

May 2024

Fair Board Meeting Minutes

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

Advisory Board Members: Nathaniel Garrick

Visitor Attendance: Mark Johnson & Linda Bird

Staff: Angela Robb

Public Comment: None

Budget Review-351: no change. We are going to spend it down. If it is not in our budget, we can't spend it. We need to make sure we spend the \$277,000 before June 2025. Capital Outlay will be for the small animal barn, beef update. Rodeo grounds for \$250,000 will be the arena dirt, paint and update of the rodeo grounds. Earned interest is going to go down because we are spending the money. Dean moved to approve the 351 budget. Michelle second it. No further discussion. All were in favor.

251: Beginning fund balance is being worked on with Christena Cook. If it comes in before June 30 the \$67,000 will be added to our beginning fund balance. The only other change was under laundry and garbage and it was raised to \$2,700. Michelle said we are going to ask for the \$115,000 from the budget board. Same amount we have asked for for the past multiple years. We are not asking for more. Dean motioned to approve the 251 budget. Mike Sullivan 2nd it. All were in favor. No further discussion.

Financials: 251: No changes were addressed to items that stood out. Dustin's janitorial and maintenance was adjusted. The \$70,500 was paid to OSU.

351: Making good interest but it will come down now that we are paying invoices out of the money. \$4700 to the 4-H Association was for tables that were bought. Dean moved to approve both financials. Mike Sullivan 2nd it. No further discussion. All were in favor.

Fair Update: Working on finding music to play on Friday during the day. The light show drone is \$15,000 the first night. We might try to find a sponsor for the future. We have a few sponsorships still coming in. A few more vendors than last year. A new Mexican food truck and the coffee trailer is back. We are where we were last year but have more things coming for this year. Angela and Michelle started a new contest for the fair this year. "Grow a Garden" and everyone is growing sunflowers and zucchinis and whoever grows the biggest wins. Val's Veggies is going to sponsor the contest. Ron asked about the power from last year for the music. We have the adapters and will use them this year at fair. We will recommend that Jordan Shaw provide his own equipment for his show. We are going to move him to outside the event center, so our outlets are more powerful. Cliff asked about renting a stage for this coming year so we will be looking to rent a stage.

Small Animal Barn Update: Kathleen talked about the doors they have been looking at for the new building. Large space for animals for fair but also can be used as a rentable space during the year. They are going to have washer and dryer hookups. Building needs to be in construction by June 2025. Kathleen questioned Mark about next steps. Mark wants to know if the building needs to be completed or started by June 2025. The \$277,000 has to be spent by June 30, 2025. The \$2million is more flexible. Mark handed out a spreadsheet of our projects and showing our expenses and how much cost savings we have.

Perimeter Fence: Mark talked about the perimeter fence of the rodeo grounds and a total that it should cost to complete. The Fair Board is using chain-link instead of wood to complete the fence. There will be a sidewalk put in between the rodeo grounds and the armory. He is working on getting quotes to build the fence around the rodeo grounds. We might need to extend the water lines. Mark said the screened rock coming out of the arena should be stockpiled and used to level out the grounds. Mark would like to get the fence project solicited by June. He is hoping to start constructions of fence right after Bulls & Broncs. There was discussion about taking out the buildings in the Leo Adler field and the inner fence. That will be cost savings. With the cost savings of our projects so far, we should have about \$1.3million to put towards the small animal barn and additional beef section. We need to try to get to the

construction part of the building in the fall or directly when spring starts. We need to get the A&E done in the fall. Solicit in the winter and get the project started in the spring. Mark wants to know if we have to have the building built and money spent or show that the project is happening, and we are ready for construction. There was discussion about adding some more parking next to the Leo Adler fence.

Arena Update: Mark talked about the rock that was screened out from the arena and showed the group the difference. Triple C Sand and Gravel did a test plot to show the Fair Board what they would be getting. There was a staff report submitted to have the commissioners on board with this project. Michelle moved to have Triple C Sand Gravel complete the job with screening the rocks out and adding the sand/dirt back to the arena needed. Mike Sullivan 2nd it. Mark mentioned it should take a week to get both ends completed and then Casey Vanderwiele will complete the rest the week after the bleachers are built. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Mark asked that Angela have Dustin pull all the panels from around the arena so Casey will be able to get to work.

Grandstands Update: Mark showed a diagram of the grandstands. Jim Kauth created the drawings. The red dots are bolt locations. Mark gave a copy of the drawing to Hanley. Mark is going to coordinate a couple people to go over to the grandstands with a wrench and tighten all the bolts and make notes of the ones that are broken. Mark talked about the owl's poop all over the grandstands. Michelle mentioned buying a pressure washer to clean the grandstands. Michelle motioned to buy a pressure washer with an extra-long hose. Dean 2nd it. No further discussion. All were in favor. Mark talked about the painting of the grandstands, crow's nest and old storage barn that needs to be done in the fall. It should take 2-3 weeks.

Bleacher Update: Mark mentioned that the bleachers are not permanent, and we will need to ground the bleachers so they don't tip over in the wind. Mark is going to have OTEC come in and drill anchors for the bleachers so they will stay in place and be safe.

APA Update: Devon Colton started today. We went through the process and the original search failed and then we went to the process again and Devon was selected for the position. Devon is going to work 32 hours and if there is anything the Fair Board needs, they will contact Angela. She will be the contact person for everything.

Katie Hauser came in and asked if the Fair Board would be willing to help clerk for fair. Michelle is going to make sure beef is covered. Chris Stocks will help with the swine show. Katie mentioned needing a superintendent for the static exhibits but that is the Fair Boards job. Mark Johnson talked about adding a new gate by the armory to be able to shut the road off during fair. Michelle mentioned moving the gate from the end of the old storage barn up about 100 feet and gaining some additional parking. Instead of renting a fence every year, lets add another gate to the end by the armory and the fairgrounds building.

Next Meeting: June 18, 2024

Meeting adjourned:8:15pm