

**NCW Fair Board Meeting  
Thursday, July 13, 2023**

<b>Members Present</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Christy Asmussen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Foged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julia Goodman <input type="checkbox"/> Leon Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Hedges	<input type="checkbox"/> Chance Landon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becky Matthiesen <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Overton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Schneider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Shafer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamey Jo Steele <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Viebrock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Beidler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Whitehall <input type="checkbox"/> Sheri Bock
<b>Staff</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Morley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Sanders	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramon Ramirez
<b>Guests</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adam called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. He mentioned that if you have items to be added to the agenda, please do so.

Margaret moved, and Julia seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 8, 2023, as presented. The minutes were emailed to all Board members previously. It passed unanimously.

Carolyn gave a brief overview of the financial report.

- Camping monies are coming in.
- Tickets for pretty much everything are being purchased on-line.
- The Rodeo Committee earned \$2,000+/- selling concessions at the Monster Truck event. The exact figure will be available when we know what the costs were for the products sold.
- The food vendors did well at the Monster Truck event; some did better than others.
- The revenue generated by the Monster Truck event was around \$40,000; this is also not a final number.

**Old Business**

1. **Cattlemen’s report** – This was not discussed.
2. **Monster Truck recap** – Carolyn reported that there were around 200 less in attendance on Friday but only a few less than last year on Saturday. The liquor vendor made about \$10,000; it is the same vendor as for the Fair. Ag West rented the Community Hall and had a customer appreciation dinner for their patrons. Security was present.
3. **Open Superintendents** – We now have superintendents for all departments except for floriculture.

**New Business.**

## 1. **Committee Reports:**

- **Livestock Committee:**
  - Online registrations are going well; there are more livestock exhibitors registered at this date than we had last year.
  - The water line project is nearing completion; the line needs to be connected to the faucet.
  - Ramon's uncle will let someone use his truck/trailer to haul the ecology blocks from Baker's Flat to the fairgrounds; the livestock committee will pay for the fuel required for the project. Bill will talk with Willy to see if they can complete this project on Friday of next week.
  - We have contracted with the judges, auctioneer and have packers lined up for the livestock auction.
  - The Friends of the Fair purchased four microphones and speakers for the animal show arenas.
- **Race & Rodeo**
  - The racehorse stalls are going to be full (all 50).
  - A tractor is needed to move the race gate across the track.
  - The new building is supposed to come around August 14; it will take him three days to put it up. The Fair will need to finish it out with plywood, etc. Ramon is looking for volunteers to help with this.
  - The safety cap for the top of the fence around the arena will cost about \$3,000 (funds received from a safety grant)
- **Entertainment:**
  - Shenandoa will be the concert artist along with Eric Church and Jason Aldean "tribute" performances (think Elvis Presley impersonators) Tickets will be \$25 for the grandstands and \$35 for the track, which is half of the cost of the Jimmie Allan tickets.
  - Sam (works for Douglas County) has a drone and has offered to film the Big Air at the Fair event.
- **Operations/Ag Evaluation:**
  - The sponsor for the Volunteer t-shirt project (for Board members and barn superintendents) is Zane Bock Country Financial. All Board members should contact Carolyn with their shirt sizes and get them for their superintendents as well.

## 2. **Capital Improvements:**

- Horse stall folks can't meet the deadline before the Fair, but they will work overtime; the buildings should be here August 14. Help is going to be needed to get them finished in time. The asphalt will go in yet this month.
- Arena dirt – This needs to be worked up again due to a deluge of rain and the Monster Truck event.

- Ticket booths for the North and East entrances will be here by the end of July.
- The parking lot was completed prior to the Monster Truck event. The County has decided to chip seal the parking lot (the first coat is on; the second coat is coming). Stripes will be added, along with signage. This is a more permanent improvement.
- Barn renovation – Electrical is finishing up installing the lights. Marie is finishing up some of the displays.
- Goat/sheep barn – Heather, an inspector from Douglas County looked at the damage and walked through the barn. Her opinion was that the barn needs to come down. We will look at applying for a Department of Agriculture safety grant this year for this project.

### 3. **Workdays:**

- July 22 – Fair “prep” day. Bring a leaf blower with you. We’ll start at 8:00 and go to noon to try to avoid the heat.
- August 5 – final Fair “prep” day

### 4. **Fair Staff & Plan:** Hailey Moreno (temp worker) is helping in the office right now. The job description for a permanent secretary is being revamped to be presented to the County Commissioners for approval. The position would be a full-time year-round position.

- Campers move-in day: Carolyn will put a map up. Bill will be around, perhaps Leon too.
- Plan to be good hosts of our judges. They need to be met and escorted to their department superintendent.
- Ribbons – For the first day, your ribbons should be planned out for you. Going forward, you will need to go and pick up the ribbons that you will need. Margaret volunteered to help with organizing the ribbons.
- Daily during Fair there will be an “all hands-on deck” meeting/discussion at the temporary Fair office. Please plan to be there so everyone is aware of the happenings for the day.

### 5. **Future Camping:** We may be looking to alter the methodology regarding camping registrations going forward. We will discuss that in September.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Ann Whitehall, Secretary