

April 14, 2016

Board Members present: Byron Geis, Kevin Rodriguez, Kelly Camino, Laci Schiffer, Frank Sickler, Caretaker Gary Arno, Secretary Sandi Hoffman. Guests Doug Wasinger, Jay Buhr, Tina Rosalez, Kassie Bales, Kirby Camino, Carmen Rodriguez, and Heather Hampton.

Doug Wasinger requested permission to board 4-H pigs at the fairgrounds again this year. The pigs will arrive June 1st. A boarding contract will be signed by the 4-H member. A deposit of \$100 will be held by the Fair Grounds to be refunded at the end of the season if the pens are left in satisfactory condition. Kevin moved to approve 4-H project boarding. Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Jay Buhr was present on behalf of poultry & rabbit projects. He presented a price quote of \$3,000 for 48 pre-fabricated chicken & rabbit coops, and requested financial help from the Fair Board. Originally, the Board had approved funding some of the materials to construct cages, with Jay to be responsible for the construction. After discussion, the Board suggested that Jay look into other funding options, such as the Rec Board, which is accepting grant requests due the 29th. Jay will also look into other pricing options for cages and get back to the Board with his findings.

Tina Rosalez from the Buffalo Children's Center requested use of the Fair Grounds for a fund raiser to be held sometime next summer. She would like to host a 'tractor pull', with teams of people pulling a tractor a specified length, and possibly lawn mower races, dinner and dance. She is looking at a possible date of July 2nd. Kevin moved to rent out the grounds for a price of \$125. Kelly seconded. Tina will get back to us with the scheduling, if the July date won't work, we will look at other dates.

Kassie Bales, Carmen Rodriguez, & Sandi Hoffman reported to the Board on Showworks training held last month in Cody. The training was very educational, and we are looking forward to using the software to its' full capabilities during the fair this year.

Kirby spoke on behalf of the Sale Committee. A checking account has been opened for the Livestock Committee. Bills will be presented to the Fair Office, checks will be cut, and held for a committee member to pick up and take to the Livestock Committee Meetings. He asked for backing from the Fair Board on setting up and running the Livestock Sale. He would like to designate one person to be responsible for setting up the sale from start to finish. The Fair Board agreed to his request, Frank moved, Laci seconded. Motion carried.

Heather Hampton representing the Rodeo Royalty updated the Board. She requested a key to the office in the extension building. Heather also inquired about the schedule night rodeos in Buffalo, stating that the royalty girls would help where ever needed during the rodeos. She also asked the Board if some of us would be willing to help educate the girls with rodeo knowledge. Byron and Kelly both volunteered to spend time with the girls during the night rodeos, Kelly in Buffalo and Byron in Kaycee, explaining the rules of each event as the rodeo progressed. Heather also approached the Board regarding letting candidates from other counties run for JCFR royalty. After discussion, Kelly moved to keep eligibility open only to Johnson County residents. Laci seconded. Motion carried.

Byron updated the Board on the Forbes Wednesday night rodeos. John has been in the process of getting sponsors, and would like to have checks sent to the Fair Board, at the end of the season, profits

would be split accordingly. Laci suggested that a checking account specifically for Forbes Night Rodeos be created to track funds separately. Kevin moved to set up an account for this, with any two current Fair Board Members as signors. Frank seconded. Motion carried. Admission prices to the Forbes rodeos were discussed. Kevin moved to set the admission at \$5 per person. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Caretaker's Report – Gary reported that most of the past month was spent on the office remodel, with a few days spent on the east bleachers. The Board has checked out the area where the old bleachers were taken out. One of the options discussed was putting a platform deck where the bleachers have been removed, people could then bring lawn chairs and shade canopies to set up during events in the arena. The panels for the catch pens and track gates are in, he plans to get them picked up within the next week. The showers are under construction at Montondo. Hopefully the water and sewer can be set up before the trailer arrives, all that will need to be done is hook up. Gary asked if the plan is still to rotomill the tear drop in the driveway. After discussion, Laci moved to proceed with the rotomill. Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Gary told the Board that he has been approached about holding a sanctioned bull riding event by Rex Rammell of Gillette. Rex is interested in possibly holding it in conjunction with JCF&R. In looking at the schedule of events, it looks like either Saturday, July 30th or Monday August 1st would be the options to combine with fair events. Gary will get back to Rex and visit some more about this.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Frank and a second by Kelly. Payables, payroll, and vacation/sick/flex were reviewed and approved on a motion by Laci & a second by Kevin.

Byron brought up the idea of moving the normally scheduled board meeting time from 7pm to 6pm. This will hopefully allow business meetings to conclude before midnight. Frank moved for approval. Laci seconded. Motion carried.

LGLP insurance rates were reviewed. Kevin moved to go with \$1,000 deductible. Laci seconded. Motion carried.

Premium pay-outs for 4-H & open class were briefly discussed, more will be decided at the fair & rodeo workshop to be scheduled later on.

Rec Center Grant requests were discussed. The deadline for submitting requests is April 29th. The Board agreed to submit two requests, one for new playground equipment for the playground area at the northwest corner of the grandstands, and one for funding assistance for new chicken and rabbit cages for the poultry barn.

The next meeting will be May 3rd at 6pm.