

RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING

March 23, 2021

Jamie Schaub called the meeting to order at 1917 and the lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. 23 members present. 3 absent.

Guests: Mike Lantz, Jackie Wasilaski, Judy Villard-Overocker, Lynn Caudill, Katie Paxton, Maggie Lantz, Sara Smith, Mark Light, and Deb Boyce.

Guest Speaker: Mark Light, Area 8 Extension Supervisor spoke about the new Ag. Educator Position that will be offering Pesticide training, Micro farms assistance, and assisting with Ag. related items. This full-time position will be funded with Local and State Federal tax dollars for Ag. Education. Also, Extension will be increasing Beth's hours to 20 hours a week. Board and visitors asked Mark questions pertaining to the position.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Scott Smith to approve February 23rd meeting minutes, Dave Fackler seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

Treasure's Report: Shirley Swihart sent out treasures report to Board members via email. Motion made by Scott Smith to accept treasures report for later audit, and Rick Spayde seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

Events Coordinator Report: Kim Moore reported that Ink in the Clink moved their event to September 9th, 10th, and 11th. This was possible due to Iron Will moving their event to Family Farm and Home. The Health Department will be utilizing the Fairgrounds for the Mobile Covid19 Vaccine clinic for 7 weeks which starts March 31st. Kim will need a lot of help setting up for the Civil War Show. Kim passed out Events Calendar. Kim received a call from Flea Market promoters, and they are unable to pay the counter proposal rental fee of \$1900. They offered to help another promoter or the SFB if they wanted to do their own Flea Markets. Discussion on other possibilities. Motion made by David Dick to not counteroffer to the Flea Market promoters, motion seconded by Sam McKown, motion carried and passed. We will look for another promoter and post on Facebook page as well.

Committee Reports:

-Gun Raffle: Christy Keith asked that we communicate with those who won guns, that they could get a gift card or order a gun and wait till it comes in and to be patient. Christy reported we profited approx. 26K.

-Entertainment: Committee met and proposed the Fair Event schedule if sponsorship is obtainable.

Sat-Flat Track Races

Sun-Harness Races

Mon-Harness Races

Tues-Open

Wed-Rodeo Cost 9K (have 6K in sponsorship from Phillips Manufacturing)

Thurs-OSTPA/County Tractor pull (need 18-20K in sponsorship)

Fri-Concert with Nashville Crush/Countyline

Sat-Demo Derby \$10,900

-Midway Events, Mr. Puppet, Pony Rides, Woodcarving \$3600-4500 (We provide Wood and keep carvings)

-Discussion on Events and a possible Kids Zone area. Motion made by Dale Hulit to have a concert up to 10K, Rodeo up to 9K, Wood Carver up to \$4500, Demo Derby up to \$10,900, motion seconded by Nick Fairchild, motion carried and passed. Motion made by Nick Fairchild to proceed with a Tractor Pull if we can get 9K of the cost covered with sponsorship, motion seconded by Sam McKown, motion carried and passed.

-Nature park: Gene Esbenshade reported he has most nights covered in the park with music entertainment

-Livestock Committee: Motion made by David Dick to have Mike Lantz and Dave Grauer to sign the Livestock checks, motion seconded by Mike Stover, motion carried and passed.

-Concessions: Gene Esbenshade reported that we are working with Lisko ride company to get age appropriate rides for all ages.

-Grounds Committee: Don Daughtery reported that they plan to meet.

-Racetrack Committee: Don Daughtery reported that the track needs gravel. Motion made by Dale Hulit to spend \$1500 on gravel for the horse track, motion seconded by Dave Grauer, motion carried and passed.

-Campground Committee: Dale Hulit said campsite contracts to go out in two weeks.

-Junior Fair Board: Judy Villard Overocker suggested the SFB and JFB meet and greet dinner on May 25th @ 6pm will be a "Bring Your Own Dinner" at the Youth Hall. Angie Swackhammer made the motion to do the meet and greet as a "Bring Your Own Dinner", motion seconded by Jessica Calhoun, motion carried and passed. Judy will do the OSU Policy 1.50 Training class April 27th, will add to next meeting agenda.

Old Business:

-Sharon Twp. Open position. Mike Lantz appointed to Sharon Twp..

New Business:

- Superintendents make sure to get all fair book changes to Pam Tucker by May 1st.

-Cory Meyers reviewed Draft Horse premiums and cut \$1640 from open class payout.

- Motion made by David Dick to consolidate all Richland Co. Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board, Livestock Committee, Junior Fair Board, Fair Haven Ladies) to have their bank accounts at Mechanics Bank, motion seconded by Ed Cotter, motion carried and passed.

-Motion made by David Dick to have Kim Moore as the Interim Events Coordinator, motion seconded by Christy Keith, motion carried and passed.

-Motion made by Nick Fairchild to pay Kim Moore a stipend of \$300 a month for expenses as Events Coordinator. Motion seconded by Amanda Lantz, motion carried and passed.

-Motion made by Amanda Lantz to have David Dick call and discuss options for fairgrounds insurance, motion seconded by Kim Moore, motion carried and passed.

-Motion made by Sam McKown to destroy ballots, motion seconded by Jessica Calhoun, motion carried and passed.

-Winter storage pick up sheet is going around to sign up and help on April 10th 8am-2pm.

-Motion made at 2110 to go into executive session by Angie Swackhammer, seconded by Jessica Calhoun, motion carried and passed. Discussion on status of employees. Motion made by Angie Swackhammer to exit executive session, seconded by Scott Smith, motion carried and passed at 2122. Dale Hulit moved to let Executive Committee handle status of laid off employees, seconded by Angie Swackhammer, motion carried and passed.

-Judy Villard Overocker brought up wither a previous 4H member that is now in FFA, could he show at the Richland Co. Fair. Discussion about the previous issues with this family. Motion made by David Dick to allow Masson Sanders show and sell at the Richland Co. Fair, seconded by Tom Craft, motion carried and passed. David Dick to draft a letter to send to the family emphasizing a zero tolerance for any issues.

Adjournment: Rick Spayde moved to adjourn meeting, Dave Grauer seconded motion, motion carried and passed. Meeting adjourned at 2131.

Respectfully Submitted by Amanda Lantz