

Monday, April 17th, 2023

PRESENT: Matt Plaisted, Vice Chairman; Wendy Wagner, Derrick DeHaan, Karrol Williams Fair Board Members, Jennefer Wheeler Fairgrounds Manager

ABSENT: Eddie Coulter, Chairman

GUESTS: Pat Ehret, Mark Kirchsten, Amanda Williams

6:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Matt Plaisted called the meeting to order.

6:31 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the April 17, 2023, Fair Board Agenda. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

6:32 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Derrick DeHaan motioned to approve the March 20th, 2023, Minutes. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

6:33 PM MANAGERS REPORT

Jennefer gave a brief line up of all the events in the Exhibit Hall and the Barn coming up. Talked to Darcy today in the Courthouse and are going to set up a meeting next week to go over the New Staller Agreement. Most all the horses are moved down to the Outside Stalls. Also, talked with Darcy over the 1 Entertainment Contract and we will get that worked out next week also when we meet. Shyla's been helping on and off on a few of the upcoming events and programs. I went to both the Livestock Committee and 4H Counsel meetings. Our next meeting will be followed by our internal Budget Meeting and Kimberly will be here. She sent off the Bar Bids for the Fair. Wendy said if no one responds send out the letter again. Seasonal Interviews are April 25th. We have 6 candidates to date.

6:40 PM EXTENSION REPORT

Amanda Williams reported that the 4H Counsel meeting was held today and as they were asked in January to vote on their recommendation of the Barn bleacher removal, they finally have their final vote. They voted they were fine if they were removed. The majority were in favor and 1 against. Matt Plaisted then asked that they make sure they let the Commission know their position and we thanked them for the update. Amanda said that there is Community Craft in May coming up, AQA Livestock judging June 4th, OREO-June trip and 4H-Camp Need more. They need 12-15 more adults. Also, they talked about the wash racks with a drain, more power-Board stated Eddie was working on that. Mark suggested maybe a portable generator or something along that would work too. A gate on the wash rack area and Matt said he would get with Amanda and see what they wanted, also 4H would like to purchase a bench for down by the Clocktower in remembrance of Floyd. Everyone on the Board thought that would be wonderful. Mark Kirschten left the meeting.

6:51 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Ehret wanted us to know she was back. She asked if we would like her to line up for the Parade again this year? The Board said yes, we would and glad that she is feeling better. Pat also then stated Jennefer please call me if you need any help with anything during the Fair. Jennefer said she sure would and appreciated her letting her know. Pat then stated she felt that the Commission needed to go to the Conventions with the Board. It would help move things along. She said they used to go, and everyone would come back to a round table after a couple of hours and agree on Acts and then the Commission would sign them there and it was done. She is going to go to the Commission and tell them she feels this needs to be done again also. The Board thanked Pat for her input and Pat then left the meeting.

6:59 PM OLD BUSINESS

Xtreme Broncs

Tabled as Eddie wasn't here, and no one was sure what we were going to do.

Summer Concert

Jennefer was still looking at some dates that were open. But the bands we wanted were not available. She said maybe we could do something different, and she had asked for some other quotes and will get back to the Board at the next meeting.

Staller Rental Agreement

Next week we will meet with any of the changes you guys all have. Everyone discussed the changes and Jennefer will take them to her at their meeting.

7:10 PM NEW BUSINESS

2023 FAIR

Karrol Williams gave Jennefer a list of rooms needed for the Rodeo side of the Fair. Jennefer will be working on getting the rooms secured. We are short some Jennefer said due to Jackson Village selling 1 trailer and they won't commit until July on the others due to aggressively trying to sell them. If they do sell, they will be moved away was the understanding. Still working on the Saturday evening contract with Darcy.

Entertainment

Waiting on our Formal offer that has been submitted and see if we have secured anything. Could take a week or so.

Gravel

Jennefer was asked to put this on for Matt. We have been assessing the grounds and feel it could use a bit more gravel. Everyone discussed it.

Karrol Williams motioned to approve getting another load of gravel for the grounds. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Other

Matt brought up the stools in the Rodeo booth. Some are in poor condition and thought maybe we could look into replacing a couple. Everyone discussed ideas of where and Matt said he would go ask Baker Furniture and see what they could come up with for some quotes around town.

Wendy brought up Open Meeting Laws. Everyone discussed what was understood and clarified it for everyone.

Matt asked if there is anything else we need to discuss. No one could think of anything else.

Next Meeting: May 15th, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office

7:41 PM ADJOURN

Karrol Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays 1 Absent. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:
s/ Matt Plaisted, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager