

## **Fair Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2023**

Ron started the meeting at 6:06pm

**Board Member in Attendance:** Ron Rowan-Chair, Dean Defrees-Vice Chair, Kathleen Parker, Nathaniel Garrick, Michelle Kaseberg, Cliff Schoeningh(zoom), Mike Sullivan, Chris Stocks

**Staff:** Angela Robb(Zoom)

**Community Members:** Lyle with the City Tree Board, Bob Parker, Mark Johnson, Jason Mattox-Challenge of Champions

### **Public Comment:**

Bob Parker, Baker City Tree Board member, was a part of the committee that helped plant the trees around the 5 acre field. He toured the 5 acre field and looked at the trees. Some of the trees are healthy, some are sick and a couple are dead. He had some questions about how much water they are getting and how he can work with the Fair Board to help out. Dean asked if the water had been shut off and Ron asked if Angela knew if the water that goes to the trees had been checked. Angela said the water had been shut off for the winter but would check it out to see if the pipes were working. Lyle thinks our biggest problem is the trees getting enough water. Ron mentioned if we need to buy new trees we will need to put it in our budget. Contact Jennifer Murphy at the City regarding buying new trees.

### **Bleacher Update:**

Mark asked Jason Mattox, Challenge of Champions, whether the box seats in the grandstands are important and if we needed to keep them. Jason expressed how important they were and if the Fair Board got rid of them he would have to rehouse 7 businesses and he doesn't have anywhere to put those sponsors. Because of the price jump in buying bleachers the Fair Board is looking at cutting about 800 seats. Mark asked Jason if he needed those seats. There was discussion about the Challenge of Champions Rodeo and what it would mean if they cut many seats and that we shouldn't raise prices on the tickets. Jason said if we lose very many seats, he wouldn't be able to bring the rodeo back. Jason doesn't want to change anything since our community loves the event but without the seats, he won't be able to make it work. Jason needs 2800 seats minimum. Dean asked Jason if he knew if there were any national sponsors that would want to help sponsor the bleachers. He mentioned the national sponsors are helping out the larger rodeos and don't usually look at smaller rodeos. Wild Horse Casino supports and attends our rodeo. Jason mentioned maybe contacting them for a larger sponsorship. There was discussion about whether we buy permanent bleachers or portable bleachers. The Board decided to do portable on both ends. There was a consensus to keep the bleacher costs under \$1 million.

### **Meeting Minutes October 18, 2023:**

Dean motioned to approve the minutes. Michelle Kaseberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was no discussion. All in favor.

### **Financials:**

There was discussion that we are looking to be a little under budget for the EFIS project. Dean motioned to approve the 351 and Chris Stocks 2<sup>nd</sup> it. There was no discussion and all were in favor. We didn't have the 251 so Angela was going to get it and email it out to the Fair Board.

**New Fair Board Position:** The Fair Board voted and Nathaniel Garrick is the new Fair Board member that will be recommended to the Commissioners for approval. Dean motioned to recommend Nathaniel Garrick to the Fair Board to the Commissioners and Michelle Kaseberg 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All were in favor.

### **Administrative Program Assistant (APA) Hiring Process:**

Angela gave a run down of hoping to post the position the last two weeks of December and then having the interviews the beginning of January. The Fair Board looked at the position description for changes and found none were needed. The Fair Board is going to help come up with expectations and goals for the new hire and they will completed by January.

Michelle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. and Chris Stocks 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All were in favor.

No meeting in December.