

November 9, 2017

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

Guests present: Jackie Benton, Tiffany Rives, Taylor Rives, Gary Bessler, Chanda Rule, and Commissioner Bill Novotny.

Jackie, Tiffany, Taylor and Gary Bessler asked the Board what the general plan is going to be regarding health inspections on animals entering the Fairgrounds. Last season, show lamb fungus, which was contracted at progress shows, had become a major issue in determining whether or not lambs were infectious coming into county fair. They asked if show lamb fungus should be classified as a bio-hazard, as the term biohazard creates a state of panic to anyone uninformed. The concerned parties presented information on the fungus, stating that it is simply that, a fungus, or ringworm, which does not affect fertility or pose as a mortal disease. The group also pointed out that sheep were the only species that were checked at weigh-ins, and ringworm had been observed in the supreme heifers, along with the roping calves used for the JCFR rodeo. After discussion as to how to handle the situation going forward, Byron will have Barry Crago review and make any changes to the present rules & add a disclaimer if needed regarding animal health in the Fair Book.

Chanda Rule visited with the Board regarding the Jr. Fair Board. She is willing to keep the Jr. Board running, and asked if more duties during fair week could be assigned to the kids. Possible duties could include assigning a helper to each of the livestock superintendents, have them judge the herdsmanship, clerk the shows, announce and hand out ribbons. The Board agreed that this is a great opportunity for kids wanting to participate, and will begin compiling a list of possible tasks.

Gary gave the Caretakers' report. He has received bids for track fencing from Powder River Fencing and Grid Iron fencing. Grid Iron bid came in lowest. The shower trailer can be moved to the shop for renovations, he will check on getting the needed plumbing parts and find the best price. He has visited with one electrician regarding the lights in the sheep barn, and is waiting on another call back. Gary has visited with builders regarding bids for the Portico on the South end of the Community Building and is waiting for replies. After discussion, the board decided to get the bids, then apply for 1% funding with the total cost of the projects on a motion by Byron and second by Frank.

Gary reported that Dan Myers has said that when he is unable to continue with concrete work, he will begin on the grandstand renovations of the north and south ends.

The Secretary's report was reviewed. Minutes, payables, payroll, vacation/sick/flex were approved on a motion by Laci and 2nd by Kevin.

Fair & Rodeo 2018 was discussed. Laci reported that Whistle Nut has not returned any emails as of yet. The Inflatable Fun Zone has sent pricing on a 2-day package, it would be \$1,500 per day plus motels for them to come. Sandi will contact them on Monday to see if they are still available. Byron moved to approve, Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Laci presented information on ribbons and banners for JCFR 2018. After review and discussion, Kevin moved to purchase banners for the Grand and Reserve livestock winners. Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Buckles for the rodeo were reviewed and a choice was made. Andy Stevens will be contacted to make the all-around awards once again. This was approved on a motion by Laci & a 2nd by Kevin.

Music for Sunday afternoon after the rodeo was discussed. It was decided on a motion by Byron and second by Laci to see if Jody Cheser would be willing to provide the music again.

The project list was reviewed and will be updated monthly.

The Commissioners' Office would like for the Board to present a year-end review during the December 5th meeting. The Board wants the 10am time slot, Sandi will see if it is still available.

Frank spoke on behalf of the Buffalo High School Rodeo club. They are moving to having the High School Rodeo be a 2-day event every other year, with this year holding the rodeo on May 27 & 28, which would be Saturday & Sunday. He asked if the Board would consider the same contract arrangement as in the past, with the rodeo club collecting for stalls & electricity and splitting the proceeds. Byron moved to accept, Laci seconded.

The Christmas Party was scheduled for December 8th, which is a Friday. The meeting will begin at 6, with the party to follow at 7.

Sandi gave notice to the Board that she has accepted another position and will be leaving at the end of the month.