

6:30 PM CONVENE

Present: Alyse Webber, Chairman; Wendy Wagner, Vice Chairman; Eddie Coulter, Matt Plaisted, and Karrol Williams, Board Members; Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager

Guests: Pat Ehret, Member of the Public; Tammy O'Donnell, Fallon County Times

6:32 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Alyse called the meeting to order.

6:32 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Matt Plaisted made a motion to approve the June 21, 2021 Fair Board Agenda. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

6:32 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wendy Wagner made a motion to approve the April 26, 2021 Fair Board Minutes. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to approve May 24, 2021 Fair Board Minutes. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

6:33 PM Manager's Report

Shyla presented her report for review.

6:36 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Wood/Pat Ehret

Pat was wanting to know if the wood that is behind the hill was available for someone to have. She said only if the chainsaw guys aren't coming back. Alyse said she would have to ask commission because for most things we no longer use we have to put it into auction. Matt asked if we bought it. Eddie said yes so we would have to sell it to her. Pat said to let her know, she was also wondering if she could help with the parade. She said people are used to her helping and had asked her questions last year when she was there. Wendy didn't think that was a bad idea to have a consistent person. Shyla agreed especially since it's off site.

6:36pm Eddie entered the meeting.

Pat said she would sign whatever to volunteer. Shyla said we'd need her to meet with us every year just to keep on the same page with route, time, lineup, etc. Eddie thinks it's a good idea. Eddie asked how much of the wood Pat wanted. There was discussion on this. Eddie said he'd look into it. Shyla thanked her for ticket taking at the High School Finals and she'd like her help for Fair. Pat agreed.

6:41pm Pat left the meeting.

Advertising/Fallon County Times

Tammy O'Donnell presented the specials for the upcoming months. The full page June special and the deadline is tomorrow. She said they added a paper, Beach and Medora. Last year we did a "Tickets on Sale" ad, Country Neighbors ad, and August full page insert. The Board thanked her and said Shyla would let her know what we decided.

6:46 Tammy left the meeting.

There was discussion on the proposal.

Eddie Coulter made a motion to approve all the specials proposed by the Fallon County Times for a total of \$2,981.15 and Rodeo Programs. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

6:46 PM OLD BUSINESS

2021 Montana High School Finals Rodeo

Shyla presented the Expense/Revenue Report for review. Eddie said we need to get invoices for the PRCA secretary and timers. Shyla said if he could get her the addresses, she would get it done. Shyla asked if the Board would like to allow any refunds on registration, we haven't in the past but she wanted to be sure that was still the case. Alyse thinks we stick with what we've done in the past. Matt agrees that's what's fair. The Board agreed. Alyse asked if the Board

had any reviews to share. Eddie thought everything went really well. Wendy asked about the Cowboy Prom. Eddie said the kids loved it and Vaughn said he had a blast. Shyla said everything went smoothly for the most part.

PRCA Xtreme Broncs

Shyla presented the attendance and revenues made. Eddie thought the weather and day of the week put a damper on attendance but everyone that went loved it. There was discussion on next year. Eddie said beginning of June is a good time for contractors. Shyla thought we should pair it with a carnival or something like that to “kick off summer” if any carnivals are interested. The Board agreed we will ask for that in our upcoming budget. Shyla said we need that air conditioner in the announcers stand and we need to get the lift to take the old speakers down that we no longer use because they are beginning to fall. Eddie said the flag pole cable broke so we need to fix it before Fair.

7:12 PM NEW BUSINESS

Budget Meeting

Shyla gave an overview on how the Commissioner Proceedings went. Wendy said she thought it went well. Alyse said there was very little discussion. Shyla said we don’t really know what budget we have until they vote it in but if the Board wanted to change anything they’d need to let her know as soon as possible.

2021 Fallon County Fair

Eddie said Christopher the musician is good to go. Shyla said to have him send a contract. Shyla passed out a couple of ideas for more midway attractions. She asked if the Board wanted a say or if they just wanted her to go forward with a set budget in mind.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to allow Shyla to spend no more than \$15,000 on additional midway entertainment. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Shyla said that the line has been blurry on our non-compete clause between vendors and it’s only getting worse. Through the years our non-profit vendors have started to sell competing items and since we don’t get a menu from them every year, it’s become difficult to manage. Therefore when we ask outside vendors to come in they are very difficult to find since they can only have a limited menu. Eddie asked who we have for this year. Shyla said Happy Elephant, T’s Traveling Table, Holy Groundz, Assembly of God Church, 4H Food Booth, American Lutheran Church, and Knights of Columbus. Shyla said since Bogie’s BBQ backed out she wanted to get another BBQ one. The Board agreed. Shyla talked about the Bowling Alley potentially wanting to do pizzas. Eddie thinks it’s a great idea. She is just needing to find a way to get her oven here. Wendy asked about hospitality meals. Eddie said yes, Thursday and Friday breakfast and yes to brats. He will get Wendy the numbers. Alyse asked to circle back to the non-compete discussion. Matt thinks it’s too much to keep track of; who’s selling what. Eddie thinks it’s only fair way is to just inform everyone we aren’t restricting menus.

Matt Plaisted motioned to stop restricting menu items and cancel the non-compete clause in the Food Vendor Agreement. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Alyse asked about the Burger guy. Shyla said he was interested but we are running out of spots. If the Bowling Alley ends up not being able to come she will ask him. Eddie said OCC Legacy Cuts wants sell jerky. Alyse said just have them pay the vendor fee. The Board agreed. Shyla asked about the Gamma Beta beer booth fee. Shyla said is was lowered last year because of covid but it was \$2,000.

Karrol Williams made a motion to charge Gamma Betta \$2,000 rent. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Eddie talked about adding a bar to the stage. Shyla will mention it to them. Alyse asked about Leslie doing a old-western photo booth. Shyla said Leslie is on board for Saturday and Sunday and is rounding up props and costumes. Shyla thought Leslie could set up in the tin vendor building. She hasn’t heard anything from Bingo but if they did decide to they could share the space.

Next Meeting: Monday July 12, 2021

8:07 PM ADJOURN

Karrol Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:
s/Alyse Webber, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager