

June 2024 Fair Board Meeting Minutes

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

Advisory Board Members: Nathaniel Garrick, Rob Ellingsen

Staff: Angela Robb

Visitor Attendance: Casey Vanderwiele, Mark Johnson

Ron called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Public Comment: None

Minutes-May: Michelle made a motion to approve the May 2024 Fair Board Meeting minutes. Chris Stocks 2nd it. No further discussion. All were in favor, and none were opposed.

Financials 351:

251: Dean had a question about the small equipment line item and if it needed to be spent down before fiscal year. Michelle told him no it would just roll over if we don't spend it. Dean made a motion to approve the 251 and the 351 financials. Kathleen 2nd it. No further discussion. All were in favor, and none were opposed.

Arena Update: Mark Johnson had Casey Vanderwiele bring in some of the dirt/sand mixture that is going into the arena to replace all the rock that was sifted out. The Fair Board saw and felt the mixture. Casey mentioned that he wanted to water the arena and work it up to see how it dried and how it would be for our event in July. He is planning to water and work it the week of June 24, 2024. Casey mentioned there was an open weekend around June 12 where we could have a pro rodeo next year, but we are going to need a new Priefert chute. The Fair Board agreed to get one ordered.

Bleacher Update: Mark said the bleachers are 90% complete. We are missing a railing, and the company is sending one. Angela has the invoice to be paid but we are only paying 90% until the railing is received and the company has fixed the invoice to show the difference. The adults in custody were a great help and worked hard. Michelle mentioned she was concerned about people going under the bleachers. The Fair Board agreed to buy safety fencing to go around the back of the bleachers and to buy 6-foot, green safety fence. There was another conversation about purchasing a Priefert chute. Dean mentioned talking to Martin at OTLS to get a quote on the chute.

Fence Update: Mark talked about working on information and putting out solicitations for fencing around the rodeo arena. The Fair Board agreed they wanted to put up 7-foot chain length fence.

Painting Update: Mark mentioned that painting for the grandstands would be a spring project and he would put out the solicitation in January.

Small Animal/Beef Barn Update: No new information regarding the plans for the construction of the barn.

Executive Director Services Agreement Renewal: Mark went over the Services Agreement Modification with the Fair Board extending the contract from June 2023-June 2024 to June 2024 to June 2025. Michelle made a motion to extend the contract. Chris Stocks 2nd it. All were in favor, and none were opposed.

Fair Update: Angela talked about getting a stage secured for the entertainment at the fair. It is going to cost \$3,500. The tent for the small animals, the swamp cooler and flood lights have been reserved. Safeway has been contacted and emailed the supply list for the breakfast served at our fair. The sponsorship total is \$12,500. The new whiskey barrels that hold our flowers were bought with sponsorship dollars. The flowers were donated by Eagle Cap Nursery. There will be signs in all the whiskey barrels acknowledging who sponsored the flowers. The dumpster will go against the beef fence in the back parking lot. Ron mentioned making sure we had new letters for the Cockram Arena. Pee Wee awards are done and the thank you gifts to our volunteers are completed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Next Meeting: July 9, 2024