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2023 MINUTES of Fair Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 5 @ 5:30 PM
Boundary County Fair Board Room

Call to Order of the Monthly Board Meeting– 5:31 pm

In Attendance: Ken Goggia, Stacie Watts, Glenda Poston, Dave Wenk, Paula Burt, Jodi Stoddard, Chris Sabin

Absent: Bert Wood

Guests:

Liz Wood, they have 28 4-H steers, and 4 FFA steers signed up. The rest of 4-H will continue sign-ups until January 10th. The other half of the wash rack on the FFA side of the barn will need to be completed. Bonner County is going to try and hold a Sponsor dinner before their fair. They were looking for something our fair might want to donate for their fundraising. Two meal tickets of \$20 will be donated.

Oliver Andrews: see below.

November 13, 2023 Minutes approval Motion to approve the minutes with Liz's corrections about 4-H sign-ups was made by Dave, and seconded by Stacie. Motion carried.

Maintenance/Administrator/Fair Reports

Chris: Maintenance Report – He put together the 5 Gorilla Wagons. Crowd control gates are here, but not yet put together. He will look at them to be sure they are complete and not damaged. He is trying to find out where the water shut-off is for the frost-free pipe in front of the Memorial Hall. He has checked with the city and the county, and Roy Cromer. No one knows. Stacie looked for a water main with the city guys when she worked with the city. They couldn't find it either.

Jodi: Admin Report -emergency scenario games were given out at the RMAF convention. Jodi suggests that we play one every month or two, perhaps invite the Sheriff or a deputy to join us. Schedule to play a game every couple of months. Jodi will contact Panhandle Health about having Narcan on site. Schedule a pizza night right before the fair and invite 4-H, superintendents, employees, etc. to go over emergency scenarios.

The issue with the stray cats is getting out of control. Fairgrounds is getting bad press on social media because we won't feed them. Jodi researched multiple articles that state that feeding feral cats is detrimental to the environment as well as dangerous and that it encourages continued breeding. Despite our having taken a dozen in to be fixed, research shows that it doesn't really take care of the problem unless you can get 100% of them fixed.

Paula: Fair Report: Secured Copper Mountain Band at \$5,000 for a 2-hour show on Wednesday. They will provide their own lights and sound equipment. They will need meal vouchers and a couple of hotel rooms. Paula spoke to P1FCU and they plan to sponsor the concert. The Sam Leyde band will play again on Saturday and will also bring their own equipment. Let's look for something else to replace Cecil's Magic act. Suggestions was made about the Quick Draw game, to purchase it and have a group run it as a fundraiser – or pay them to run it along with the giant bubbles, games, etc. She updated the dates on the Open Class Entry pages of the Fair book. She will get those to Jodi so Jodi can post them on the website so people can start planning, planting, and creating. Cassidy Brimhall will take charge of a Mullet Contest. Board members are checking out where to find peddle tractors for adults and kids so we can have contests.

Facilities, Expense/Budget worksheet– A motion to pay the bills of \$5,132.14 and payroll of \$2,467.98 was made by Dave and seconded by Glenda. The motion carried.

- Bills Paid \$ 5,132.14
- Payroll \$ 2,467.98
- Capital Expenditures \$ 0
- Rental Security Refunds Facilities \$ 1,032.50

Income Report

Checking/Savings Account Balances as of NOV 30, 2023

- Checking \$ 34,166.19
- Savings \$ 169,724.07

Executive Session – was not held. Rebook it for February.

Old Business –

- Report on finding someone to review our records procedures (Jodi). She contacted Jim Hutchins in Sandpoint and he thinks someone in their office can do it. He said he would get back to Jodi, but hasn't. She will call him again.
- Update on information about the Eagles fair donations being increased. On 11/20/23 they dropped off a \$250 'donation' check. Dave spoke to them again, and they agreed to bring in a second check of \$250.
- Well's Building update. Dave asked if we wanted to get an engineer in here to access the structural part of the building or just go ahead and finish the remodel in the spring. Jodi or Chris will try to track down an engineer for this and the old horse barn. Stacie suggests that we go to the Idaho State license site and search there.


