

Board meeting for March 24th, 2020

All board members present with the exception of John Gray, Mike Stover, Angie Swackhammer and Carol toms being excused.

Guests:

Minutes were not Discussed due to time limitation on zoom meeting.

Treasurer's report was discussed and accepted

Events: all events are cancelled as of April 1st

Fair managers' report - The fairground is shut down due to COVID-19 dance

Gary opened the meeting by stating that Don Daugherty's mom died.

Gary also spoke with the County commissioner Tony Vero with the governor's restrictions do to COVID-19, Tony stated that we can do what we need to do to maintain the grounds. Fairgrounds employees will start unemployment on Monday. Brian chose to use his vacation time which started yesterday.

Gary stated that the grounds are going to go on a month by month basis as far as usage and for our employees we're going to wait until mid to late April to re-evaluate if we could recall back our employees for May. Shirley is going to continue to pay any bills an update money is coming in or going out.

All the gates will be chained and locked Richland County Sheriff's Department has been notified that the grounds are shut down as of April 1st. Charlie Fisher was discussed with not dragging the race track or mowing due to governor's restrictions with COVID-19.

Gary talk to Brian about incarceration 2020 and we are going to roll the \$40,000 deposit to the 2021 event.

Gary talk to RJ with the escape clause in the contract for the band if we are still shut down 30 days prior to fair we can get out of the concert. Further discussion was had as to have a big concert with Drake White and big fire concerns where we may not be able to sell enough tickets with the economy due to the COVID-19 pandemic um Christy discuss Nashville crush which was a cheaper band at 45 to 5500. next discuss waiting till later date to decide. Jessica discussed keeping County line as an opener since they were a cheaper band instead of having the big-name concert.

Motion to move to cancel Drake White and big fire was made by Amanda Lantz second by Dave fackler all passed zero opposed motion carried.

Camp contracts for 2020 fair was discussed Jason is to give Dale the information and contracts in the next few days. A letter is also to be sent out discussing cast and it will be put in writing that lots are to be paid for for 2020 fair if the fare is cancelled the monies paid this year will be rolled to the 2021 fair. If campers choose to take a refund their site will not be held, and they will have to go back into the lottery to reserve a site.

Motion was made by that Dale Hewlett for the campsites as stated above seconded by Amanda Lance motion carried zero opposed.

discussion had on working shifts to help go through the grounds in the office to maintain things because of the COVID-19 shutdowns and stay at home order.

The goat sale scheduled for March 29th is cancelled the hog sale is also cancelled

Gary is going to call RJ to cancel the concert Gary's also going to talk to the firefighter act and the puppet act.

Christy talked about the gun raffle we raised almost \$17,000 it was a great year. The website is not up yet but going to put up a sign to call or email the fairgrounds for any questions and or comments. She also needs information for rentals to post on the website as well as vendors information and pictures.

When are storage was discussed the plan is to pull one barn at a time and call and have the people come and get their items due to COVID-19 restrictions?

Auction events at the fairgrounds Brian was to call for April and reschedule. The civil war show, the home show and flea markets have all cancelled due to governors COVID-19 restrictions which resulted in a loss of approximately \$20,000.

Amanda addressed concerns with kids is animals being bought for the fair do too the COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion had on whether we can apply for a small business grant would the County fairs fall under it? Gary's going to check into it.

Discussion had on the electric grant Howard call is waiting on a call back hope to roll over to 2021 possibly. Dave Dick questioning if the money was collected for the grant.

The Niess family discuss to roll the money for 2021 for the concert 25,000 will roll over.

Tom craft shut the heat off or turn the heat down to buildings and shut gas off to the appliances he also shut down the ice machine, and grandstand freezer is also off.

Winter storage needs to be out by April 1st.

Discussion had on the schedule days to a board member to maintain security Ann phones at the fairgrounds further discussion to be had.

The golf cart contracts for a three year deal we are in the second year Jason and Brian signed the contract there was discussion on whether there is a clause to cancel due to cover 19. If we do have a fair, board members and or subcommittee members need to get sponsorship for their golf cart suggestion of \$200 per cart or you pay for your own cart usage.

Contracts with the rodeo, Mr puppet and the firefighter show, golf carts as well as the sleds for the tractor pull have all been put on hold due to the cobra 19 pandemic. We will reevaluate as we progress through the pandemic on a month by month basis.

Gary move to close the meeting at 2005hrs Christy made the motion Dale second in the motion

Minutes respectfully submitted

Jessica Pace Calhoun