

Monday, May 15th, 2023

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Polly Davis, Greg Caron, Shyla Hadley, Kimberly Jensen

6:32 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Eddie Coulter called the meeting to order.

6:33 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Karrol Williams motioned to approve the May 15, 2023, Fair Board Agenda. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

6:34 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the April 17th, 2023, Minutes. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

6:36 PM MANAGERS REPORT

Jennefer gave a lineup of all the events in the Exhibit Hall and the Barn coming up. The 4 Seasonals will start then end of May. All horses are moved down to the Outside Stalls. Met with Darcy over the Staller Agreement changes and the other contract for Fair. She has been out and not sent over the redone Staller Agreement. Shyla's been helping on and off on a few of the upcoming events and programs. Called the Church Groups to be sure they were going to have the Concessions. All said as of now yes. Mike Menger was here working on the water turn on. He did suggest we think about a filter for the North Grandstand bathroom, so they aren't full of sediment and not plugged up.

6:38 PM EXTENSION REPORT

Amanda was not there. Jennefer said she did drop off a suggestion for next year's Fair theme. We can look at that at the next meeting.

6:38 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Derby for Fair-Polly Davis and Greg Caron said everything looked good on their end. Jennefer gave them the contract to look over and sign and bring back in. Greg Caron asked if it was the same as last time, garbage, clean up around afterwards. The Board all said yes, they didn't have anything that needed changed. Jennefer asked them if the ticket prices will stay the same. Yes, they said it all should be the same. Greg and Polly said they will get their members to sign the contract at the next meeting and they will then bring it back in. Greg and Polly left the meeting.

6:41 PM OLD BUSINESS

Xtreme Broncs

Eddie is still working on the Fall event. We will see if it can be done.

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Entertainment Announcement

Could Jennefer get the FB account so she could put the Night Show on it please. Jennefer talked to the Circus. They don't need us to do anything really. She will clean up the bathrooms etc. Talked about an opening act before the Night Show. Jennefer will run it by Patricia and see if that could be approved. Eddie is trying to come up with something a bit different for prizes. Eddie would like to order the buckles.

Wendy Wagner made the motion for Eddie to order the buckles, Matt Plaisted seconded the motion.

The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Mutton Bustin

Jennefer asked how many spots each day there would be. Eddie said depending on how many sheep we can get. Jennefer will get the forms ready to publish once we are ready to go. Sylan LaCross ran into Shyla also and was asking about shirts. Eddie will work on that.

Staller Rental Agreement

Jennefer sent an email to Darcy asking if she had the revised copy done. She didn't get a response. Karrol asked if it's ok to have dogs running around outside. Eddie said that we don't have a rule for that outside only inside the Barn.

Vendor Contracts

Jennefer asked if everyone was ok to send out the contracts for the Fair. Everyone agreed if anyone was inquiring that we can send them out. They weren't making any changes at this time. Jennefer said she did update the website with the correct year on them. She couldn't find any newer one for the Beer Booth, but she will update one for them and get it to them also.

Bar Bids

We only have 1 but another did call and say they had a Board meeting, and she may be submitting it. The Board agreed if they do not submit one next week then to go ahead and award to the only Bidder.

Ticket Prices

Jennefer asked if we were keeping the prices for the tickets the same as last year. She read off the prices for the Night Show, Rodeo, Carnival, and Stunt Show. Everyone agreed that they would like to stay the same.

Matt Plaisted motioned to approve to keep the ticket prices the same as last year. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Rodeo Office Floor

Eddie said that he started to tear out the floor tonight to see what they were working with. He was surprised at how the composite was not in good shape and that was supposed to be better. There is metal, wood and composite in it. Derrick asked if maybe we could pour concrete in it and that would make it stay better. We could talk about it in the Budget meeting. Matt said maybe the Board we could pour it ourselves and fix it up. Eddie can look into quotes too. Eddie will finish tearing it out and then they can see what they want to do.

Electric in Livestock Barn

Mark Kirschten at the last meeting brought up the power again in the Barn during Fair. Shyla commented that maybe we could use another electrical tree as they do blow breakers alot. Matt said that there was discussion at the last meeting about a generator maybe too. Jennefer will call Brian with Direct Electric and see about a quote on it or what we can do.

7:10 PM NEW BUSINESS

Drive In Movie

Jennefer would like to host a movie in the back Pavillion area behind the Exhibit Hall on June 24th. She will ask 4H if they would like to sell popcorn or treats. If they do not want to Wendy suggested maybe the Boy Scouts.

Matt Plaisted motioned to approve to have the Drive In June 24th. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Eddie asked if there was anything else to discuss. Karrol Williams gave Jennefer another Food Truck Vendor out of Glendive to look into. Matt asked if Eddie would talk to Turk Stark about holding a Wild Ride. Jennefer reminded Eddie to start on ordering sawdust for the Fair so we aren't short like we were last year.

Next Meeting: June 19th, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office

7:14 PM ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AND GO INTO BUDGET DISCUSSION

Matt Plaisted made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays 0 Absent. The motion carried unanimously.

7: 28PM Kimberly Jensen (Accounts Payable) arrived for the Budget Discussion

7:30 PM 2023-2024 Budget Discussion

The Fair Board, Kimberly Jensen, Shyla Hadley Interim Manager and Jennefer Fairgrounds Manager proceeded to go through each budget line item and create a tentative budget proposal for the Fallon County Commissioners.

8:42 PM BUDGET DISCUSSION FINISHED

ADJOURN:
s/ Eddie Coulter, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager