

March 10, 2016

Fair Board Members present: Byron Geis, Frank Sickler, Kelly Camino, Kevin Rodriguez, Laci Schiffer, Caretaker Gary Arno, Secretary Sandi Hoffman.

Guests – Lynn Young, Heather Hampton, Johnson County Cowgirls -Deb Hepp, Jeanne, Joslyn, Heidi Camino, Jen Johnson; Kirby Camino, Jim Dawson, John Forbes, John & Nancy Orwig, Commissioner Bill Novotny.

New Business: Lynn Young spoke on behalf of the Occidental Jam, requesting the use of the stage sound system for an upcoming concert at Bomber Mountain Center. The concert will be held in October, and proceeds will be used for scholarship funds. Lynn also presented the Board with an itemized inventory and approximate value of the equipment. After discussion, the Board and Lynn agreed to loan the equipment in trade for the Occidental Jam to provide music at the fair on Tuesday evening incorporated with the sheep feed and sheep lead.

John and Nancy Orwig representing Habitat for Humanity – Regarding the rate increase of the facility rental, due to the fact that Habitat is a non-profit organization, and that income generated from the garage sale is put back into the Habitat Program, they felt that the quoted rate was extreme. After discussion, Laci moved to set the price at \$500 for this year's event. Frank seconded, motion carried.

The Johnson County Cowgirls requested a review of the contract and rate increase. Heidi Camino spoke on behalf of the group, stating that they are a non-profit group, whose main purpose is to give young kids a start in rodeo events. The proposed increase would not allow the group to continue. After discussion, Kelly moved to set the rate for the coming season at \$875.00. Laci seconded. Motion carried.

Deb Hepp – Deb would like to see a pony express race included in this year's rodeo. The Board agreed to add the event to the entry form for Saturday's events, contingent on getting enough entries. Deb will handle getting sponsorships for cash prizes and putting out posters to advertise the event. Commissioner Novotny put up \$200 towards the purse.

Heather Hampton, Rodeo Royalty Committee – Heather reported that the committee is currently working on establishing by-laws and code of conduct. She reported that the royalty clinic will be held April 9th & 10th, they have lined up speakers and coaches to work with interested girls. She asked if the sound system is available in the community building for the clinic. Gary said all should be good to go. Heather inquired if a checking account had been established for the royalty yet. An account has been opened at First Northern. 2 signatures will be required, one being a Fair Board member, and one being a Royalty Committee member. Laci moved to appoint Frank and Kevin as authorized signors for the Fair Board on the account. Kelly seconded. Motion carried. Heather reported that Deseria Light and Analee Redding have been designated as signors for the Royalty Committee.

John Forbes – John updated the Board on the Wednesday night rodeo plan. John plans to hold rodeos on Wednesday nights during June and July. He has visited with the Chamber regarding rodeo promotions, and feels that the Chamber on board with him. Some ideas are to have Gary drive through town on Wednesday mornings with a bull horn, announcing that there will be a rodeo that evening, checking with the BATS bus to see if they would possibly run a shuttle from the campgrounds to the fair

grounds, selling tickets at the Chamber office and camp grounds, and involving the area dude ranches in a team format to offer a Calcutta each week prior to the rodeo. John will provide the rodeo workers and stock, the Fair Grounds would provide insurance and ambulance service. Gate fees would be split equally between John and the Fair Board. John will keep us updated with the progress next month.

Kirby Camino – Spoke on behalf of the livestock committee. They have secured one judge for all 4 species. Campbell County will also be using the same judge, so the travel cost can be shared. He stated that the Livestock Committee voted to purchase a lap top to be used for Showworks and the livestock sale, and authorized Sandi to order a laptop with capabilities to run the Showworks program within a budget of \$1,200. He asked if a checking account has been established for the Sale Committee, as the committee is striving to get their accounting in line and not have to have it recorded on someone's home computer. An account has been set up at First Northern Bank. The account will require 2 signatures on checks, with one signature being a Fair Board member and one signature a livestock committee member. Kelly moved to appoint Kevin and Frank as signors for the Fair Board. Laci seconded. Motion carried. Kirby reported that the Livestock Committee has appointed Jackie Benton, Amanda Kaufmann and BJ Ruby as signors. He asked the Board if the TV background in the sale ring could be made more permanent going forward.

Kirby then approached the Board about having a carcass contest at this year's fair. The initial contest would be open to sheep producers in Johnson County. Producers would bring in a lamb to be judged on the hoof, then the top 5 of the class will be taken immediately to slaughter. The carcasses will then be hung on display at the fairgrounds for the remainder of the fair. Kassie is currently checking on finding a suitable cooler for display.

Jim Dawson – Currently the public is having trouble locating the Extension Office at its new location. Jim reported that they are in the process of getting signage for the Extension Office. He also stated that he is coordinating plans with the livestock superintendents and wondered if the Board had any expectations that need to be relayed to them.

Sandi presented a request from Chanda Rule regarding the Jr. Fair Board. Chanda has only 2 applicants so far this year. She would like to have funds budgeted for 3 t-shirts for each member, meal & lemonade vouchers during fair week, and a year-end dinner party. A request for shelving and a whiteboard for the Jr. Office, along with some assorted tools that may be needed during the week was also reviewed. Chanda would like to see more recognition directed at the Jr. Board, such as listed in the rodeo program and announced at the shows and sale throughout the week. She is also in search of another advisor to help with more recruiting for next year. The Board unanimously agreed that these were reasonable requests.

Caretaker's Report: Gary reported that the BHS students have began work on the poultry barn. The bleacher project is progressing, boards are going back on. Blaine and Troy have been helping as needed. Most of the materials for the office remodel are purchased, and work will begin tomorrow with clearing out the office. Byron stated that he has lined up Daniel Walters to help Gary in hopes that the office will be ready to go on Monday, the 21st, since Sandi will be in Cody at Showworks training next week. The portable shower trailer bid is in, and the trailer can be set up with a tap into the existing sewer lines; the final bid is for \$35,000 with no storage tanks, or \$50,000 with tanks included. The no storage tank version would have free taps into the city line. The construction time frame is approximately 8 weeks. Frank moved to accept the \$35,000 bid. Laci seconded. Motion carried. Other items discussed included

possibly laying rotomill on the teardrop driveway, and ordering supplies to finish the catch pen revamp. Kelly moved to have Gary order catch pen supplies. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for both February meetings were approved on a motion by Frank and a second by Kevin. Payables, payroll and vacation/sick/flex were approved on a motion by Kevin and a second by Frank.

New Business: Budget requests are due May 1st. The Board will schedule a budget workshop in April, date and time will be published.

Vendor contract forms were reviewed, along with entry forms for this year's rodeo.

The next meeting will be April 14, 2016.