



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

EVENTS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS

MINUTES

Attendance: Allison Paul, Sonia Ormsbee, Coral Miller, Sarah Fischer, Dean Elliott, Scott Candelaria, Tim Hallmark, Hayden Schmidt, Pat Candelaria, Wes Jacobs, Phil Riesselman, John Adams, Debbie Mills, Gabe Ryan, Luanne Lee, Michelle Bartlett, Lora Talbert, Pam Spradlin, Clay Gysin, Ben Alderton, Craig Sloan.

Meeting

Discuss Current Budget: Sonia gave an update on the current budget including budget requests. She reported that there were a few requests that they were able to fit in within the current budget, \$11,000 was approved as an on-going request (received every year), and the larger requests had been approved as a one-time request. Sonia reminded the committee that on the one-time requests that were not approved, those will need to be submitted every year. Dean reminded the committee to be thinking of budget requests for 2023 to bring to the May Executive meeting. Wes added on for Committees to be cognizant of the current year's budget and if they fear they will go out of budget, to let Fair Board know.

Update on Hometown: John gave an update on quotes from new Hometown Rodeo stock contractors to include judges, rodeo secretary and stock. A few contractors turned down the opportunity to bid and another came in at \$3,000 over last year's quote. The committee discussed options to counter act the price increases. A few options discussed were increasing the stock fee for Hometown Rodeo and Mutton Bustin participants or not having Mutton Bustin at Hometown Rodeo. The committee recommended to keep Mutton Bustin and look at other options to counter act costs. The question was asked about requesting a supplemental budget, but staff recommended that Fair Board secure vendors and examine the budget at that time instead of asking for a supplemental budget now.

Sponsorship Support: Debbie reported that sponsorships are going very well this year with several past sponsors returning and several new reaching out for opportunities for 2022.

Review Open Items on Task Spreadsheet: All committees are on top of their items on the Fair Task Spreadsheet. Phil updated the committee on a few things from Livestock Sale including problems with finding enough packing plants for this year's sale. The Livestock Sale Committee is working diligently to find other options. The Executive Committee again discussed the option of moving the Livestock Sale up one week for 2023 and what all that would entail.

Kirk Hall Food Vendor Options: A food vendor reached out to Coral that they would be interested in serving food out of Kirk Hall. Through a Fair Board Director, the Knights of Columbus also showed interest in vending out of Kirk Hall. Both vendors are very similar in menu and price. Both would need to bring a trailer to house their fryer in as well as they would each have a smaller food option located near the Pavilion. The committee discussed both options and the pros and cons of each including food quality and affordability. The recommendation was made to try the new vendor for 2022.

Other: The committee asked if there will still be a concert this year. Staff updated that a concert is still anticipated, but talent availability is low right now as artists are still rescheduling their concerts from cancelled shows over the last two years. The Grizzly Rose is no longer involved in the search this year, staff is engaging with Romeo Entertainment for the concert and two different liquor managers for 2022.

Luanne let the committee know that Mike Ehmann is retiring at the end of the month. His last day will be April 1.

Next Meeting:

April 14, 2022

Comments: