



March 14, 2023

Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Johnson, Elise Burton, Linda Rider, Dave Fair, Tim Vulles, Kevin Kirking, Joe Doellefeld, Elizabeth Brewer, Sharon Nelson, Mike Mclean, Dave Paul, Nick White, Christine White, Michaela Woempner, Greg Bennett, Shanda Masterson and Alexcia Jordan.

Meeting minutes recorded by Alexcia.

Called to order at 5:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Elise

Changes to the Agenda

- None

Hearing of Delegates

- None

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

- Joe moved to approve minutes: Elise second. Motion carried.

Reading of Correspondence

- Alexcia passed around a folder with three letters received regarding the concert selections.

Claims and Financial Statements

- Elise moved that usual and customary claims to be paid; Joe second. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Update on Dalton Well - Alexcia and Jerry reported the well drilling is complete at 387 feet deep, next phase will be to install a pump and connect to the RV Park for irrigation.
- U of I Extension MOU - Alexcia reported no action needed at this time, we are waiting on more information from Extension to complete the final draft.

New Business

- RMAF Spring Facility Tour - The tour is hosted by our district, Alexcia has worked with the Northwest Montana Fair to create a program in that area touring several facilities. Jerry noted we have budgeted to allow board members to attend and cover the registration fee and one night lodging if they wish to participate.

Committee Reports

- Food/Beverage – Joe mentioned talking with Pepsi to remove the exclusive clause and would like to approach Coke for a proposal.
- Development/Planning – Alexcia to set a meeting to discuss the first step in our master plan, what and where.
- Educational Programming – Linda reported we will be hosting a Farm to Table Day May 16-18. Meet a Farmer Dinner will be May 15th. Tickets are on sale.
- Events, Fair & Policy – Alexcia shared Julia will be evaluating our policies and making suggestions.
- Finance & Budget – Elise shared financial highlights, our annual fair planning meeting with ICCU and reported the audit is wrapping up. We will begin the RFP process for the 2023-2025 audit process upon completion of the 2022 audit.
- Facilities, Equipment & Maintenance – Tim and Greg reported we are evaluating our fleet, would like to sell the small fork lift as it does not suit our needs, we have ordered a black widow arena groomer which was nearly all funded by a donation from the Lake City Jr. Rodeo.
- Jr. Fair Advisory Board – Michaela reported that the first meeting was today with a great turnout of 17 members.
- Livestock, 4-H and FFA - Mike reported that the committee has been working hard and planning is coming together. Shanda reported we have a vet for the entire run of the fair to be onsite and judges' selection is wrapping up.
- Marketing – No report.
- Rodeo – Dave reported excellent growth in their volunteer base. He also reported the committee's annual bronc school has 34 participants! Jr Rodeo will be August 5 and 6. He also shared information about the Cowboy Channel and PRCA televised rodeo selection and will keep the board informed as we go.
- Executive Committee – Jerry reported the committee meets regularly to stay informed on the daily happenings on the facility and in planning of the fair.

Public/Open Comments

- Alexcia shared Bonner County Fair is hiring a new manager and has board positions open, please share.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm – Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Dave, motion carried.