New Business –

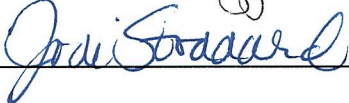
- New Livestock Policy for the fair and fair book. Paula has written up a new proposal of the General Rules and Regulations of rule #28 which she broke down into 3 sections. A Motion to accept the newly written Rules was made by Glenda and seconded by Stacie. Motion carried.
- The old horse barn. Stacie reported on the quote for the inside – replacing the stall walls. She got two quotes that do not include the demolition of what is currently in there. They would bring in a skid steer and level the inside of the barn. For 14 stalls with 2x10 lumber, the quote was \$ 44,467 versus the tongue-and-groove version at \$ 47,064. Inside we are looking for 14 twelve-foot stalls. Glenda wonders if we might get the lumber donated. She reported that Selkirk Stalls recommended that we use metal stalls with pony walls that would go as high as the trusses to support those since the trusses need extra support. Oliver Andrews said the pricing for the outside would be about the same as the Goat Barn which was approximately \$33,000 with the exception of any price fluctuations of the metal sheeting. Put Oliver on the agenda for January and table the decision until then. Jodi will look up how much the beef barn cost to redo and report it at the January meeting.
- Fair Theme for 2024: Red White & Blue, This Fair's for You (Sarah Falck) Dave motioned that we choose this for the 2024 fair theme. Seconded by Glenda. Jodi will put the theme on Facebook. Paula said she would let Sarah know her theme was chosen. Jodi will also post on Facebook that we are looking for artwork by end of January for the fair book and/or t-shirts. The Board will choose at the February meeting.
- Review who gets free facility rentals per previous board decisions, and discuss any changes to current policy. 4-H has new building. No action. Leave as currently stated.
- Open Class table-top & other display ideas to replace or add to current large rolling displays. Paula will come back to the next meeting with a cost analysis for redoing the photo department and replacing the old heavy white displays.
- Tighten up accessibility to Fort Knox, keys, and office access. Dave suggested that 4-H get a safe and keep their money in their own office and not in the fair office, or get a key from their bank to deposit it at night. A motion to send a letter to tell 4-H, FFA, and other entities that we will no longer be keeping their money in the fair office was made by Glenda, and seconded by Stacie. Motion carries.

- Additional Bleachers- Dave has found some options. More seating is needed to enable events to make a profit. On-grade bleachers would be put by the crow's nest. \$24,000 - \$42,000. Resend Glenda the link for a smaller unit we discussed a couple of months ago so she can order one closer to spring. No action taken concerning the larger bleachers.
- Replace pressure toilets with tank toilets. Estimate for 3 American Standard toilets including installation is \$2,025. Chris will be sure they are handicapped height. Motion to replace the toilets in the VEC through Turner Plumbing was made by Dave and seconded by Stacie. Motion carried.
- Report/discussion about the RMAF Convention by those who attended. Table for January meeting.
- Adjust the WiFi cost for larger events with multiple vendors to a flat fee, and the event coordinator can spread that cost out to those in their group who want it. Add this to the Public Hearing notice for January. Dave made a motion to offer a multi-vendor events group price for events at \$75 per day for internet. Seconded by Stacie. Motion carried.
- Jodi will send a letter to the Commissioners for ARPA funds for three water fountain/stations. Include a copy of the one Dave showed us.
- No Dave and probably no Stacie for the January 8 meeting.
- Add a Public Hearing to the January 8 meeting.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Glenda. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.


 _____ (Ken Goggia - Vice - Chairman) 1/8/24 (date)


 _____ (Jodi Stoddard – Board Secretary) 1/8/24 (date)

