

Fair Board Meeting
January 10, 2023
Minutes

Members Present: Terri Siddoway, Mark Johnson, Rob Ellingsen, Mike Sullivan, Dean Defrees, Ron Rowan, Cliff Schoeningh, Michelle Kaseberg (zoom)

Guests: Commissioner Shane Alderson

Chairman Rowan called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Review & Approval of Minutes: Cliff Schoeningh moved to approve the minutes from November 15, 2022. Michelle Kaseberg seconded. Unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Review and Approval of Financials: 251 Account: Kaseberg went over the financials. She questioned an invoice for Glen Cornelle Signage for \$2,000 and said she would look into it. 351 Account: Everything looked good. Defrees moved to approve the financials dated November 15, 2022. Siddoway seconded it. Unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Facilities Update: Kaseberg discussed getting proposals together for the \$277,000 by January 31, 2023. Kaseberg and Mark Johnson met and came up with some rough numbers. \$50,000 Efis for the event center, Rodeo perimeter fence phase one for \$50,000. Rodeo perimeter fence phase 2 for \$50,000, and reclaim the Leo Adler field for \$20,000. Redo the sand in the Cockram Arena and buy the 2 Big Ass fans in the Cockram Arena for \$14,500. Totals \$184,500. Mark Johnson asked the Board what they would like to spend the money on. Ron Rowan thought the fence should be the top priority. The Board decided the Efis is the top priority and then the fence on the South and West of the rodeo grounds. There was a discussion regarding the Administration fee. The board agreed to leave the projects at \$320,000 as they submitted it earlier.

1 Efis

2 South Fence

3 West Fence

4 Rubberized Sand & Big Ass Fan

Ron discussed with the Board about giving Dustin Hillman a raise. The Board would like to give him a raise as soon as we can get it approved to the next step. Mark Johnson moved to give Dustin a raise and Dean 2nd the motion. The motion passed with unanimous ayes.

Ron lead the discussion regarding Clerk of the Work. Dean explained to Commissioner Alderson that Mark Johnson would step down from the Fair Board, so there is no conflict of interest, and then put in a bid to take lead on our projects. There was discussion on getting a contract ready and having a closed session meeting with the Fair Board and County Council to get it written up correctly. Dean mentioned needing to make this a priority to get finished. Ron is going to get a contract and work through it and then they want to meet with the Commissioners to go over and approve the contract.

Bleacher Update: Cliff has the same information as last time. He did talk to another company today about a quote and he forwarded the information to Mark Johnson. Cliff, Mark and Rob Ellingson are going to get together and come up with the formal bid so they can get moving forward. They will send out an addendum with specs to these companies. The group is meeting Friday, January 13 at 3pm.

Rodeo Update: Mike gave an update on the cost of the rodeo. The Board agreed that with all of the construction and changes happening, they would like to hold off until next year. There was a suggestion to have Friends of the Fair be in charge of the rodeo.

Ron talked about someone attending the Lions Club meeting and talking about the Fairgrounds upgrades for their January 26 meeting. There are no Fair Board members available for that meeting so they are going to wait until the February meeting.

Public Comment:

Terri discussed the Christmas Bazaar and some of the concerns from this past year. One concern was it was dusty and the sand was uneven. A vendor commented that she would like it to be watered. There was discussion about moving the 4-H Bazaar into the Event Center and Small Meeting Room. The Festival of Trees is also that same weekend and if the Fair Board told them no they would be out money. No decision was made.

Old Business:

Kenny Keester wants the opportunity to get the batting cages this spring. Travis, the neighbor to the Leo Adler Field, does not want them.

Dean Defrees wanted to know if we had any information on getting a new fridge yet for the Event Center. Angela wasn't there to give updates.

Mark Johnson inquired about talking to the newspaper about the projects we have going but it was decided that we would wait until we have actual projects happening.

Dean wanted to know an update on the application process for the Administrative Program Assistant. Ron said that 12 applicants have been submitted.

Mark Johnson is going to draft a letter to the Bureau Labor of Industries about them raising BOLI wages that are adjusted every 6 months but they haven't adjusted the baseline for years.

Next Fair Board meeting is February 21, 2023 at 6pm.

Dean moved we adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm. Mike Sullivan 2nd. Meeting adjourned: