fair Board will allow Open Class animals to be penned while waiting for their classes to start as long as there are extra open pens after 4-H and FFA members are weighed in and placed. The Fair Board will check-in with Superintendents at the end of fair in 2025 to see how it all worked out and if this should be a policy change. It will be first come first serve for all Open Class species. Kris made a motion to approve to have Open Class animals be allowed to be penned in extra pens at fair, first come first served. Michelle 2nd it. All were in favor. None opposed. No further discussion.

251 & 351 Financials: No Financials

Fair Update: More community involvement than in the past. More vendors present with positive feedback. We had 34 sponsors and another one who would like to a sponsor next year. Angela and Devon tried supporting the Bridge Street Inn but since they don't direct bill there were some problems. If they can't work with Bridge Street to come up with a solution then we will go back to working with the Best Western since they have direct bill. The "touch a truck event" was good but smaller than expected due to the fires that were happening. Will try for a bigger event later. Michelle brought up that we need to focus on having a big entrance to the fair for everyone to see. Maybe both sides so it's welcoming and stands out. In 2025 we are going to offer a group or organization \$1500 to run the kid zone during fair to eliminate Devon or our intern from trying to manage it. The shavings area needs to be addressed with the 4-H/FFA leaders. It is unacceptable for the shavings to come out past the wash racks. One suggestion was to have a Fair Board member available on Saturday to push the pile back as pens are being cleaned out. If the 4-H/FFA kids can't do better the Fair Board will bill them for Triple C Sand and Gravel to come clean up. There was discussion about fair judges and who should contact them. The F.B. pays for them but the 4-H Coordinator contacts them. The F.B. agreed that the fair office, to make the process easier, would start securing the judges and sending out the contracts. Dean asked if what we are currently paying the judges is average or if we need to make an adjustment. They agreed to table the discussion until Angela can find out from other counties how much they are paying the judges. Mark Johnson mentioned how impressed he was with the marketing through social media and how many people were present at

fair. Angela and Devon rented the Leo Adler field out for camping with 20 spots available and most spots were rented. Dean mentioned that the spicket in the showbarn leaks when turned on. The leak is in the storage spot under the stairs. Angela will have Dustin look into it and get it fixed. There is also a broken nozzle on the wash rack for the beef that Dustin will fix. Dustin needs to fix the bathroom door in the woman's bathroom in the showbarn. Angela mentioned needing a new idea on how to keep the wheels on the rolling gates in good standing. 3 to 4 are replaced every year. Mark mentioned laying a slab of concrete where each rolling gate sits to fix the problem. Angela will look into this.

Challenge of Champions Contract: There was discussion about charging Jason \$4,000 to use our arena for Challenge of Champions. Mark mentioned that item number 6 needs to be reworded. Angela will look at the section and get help rewording it. If the arena needs modified for the event, the event pays for the modification. \$3,000 per side. Jason would like the contract to be 6 years out with the contingency that the Fair Board or himself can cancel the contract if necessary. The Fair Board would like to table this conversation until Angela can reach out to other fairgrounds in the state and see how they charge events that rent their facilities such as a base rental fee with a percentage of tickets or a flat fee. Do the fairgrounds charge concerts the same price as rodeos or differently?

Renewal of Board Positions: There was discussion about Rob Ellingsen staying on as an Advisory member of the Fair Board. The Fair Board also recommends that Rob Ellingsen's renewal be approved to be a Fair Board Advisory member. Michelle made a motion to approve Rob Ellingsen stay on the board as an advisory member. Chris second the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. No further discussion. The Fair Board recommends that Cliff Schoeningh and Kathleen Parker renew their board positions on the Fair Board. Michelle Kaseberg made a motion to approve Cliff and Kathleen's renewal as board members. Dean second the motion. All were in favor. No further discussion. Kathleen abstained from voting for herself, and Cliff abstained from voting for himself.

Fencing: Mark opened up conversation regarding the fencing project. He asked if the Fair Board wanted to move any of the gates in the drawings or keep them where they are currently. There was discussion about putting in privacy slats. Mark is going to get bids with and without privacy slats. The Fair Board agreed to leave the gates as they are on the drawing. Michelle made a motion to approve the fencing design and proceed with solicitation. Kathleen second the motion. All were in favor and no further discussion.

Small Animal Building: There was discussion regarding the solicitation for the small animal Barn. Mark handed out documentation showing a potential of 3 firms he solicited. Only one submitted they were interested. The total of the potential job shows \$56,550 fee plus there will be a fee from Hanley's Engineering. The Fair Board acknowledged the approach and process to get to this point was done correctly. Michelle Kaseberg made a motion to sign the A & E contract. Kathleen Parker 2nd it. All were in favor. No further discussion.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2024