RICHLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 27, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President James Schaub II at 6:00 p.m.

Guests: Remington Blevins, Curt Fife and Carol Toms

Jim is to find out if we can hunt gophers on the fairgrounds with bow.

A Discussion was held about the 2026 Sportsmen's Den Raffle. It will have to be moved from the normal first Saturday in March because of a conflict.

Tom Craft brought up that the Canfield Fair has a "Hall of Fame". He suggested that since this 2025 will mark the Richland County Fair's 175th Anniversary that we institute this program. He will chair this committee. Dave Dick will co-chair.

Tom also asked if we are renting the Arts & Crafts building with air now. If we are we need to consider increasing the fee charged. He has talked with Phil about putting CT meters on all of the buildings with air so we can better monitor its usage and cost.

David Dick brought up the fact that Randall Freeman lost product due to electric being shut off on his concession trailer on the infield. David Dick made the motion that we waive the percentage we normally get from Randall's concession on the infield. Gene Esbenshade seconded the motion. The motion passed.

David Grauer brought up that we need to come up with the projects we want to do this year so they can be figured into the budget. Jim stated that we do 3 projects and when they are done, they are done. The projects need to be completed before thinking about any other projects.

Becca Gregg presented some suggested rental pricings starting in 2025. David Grauer suggested that we have a security deposit of \$200.00.

David Dick suggested that some long time rentals stay at their current pricing but with no air.

Christy Keith suggested doing 1-year contracts with some of these groups.

We have been approached about having a Flat Track race. David Dick made the motion to not have these races. Tom Craft seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Becca has been contacted by a group that wants to do a "Dinosaur Drive-thru." David Dick made the motion to charge them \$500.00 per day. Tom Craft seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Becca brought up the Shriners use of Fair Haven Hall for their annual event. David Dick made the motion to increase their rental fee to \$400.00 which will include a cleaning fee. David Grauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There are groups inquiring about rental the new Show Arena. David Dick made the motion that for the remainder of 2024 the fee be \$1,000.00 per day. Gene Esbenshade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Becca shared that she has been talking with the Pigmy goat group. They are looking into having an event here in 2026. They would like the basic barns and the old show arena for 6 days. In addition, they would want the John Hartz building (pricing on this building is yet to be determined as they have not indicated how many days they would use it) and they would want camping (this would be in addition). David Dick made the motion that we charge them \$4588.50 for this event for the basic buildings and the old show arena. David Grauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Becca asked the capacity numbers for each building. She needs these numbers ASAP as people are wanting to book buildings but need to know the capacity.

David Dick brought up that he thinks the Auxiliary should spilt the profits with the Board for the following events: Monster Trucks, Civil War and the Fair. He included the Incarceration, but they already share the profits for this event.

Christy Keith moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Kathryn Cutlip-Mills, Secretary