



## **Bonner County Fair Board**

Meeting Minutes for  
Monday, April 10, 2023  
5:30 p.m.

- 1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by vice chair Jody Russell**
- 2. Public Comment: \***
  - a. Scott Bauer spoke to the concerns of us not having a full board. Stating that we cannot conduct business without a board, which allows a position to be held until filled by the current board member.
  - b. Asia Williams spoke to the fairboard saying it was voted on to allow the fair board to place the RV park on property under the fair grounds. She also thanked the board for all that they do.
  - c. David Mann - Asia has done a great job at BOCC. Would like to see all county entities start to move away from Google, Youtube, Facebook, etc due to where their monies go in support of different agencies, and political groups.
  - d. Dave Bowman - Has not attended a fair board meeting before, but would like to see us continue to work hard as we have been for the Community. He thanks the board for all they do.
- 3. Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Approval of Fair Board Minutes**
  - a. March 13, 2023 - Laya made a motion to approve the minutes. Gail seconded the motion. The motion Passed.
  - b. Special Meeting March, 20, 2023- Laya made a motion to approve the minutes. Gail seconded the motion. The motion Passed.
  - c. Special Meeting March 29, 2023 - Laya made a motion to approve the minutes. Gail seconded the motion. The motion Passed.
- 4. Agency Updates**
  - a. 4H Update - Gena Gibson gave an update on 4-H. She gave a handout with all updates.
  - b. Rodeo Update - Levi Irish - Joleen will be staying on for another year as secretary/treasurer
    - i. Rodeo Contracts- All contracts are here. Roping boxes are ordered and should be here in approximately 4-5 weeks.
    - ii. Discussion on chaps for Royalty is still at the rodeo committee and they will make a decision for the next meeting.
  - c. Facility Update - Chris -
    - i. Elliot from troop 111 will be doing the painting of the food booth starting in April or May depending on the weather. Would like to

- have it completed by June 1st.
- ii. Rabbit barn update - Chris is working with Northern lights to get more electricity to that area
- iii. Campground will open Sunday, April 16th
- d. Auditor's Office - Chris - \$315,554.05 is our balance for all accounts

## **5. New Business**

- a. Action Item: Discussion/Decision -Laya made a motion to allow Grad Night to use the MEB this year at no charge. Gail seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- b. Action Item: Discussion/Decision Draft Horse Show - Alexia Vandekamp - 2018 was the last show here in sandpoint. They are a new group taking this over and would like to work with us on getting this back in Sandpoint. We will meet with them at a workshop to discuss all the details and then make a decision after the workshop with both parties
- c. Action Item: Discussion/Decision Naval presentation during the fair - the Navy Scout team would like to be here during the fair and rodeo. They would like to have booth as well. We will meet with them at a later date in a workshop to discuss all details before making a decision.
- d. Action Item: Discussion/Decision Reserve America booking of during larger events of the current campsites (excluding fair) - The fair staff would like all events to be responsible for booking their own camping on Reserve America. This would allow them to book their spots and then they will be responsible for cancellations and no shows. This would prevent the fair staff from having to monitor this and run it through the office. Gail made a motion to have all events other than fair and rodeo go through Reserve America. Laya seconded the motion. The motion Passed.
- e. Action Item: Discussion /Decision Sandpoint Library summer reading Program award - Susan asked the Fair Board and rodeo for a large reward that they kids could work for by meeting their monthly goal of reading. We will meet with Susan at a later date at a workshop to discuss details before making a decision.
- f. Action Item: Discussion /Decision Beginning Process for hiring a CPA for the fairgrounds - Gail made a motion to begin looking into a CPA for the fairgrounds. Laya seconded the motion. The motion Passed.
- g. Action Item: Discussion /Decision Off Road Man Lift for work on Rabbit Barn and lights in other Barns - Gail made a motion to allow Chris to rent a man lift for a couple days to do fairgrounds maintenance. Laya seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- h. Action Item: Discussion /Decision - IT department designation - Laya made a motion to ask if all IT to could run through the law side of IT as they are close to the Fairgrounds. Gail seconded the motion. The motion

passed.

## **6. Old Business**

- a. Action Item: Discussion/Decision - advertisement in the Sandpoint Magazine \$1200 (25,000 over 225+ Locations) - This is a substantial discount, no increase from last year. - Laya made a motion to go ahead and advertise in Sandpoint magazine. Gail seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- b. Action Item: Discussion/Decision - Advertise on the Sandpoint Map 15,000 copies dispersed through the summer - \$2250 - after some discussion for this year due to lack of advertisement budget Laya made a motion to not advertise in the Sandpoint Map this year. Gail seconded the motion. The motion passed. We will revisit this in 2024.

## **7. Correspondence**

- a. Ryan involved in the roping at Cocolalla Ranch would like to hold some events here which involve jackpot style roping events. He will email Chris more information.
- b. Ashley - the Wedding website - would like to get some information from Chris about holding weddings here as another venue in Sandpoint. Chris will find out more.

## **8. Approval of Bills**

- a. Update on Bills paid - Chris - Chris handed out the list of current bills. Lay made a motion to pay all bills (\$6900.35) including Beverly for cleaning (\$995.00) and ABI attachment (\$854.37). Gail seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - b. Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Rodeo Bills - Gail made a motion to deposit a sponsorship that went into the royalty account to be moved to the rodeo account. Laya seconded the motion. The motion passed. Chris will make this money transfer
9. **Executive Session:** Gail made a motion to move into executive session under under Idaho Code 74-206- 1-B Personnel. Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (D) Personnel Records Exempt Discussion Critical Infrastructure Fairboard will meet regarding allegations against fairgrounds personnel. Roll call vote:
- a. Gail - Yes, Laya - Yes, Marj - Yes, Jody - Yes
  - b. Gail made a motion to move out of executive session. Marj seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - c. Action Item: Discussion/Decision on Items - Marj made a motion to release any public records related to records requested by Luke to be released. Gail seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Next meeting, May 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM**