**JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

**Minutes**

**March 10, 2021**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:12 PM**

**Attendance: John Collins, Byron Geis, Michael Mader, Kevin Rodriquez, Laci Schiffer, Kristen LaDuke**

**GUESTS:**

**Bryce McKenzie: Bryce talked about what is going on in 4-H right now. What projects have started for the spring, and improvements with the computer programing.**

**Doug Wasinger: Doug came to represent Olivia who is at state basketball for band. Olivia will be keeping her pigs at the extension office and needs some panels (letter provided).**

**Kevin moved to loan out panels to Oliva as long as they are checked out and checked back in.**

**John Second**

**Passed**

**UPDATES:**

**REPORTS:**

* Caretaker’s Report
  + Project List: Kristen Reviewed with the board about items that need to be fixed and updated around the grounds.
  + Monthly Calendar
* Secretary’s Report
  + Minutes- Board reviewed
  + Payables – Kristen went through all reports and broke down what was over and close (all highlighted).
  + Payroll

Byron Moved to approve Secretary’s report

Kevin Second

Passed

* Foundation Report- no report
* Livestock Committee Report- no report
* Queen Report- no report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Buildings
  + Community Building- Byron attended the JoCo meeting and discussed how it will be moving forward.
* Rodeo Workshop
  + Review- no real changes or complaints
* Fair and Rodeo 2021
  + Schedule: change campers to 8-noon on Friday
  + Vendors: mail out
  + Judges: Go forward with last years
  + Events: Byron moved to cancel the Sr. Breakaway roping

Kevin Second

Discussion was made by the board

Passed

* + Concert after rodeo: Discussion was made and all agreed they would like to go with Sam if available.
  + Concert: moved to the next meeting
* Budget Workshop Dates: Next meeting
* Review Bids for grounds
  + Visionary
  + Buffalo Computer Consulting
  + Design Painting

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

* Meetings-
  + Board looked at the calendar and a discussion was made on interviews and meetings.
    - Kevin Moved to move April’s meeting to April 15th
    - Mike Second
    - Passed

Meeting adjourned to executive session: 8:20PM

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**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:

* + **Yearly**
  + When possible use maintenance free items on any upgrades
  + Tree maintenance

1. A prioritized list of trees that need trimmed
2. Add new trees to designated area (work with Foundation on memorial trees)
3. Have a mapped-out tree plan where we need to plant new trees
4. Mapped area of what trees need removed

* **1 Year 2020/2021**
  + 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
* Fence updates-Funds Requested from 1%- fence along north entrance
* ~~Barn updates~~
* ~~Funds Requested from 1%- update ½ block barn for cow/calf pairs, ½ 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~~
* 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
* ~~Update sound system in the show ring- Request money from JC Rec Board~~
* Produce a mailer to use as a promotional mailing to solicited national shows including horse, cattle, sheep, goats etc. Request money from Tourism Board
* Update all barns to include LED: show ring

**2023 (3 year)-**

* + Extend Sheep Barn Work with Builders
* 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 else ware 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

**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