

May 11, 2017

Board Members Present: Kelly Camino, Kevin Rodriguez, Laci Schiffer, Frank Sickler, Caretaker Gary Arno, Secretary Sandi Hoffman, Commissioner Bill Novotny.

Guests present: Ashlea Bassett, Charlie McCart, Dan Myers.

Ashlea Bassett asked on behalf of Sheridan College in Johnson County for a reduced rate on facilities rental for the annual Rope For Knowledge event. This year, the event will begin on Friday evening with arena activities, then Saturday will hold a breakfast in the Community Building and more arena events. After discussion, Laci moved to approve a rate reduction, Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Charlie McCart requested permission to lease a pen for 10 roping steers and use the 2nd arena for roping practice. He wants to board the steers at the fairgrounds until his livestock lease is up in 6 months. After discussion, the Board declined the request.

Dan Myers spoke on behalf of Myers Construction, bid winner of the 1% project. He feels that trying to begin renovations in the middle of the busy season is not a good idea, as once the projects are began, unforeseen circumstances may delay the completion, also, he is booked solid for the summer. He agreed to assess the area of greatest concern and shore up any major problems to get through the summer season, and work will begin in the fall after the major events are finished.

Commissioner Novotny reported that he is in contact with the State Department of Revenue and the Board of Equalization regarding the lodging tax issue. Barry Crago is working with him, he will keep the Fair Board updated as the issue progresses.

Caretaker's Report: The sod for the showring is in the works, we have visited with Sheryl at Green Carpet Sod. The ground needs to dry quite a bit before she can harvest the sod. The new scale needs to be installed before the sheep & pig weigh-ins on the 20th, Gary will have it ready. It will need to be certified before the fair. Gary is working on the catch pen project, he is to the point where soon he is going to need help with putting the panels up & welding them in place. High School Rodeo prep is coming, Miles will help get the barrier ropes in order for this.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the April meeting, payroll, financials, and vacation/sick/flex were approved on a motion by Kevin & second by Laci. Sandi reported on the status of the delinquent boarder. Barry is working on the eviction notice, and papers will be served soon. Sandi asked if we could get a Square Reader in order to have the ability to accept credit cards. One potential sponsor would have signed on, but backed out as we don't accept credit card payments. After discussion, Kevin moved to get set up to accept card payments and pass on the fee charged by the processing company as a convenience fee. Laci seconded. Sandi will order the card reader. The wifi installation is in progress, and should be complete by early next month.

Laci & Kelly reported that they had helped Chanda Rule with interviews for Jr. Fair Board. There were 7 applicants, all were accepted. The plan is for them to be available to help out as needed during fair week. Chanda will bring the Jr. Board to next months' meeting to introduce them.

Rodeo entry forms vendor forms and the fair schedule were reviewed. Needed changes will be made, then Sandi will contact Tim Miner at Vestor Logic to get everything set up on the website. Rodeo

supplies for JCFR will be inventoried, then we will get a box for the track supplies, possibly we can create a storage cupboard of some kind near the timer's box.

We still need to find music for Sunday after the rodeo. Sandi will work on this. The Specialty horse act with Ryan Bulkley was discussed, after visiting with Ryan, he felt that coming up with a stand-alone entertainment event could be possible, but the time frame to put it together is short for this year.

No further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.