

RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2021

Jamie Schaub called the meeting to order at 1904 and the lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. 24 members present 3 absent.

Guests: Lynn Caudill, Deb Boyce, Steve Lantz, Karen Harvey, Levi Meyers, Lexy Pace.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Dale Hulit to approve May 25rd meeting minutes, Angie Swackhammer seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

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

Events Coordinator Report: Kim Moore explained the issue during the Draft Horse Show and Wedding party, and she refunded the Wedding party. Cory Meyers apologized for the inconvenience. David Dick to speak with prosecutor about recovering the \$650 rental refund. Jamie Schaub explained if anyone is contacted by the Media on the above issue to refer them to Captain Zehner at the Sheriffs dept, do not comment. Internet services walked through and will give us a quote. The current cable that is hung outside is interior wire not external. Kim Moore said donations are coming in for the Fireworks on Brown's rental property for Tuesday of the fair. These will be low percussion fireworks for the livestock on the grounds. Mr. Brown gave us permission to use his property for the fireworks. The Fire Dept. requested we provide four spotters during the Fireworks, per Don Daugherty. Mike Lantz asked to reserve John Hartz building on July 1st from 4-7 for rabbit tattooing, also commented on how well Kim is handling the rentals.

Committee Reports:

-Entertainment: Christy Keith will need 4-5 guys to help set up stage on Friday Concert . All contracts are signed. Exotic Petting Zoo will come in for kids day and is sponsored. Rides will open Monday @ 6pm.

-Livestock Committee: David Dick reported that DUNF will be done online this year. Phil Metzger is upgrading the lighting in the Steer, Goat, and Lamb barn. Also, will need a tent beside the Rabbit barn for shows.

-Grounds Committee: Don Daugherty reported that mowing is being kept up and things are getting fixed. Will have a Grounds meeting on July 17th. The batteries in the Lift will not charge and he is unable to remove them, might need some help with this.

- Concessions: Rick Spayde reported that contracts are in and currently following up with new contracts.
- Campgrounds: Currently have 26 open campsites for the Lottery on July 6th @ 7pm at Board Office. Payment is due at that time. Hydrant in campgrounds needs fixed per Don Daugherty.
- Golf Carts: David Dick made motion to get 10 golf carts, 3 shuttles, and 1 EMS unit, Dale Hulit seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.
- JFB: Judy Villard Overocker reported that they are getting ready for Livestock Judging on July 6th and Still Judging on July 8th. FFA judging is separate from 4H judging this year. Things are right on target; entries are due July 1st. Christy Keith asked Judy if JFB kids would be able to help during fair at events.
- Nature Park: Met with the committee and are in final stages of getting contracts signed for concerts in the park. Nature Park programs are all set and given to Shirley to put in fair book.
- Race Track Barn: Water hydrant is still not fixed per Don Daugherty.
- Fair Book: Shirley Swihart said all info needs in by this week to get the fair book out and online.
- Sponsorship: Christy Keith said we currently have 13500K in sponsorship for Tractor Pulls and still looking for more sponsors for this event. See Christy for Sponsorship packets.
- Nominating/Elections: Petitions are available for upcoming fair.
- Grandstands: Tom Craft reported that Madison Twisp donated fire hose to clean Grandstands. Tomorrow night he will be here at 530 to work on Grandstand restrooms if anyone is available to help.
- Parking: Amanda Lantz will contact John Grey to get Boy Scouts info and get contract signed.
- Horse Relations: Angie Swackhammer reported that they are having their shows. Lynn Caudill stated the Draft Horse Show went well.
- Social Media: Shirley Swihart and Lynn Caudill have website up and running and are posting events.
- Safety: Jessica Calhoun reported that Procure will be our EMS for fair week.
- Admissions: Carol Toms is asking for people to help count funds at the fair. Shirley Swihart and Carol Toms to meet.
- Advertising: Christy Keith reports that advertising is all scheduled with Iheart Media, Lind, and Midstate-Multimedia. Christy explained the billboard locations. Also, we will be doing some smaller scale advertising with Farm and Dairy and the Tribune.

Old Business: None

New Business:

-Dale Hulit introduced Terry Rhodes from Weller Twsp, to speak about our current asphalt. Weller Twso offered to bring their paver and roller out to help. More discussion on asphalt and finding out if the County will still be able to do the fairgrounds. Motion made by Tom Craft to spend 25K on asphalt, Kim Moore seconded the motion, motion carried and passed.

-Pat Wells is stepping down from the Fair Haven Ladies, she is training Lisa Knipp. Lisa will be getting her PIC license. Also, the kitchen needs help during the fair, will create a sign-up sheet.

-Phil Metzger will be our electrician for fair week.

-Jamie Schaub addressed the board members code of conduct and proper use of language was addressed.

-Jessica Calhoun will call and get singers for the Opening Ceremony.

-Discussion on office help. Motion made by Tom Craft to continue to pay Shirley Swihart \$600/mt for treasure and to pay her \$2K/mt to run the office 3 days a week, motion was seconded by Amanda Lantz, motion carried and passed.

-Fair manure discussion, Dale Hulit will take after his wheat is off.

-David Dick will put up hand sanitizer stations an social distancing signage. He said that our insurance does not have medical coverage if someone hurts themselves on our equipment, he will follow up with insurance company to see if we can get this type of coverage and cost. He has had no response from ODAS about current employee positions. Shirley Swihart will work 3-4 days a week to help out through the fair as a provisional job. He explained we still need more people from the board coming out to help, there is a lot that needs done before fair.

-Dave Grauer has loaned us the use of his lift. Also, he is getting limestone donated to put around all of the barns. He is putting new doors with keypads in the Maintenance building.

-Jessica Calhoun said she has Step 2 donating play yards.

Adjournment: Angie Swackhammer moved to adjourn meeting, Jessica Calhoun seconded the motion, motion carried and passed. Meeting adjourned at 2039.

Respectfully Submitted by Amanda Lanyz

