

JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Minutes

OCTOBER 22, 2020

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

Byron Geis, Laci Schiffer, Kevin Rodriguez, Bryce McKenzie, Becky from HFH, Bill Novotny, John Collins, Gary Arno, Kristen LaDuke, Mike Mader (phone)

GUESTS:

Habitat for Humanity- Thank you for allowing us to put our sale on and to store our items throughout the year in the exhibit hall. HFH asked for a discounted rate for the 2021 sale and use of the grounds. Byron and board agreed that they would discuss the costs and get back to HFH for pricing for the 2021 year.

Bryce McKenzie- Bryce brought the State Fair Trip letter and reviewed state fair. Kristen also asked Bryce to update the FB on what he is working on for the livestock committee; judges, rules, and round robin for 2021 Fair.

UPDATES:

REPORTS:

- Caretaker's Report
 - o Winterizing grounds, servicing equipment, shop projects, fencing, and took some time off
 - o Board had discussion on fencing project on the north side of barns and along fence. Byron and Gary will work on it next week and get the project going.
- Secretary's Report
 - o Minutes- reviewed no changes
 - o Payables – reviewed. Discussion was made on highlighted budget items
 - o Payroll – signed payroll
 - o WAF Review- talked about tags and week in Jackson
 - Kristen reviewed all payables and reports given to board, discussed grants and moving forward for the year. Asked Bill if we could use 1% for sound system?
 - Byron moved what is not used by the fencing project in 1% funds will be requested to cover the cost of the new sound system. Kevin Second.
 - Passed
 - Kevin moved to approve Secretary's report. Byron Second
 - Passed
- Foundation Report- Meeting on 10.27 at 8AM
- Livestock Committee Report- Bryce updated board
- Queen Report- no report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Buildings
 - o Community Building
 - Dale Buckingham called in and gave an update on the CB building. How things are moving forward and next steps
 - Discussion was made about funding options with Bill and how the board needs to proceed
 - o Arena
 - Board looked over drawings and had a discussion on moving forward and talking with foundation.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING DATES

November 12th

December 10th

- Christmas Party: Dec 18th at 6PM
- Jim Dawson's Gift: Mike will look at good bird hunting ideas
- Fair and Rodeo 2021
 - o Entertainment:
 - Whistle Nut- Call and see if he is available
 - Fun on the go
 - Rock wall
 - o Concert: John King
 - o Rodeo Workshop dates: Moved to next meeting
- Grounds
 - o Contracts/prices: Kristen will review other grounds pricing and bring a projection to next meeting with updates
 - o Clean-up: like the check list for grounds
- Grants: Board was asked to bring ideas to next meeting
- 2021 Meeting dates: Change Sept to Late Aug and no Sept meeting, July Monday after rodeo entries

Adjourned: 10:21 PM

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

2023 (3 year)-

- o Extend Sheep Barn Work with Builders to obtain (?)
- 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

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- 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

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