

RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 26, 2024

Present: James Schaub II, Christy Keith, Shirley Swihart, David Dick, David Grauer, Tom Craft, Gene Esbenshade and Kathi Cutlip-Mills

Guests: Remington Blevins, Dale Bemiller, Kim Moore, and Matt Yanich

A Discussion was held on the colors that should be used on the new Show Arena. It was determined that the roof should be green with the doors, spouting, fascia board, spouting and corner & door trim would be white.

Shirley reported that she has updated the annual report to meet the revised needs of the state. She will present the new annual report to the Board of Directors for approval.

Dave Dick reported that Flenner has been paid. He also reported that we were notified the grant application had been received. The money from the livestock committee has been moved over to the show arena project.

Dave Grauer talked to Kendle about the upcoming Cattle Show, so we would know what is needed for that show. It is estimated that there will be between 200 and 300 cattle. Kim stated that she is meeting with her tomorrow to find out the particulars. They will probably need the gates for this show.

Kim was asked what help would be needed for Eclipse Fest. She stated that help will be needed for the entrances, bar tenders and security. More people to help park cars might also be needed. Kim gave the current pre-sale report. Gene stated that we have 7 concession units signed up for this event. Dave Grauer said he will be on the fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday. Kathi reported that Richland Solid Waste will be dropping off 11 eclipse glasses recycling units on Friday at 1p.m.

It was reported that the Civil War group uses the entire fairgrounds including some of the barns. They will be using the poultry barn, so all of the pens will need to be removed for that weekend (the first weekend of May).

Dan Slaughter from Pioneer called on Monday, March 25, 2024 to see if we could use students on April 19th for spring cleanup. At least 1 group of 10-12 or 2 groups would give double the

help. He did inquire if we would be able to provide lunch for the students or should he make arrangement for their lunch. It was agreed that the Board would feed the students.

Howard Harriman and Bill Flanigan from Nature Park group are concerned about a piece of soffit that is hanging from the building. Dave Grauer will check into it. They also would like to change the lights over to LED. It was agreed they can if they want to pay for them. They would also like a frost-free spigot through the fence coming from the Youth Hall. They asked for mulch, potting soil, peat moss, fertilizer and plants for a total of \$993.00. This request will be brought to the Board with the recommendation that we will give them ½ of their request. A discussion on the mulch continued. If Lenard Dolce wants to donate all of the mulch, fine but we are not going to commit to buying any from him. We will buy it wherever it is the most reasonable.

Apparently someone commented on Facebook about trash blowing into the woods across Home Road. It is believed that the trash they referenced is not from the fairgrounds but from the homeless individuals that appear to be living in those woods.

There are doors that need attention. The one door in Fairhaven Hall needs to be completely redone. It is the 2nd one from the right. Remington was told to contact Henry's and get it fixed. Also the doors in the Arts & Craft building need fixed and the doors to the Red Barn.

Kathi reported that we will need registration cards for the Winter Storage program next year. We are in the process of revising the cards to include email addresses and make them without any dates on them like the previous ones had.

Jim talked to Gentry about their availability to haul our trash. Brandon told him to give him a month and his business will be ready to take on customers. We are having problems with Rumpke and need to make a change.

The Executive Board went into executive session:

Kathi Cutlip-Mills made the motion to go into executive session; Christy Keith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The opening on the Executive Board was discussed.

Dave Dick moved to move out of executive session; Gene Esbenshade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathi Cutlip-Mills moved that the Executive Board meeting be adjourned. Dave Gauer seconded the motion.

Meeting closed at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Kathi Cutlip-Mills Secretary