



April 11, 2023

Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Johnson, Elise Burton, Linda Rider, Dave Fair, Tim Vulles, Kevin Kirking, Joe Doellefeld, Sharon Nelson, Christina Petite, Mike Mclean, Jessica Mclean, 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 Jerry

Changes to the Agenda

- None

Hearing of Delegates

- None

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

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

Read of Correspondence

- None

Claims and Financial Statements

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

Old Business

- Update KCFR Fair Services - Alexcia reported the results of the March 21 BOCC Fair Board Quarterly Update. Elise noted that the meeting can be watched on YouTube. BOCC agreed to pay for the 2022 First Aid services but not the 2023 services. They will continue to pay for the standby services. Alexcia and Elise will research this further and report back their findings to the board.
- Update RV Park and Well Progress and Plan - Alexcia spoke to the request for additional funds from the Aquifer Protection District was denied. We will proceed with caution not to go over our contingency budget and work with partners to find savings. Greg spoke to the plan to proceed with minimal funding.

New Business

- Facility Electrical Plan - Alexcia reported our long time part-time Electrician will not be able to continue his service with us due to other obligations. He will remain available for questions. Alexcia and Greg reported the need to find a qualified person to assume this role and will further explore options.
- Annual Ask of BOCC for FY24 - Alexcia requested to forego an ask for FY24. Discussion included many pros and cons to this decision by the board. After deliberations board consensus was to forego the FY24 ask in hopes this will help the County give back to their employees. We will ask them to keep emergency services fees in their BOCC budget for FY24.

Committee Reports

- Food/Beverage – Discussing on moving a bar to a new location, potential sponsorship, Pepsi agreement and food court occupants.
- Development/Planning – Alexcia to set a meeting with Commissioner Duncan to hear more of the land she is potentially interested in moving the fairgrounds to.
- 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. Michaela will distribute flyers for Meet a Farmer to all Chambers and various clubs.
- Events, Fair & Policy – Michaela is working on FAQ videos for exhibits and livestock programs and entry processes.
- Finance & Budget – Elise reported we are all very impressed with Julia’s work. We are up on income for this time of year due to strong pre-sales and early ticket releases.
- Facility, Equipment & Maintenance - Tim and Greg reported they picked up the new Black Widow Groomer. They are looking into the fleet for potential to sell, working on Chill Zone, lighting, new A Gate is finished and chasing leaks in RV Park.
- Jr. Fair Advisory Board – Michaela reported various activities this group will be helping with this summer.
- Livestock, 4-H and FFA - Mike reported beef weigh in this weekend. We had 51 head weigh in. Numbers are down likely due to cost of feed and many families with large acreage have had kids age out of the programs. Judges are contracted. Vet is hired. Elise spoke to some misinformation people are spreading to buyers regarding Grand and Reserve processing. We advise people to call the YSSS Chair or Fair Office to get correct information.
- Marketing – Alexcia reported she just finished the NISFair.Fun website redesign with Saffire. Please take a look. She will begin the KCfairgrounds.com website this week.
- Rodeo – Dave submitted his report via email.
- Executive Committee – No Report.

Public/Open Comments

- None

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm – Motion to adjourn by The  da, motion carried.

