

JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR BOARD

AGENDA

DECEMBER 10, 2020

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:04 PM

GUESTS: Keefe Rice, Bryce McKenzie, Andy Stevens, Laci Shiffer, Kelly Camino, Ethan Packard, Byron Geis, Bill Novotney, Mike Mader (phone), Gary Arno, Kristen LaDuke

UPDATES:

Bryce- Still rolling and planning. Currently have the beef project and spring projects will start in January. Kristen asked Bryce to come talk to the FB about judges. FB would like Kristen and Bryce to come up with a plan, pricing to be approved at next meeting.

Keefe- See Livestock updates

Andy- See Foundation updates

Ethan Packard- Would like to place a bench on the grounds for his grandpa. Discussion was made by the board. The board would not like to take any more memorial benches or items.

REPORTS:

- Caretaker's Report: Gary-
 - o Working on Fence, blocks have been placed on the track
 - o Cleaning up dead trees
 - o We have a couple dead trees that need a service
 - Fb recommended getting bids
 - o Kelly: FB needs to have the lights in the arena and grandstands inspected. The wind damaged and broke one off of grandstands. The broken one can be submitted to insurance, but need to inspect and fix before it happens to the others.
 - o Byron: FB needs to look into tinning the gables on the north and south ends of block barn, make it all maintenance free.
- Secretary's Report: Kristen reviewed all the reports provided to the FB. Discussed the budget and what is highlighted and what we need to pay attention to for the rest of the year. Audit is continuing by email.
 - o Minutes
 - o Payables
 - o Payroll
 - Kelly moved to approve the Secretary's Report
 - Byron Second
 - Passed
- Foundation Report: Andy- The foundation voted to donated \$1400.00 to the JC 4-H Council to help with projects. The foundation has approved to reimburse the FB for the Priefert travel expenses. Sent out a Christmas letter for donations. Will do a small online auction in January or Feb. January 2021 event has been cancelled, but looking forward to events held at fairgrounds. Also looking to maybe host a larger event this summer with the Fairboard.
- Livestock Committee Report: Keefe- More monthly meetings, 4th Monday every month. Keefe discussed rules that have been changed regarding livestock during the county fair.
- Queen Report- Kristen Reported for queens- they held the 50/50 drawing and rode in the Christmas parade

OLD BUSINESS:

- Buildings
 - o Community Building: Building drawings provided

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- Laci: We discussed moving the building as far south west as possible to give more room between the grandstands and building. Also looking at revamping the old CB inside and outside.
 - Arena: Building drawings and write up provided:
 - Mike: The numbers sound like were we can start moving forward. He presented it to the foundation and they liked the building and would like to move forward.
- Grants
 - 1%
 - Entry Way
 - Pipe, flowerbeds, gates
 - Dirt
 - Track and arena
 - LED lights
 - Finish the barns in all LED
 - Rec Grant
 - Picnic tables
- Fair and Rodeo 2021
 - Rodeo Workshop Feb 2021 date: Feb 18th at 6:30 PM
- Christmas Party
 - Postponed until Feb 19th

Meeting moved to executive session at: 9:03 PM

- Employees
 - Evaluation
 - Christmas Bonus

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

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Johnson County Fair Board Strategic Planning

Mission

The Board of Directors of the Johnson County Fair is committed to producing a successful fair which promotes and advance the interest of agriculture and community development. The Fair Board is committed to preserve, improve and promote the JCFG property as a premier site for agricultural, educational and community events

Goals

The Johnson County Fair Board Goals:

o Yearly

- o When possible use maintenance free items on any upgrades
- o Tree maintenance
 - A. A prioritized list of trees that need trimmed
 - B. Add new trees to designated area (work with Foundation on memorial trees)
 - C. Have a mapped-out tree plan where we need to plant new trees
 - D. Mapped area of what trees need removed

o 1 Year 2020/2021

- o Entryway- Obtain bids and put as a budget item for 20/21
 - Main Entry- Rock entry with gates and flower area
 - North Entry- Log entry with gates
 - Southern Entry- Log entry with gates
- o Fence updates-Funds Requested from 1%- fence along north entrance
- ~~o Barn updates~~
 - ~~• Funds Requested from 1% update 1/2 block barn for cow/calf pairs, 1/2 block barn chicken/rabbit area. Block barn year round Horse Barn~~
 - ~~• Repurpose old chicken/rabbit barn for shaded picnic area in the infield and camping area~~
 - ~~• Funds Requested from 1% gutters to barns~~
- o Arena and Track Ground Updates. Put as a Budget item for 20/21
 - Find a company that can look at our soil to see what we might need to add or if we need to start fresh
 - Receive bids for Track area in front of the grandstands
 - Receive bids for Main Arena
 - Receive bids for second arena
- ~~o Update sound system in the show ring Request money from JC Rec Board~~
- o Produce a mailer to use as a promotional mailing to solicited national shows including horse, cattle, sheep, goats etc. Request money from Tourism Board
- o Update all barns to include LED: show ring

2023 (3 year)-

- o Extend Sheep Barn Work with Builders
- o Build a bigger CB- replace exhibit hall, cook shack, needle craft and block bathrooms
 - Contact current renters of the CB to ask what would you like to see in a new building
 - Work with an architect and JOCO First to obtain a building design and costs
 - Work with county entities to obtain funding plan for the building
 - Work with county entities to obtain funding for table, chairs, exhibit displays and other supplies for a new CB Receive bids for Main Arena
 - Research grants and partnerships

- Make a plan for Removal of exhibit hall, cook shack needle craft and black bathroom
 - Can they be used elsewhere on the grounds or can another county entities use them
 - If they can't be salvaged plan for tear down and dumping
- Update Current CB
 - Retrofit outside to mirror new CB
 - Update inside CD flooring
 - Add office space
 - Add board room
- Pave and level parking lots
 - Obtain bids
 - Research funding options or grants
- ~~○ Track rail fence paint and update~~
- Finish water line phase 2 & 3
- Install a Security System around grounds
 - Obtain bids
 - Reach out to other fair grounds to see what they are using
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2025(5 year)-

- Add new camping area south of tractor shed.
 - Research Grants and partnership for funding
 - Mark out area for camping so we can start planting trees in camping area
- Build a multipurpose ag building south of Extension office
 - Research multipurpose buildings in the area to see what their strengths and weakness are.
 - Work with an architect and JOCO First to obtain a building design and costs
 - Research grant and partnerships for funding
 - Work with foundation on private funding plan for the building