

Richland County Agricultural Society

Board of Directors Minutes

October 22, 2024

Annual Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President James Schaub II.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Roll-call was taken

Staff Present: Rebecca Gregg

Guests Present: Judy Villard-Overocker, Deb Boyce, Joni Esbenshade, Amy Messersmith, and Lisa Coy.

Secretary's Report: Remington Blevins made the motion to accept the report as submitted. Dave Grauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Esbenshade made the motion to accept the report as submitted. Zac Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Events Coordinator: Rebecca Gregg had up-to-date calendars with the events listed for upcoming months. The biggest change in things will be the Toy Show. It is under new management and they want to host a National Toy Show in the future.

Committee Reports:

T-Shirt – nothing to report

Budget – not at this time, in the meeting

Livestock – nothing to report

Nature – nothing to report

Campground – Krista Dull is recommending that we increase the fee for camping during the fair starting with 2026. She suggested increasing it by \$50.00 for the week which would bring it up to \$300.00. **Luke Grauer made the motion to increase the fee for camping during the fair starting with the 2026 fair to \$300.00. Zac Tuttle seconded the motion.**

Racetrack – nothing to report

Fair book – nothing to report

Golf Carts – Scott Smith reported that we do not know yet how much they will be, but circulated a list for members to sign up if they want one.

JFB – Judy Villard-Overocker reported that the new Junior Fair Board members have been chosen.

By-Laws – nothing to report

Sponsorships – nothing to report

Raffles – Christy Keith reported that the Reverse Raffle was cancelled because we did not have enough pre-sale tickets. She reminded everyone that the Sportsman’s Den Raffle will be on Saturday, March 1st. She will be announcing a meeting within the next couple of weeks for anyone who wants to attend.

Christy also reported that we have about \$6,000.00 for ground acts for the fair.

Admissions – nothing to report

Elections – Elections for officers will be held at the November meeting. If anyone is interested in running for a position, please let Christy Keith know.

Grandstands – nothing to report

Parking – nothing to report

Antiques – nothing to report

Concessions – Kathi Mills reported that if anyone knows of a concession food vendor or inside vendor that would like to be at the fair refer them to our webpage for the “interest” form.

Equine – Marla Reynolds reported they need to have a special meeting 1 week from today (October 29, 2024) and they need 2 Board of Director members there. This is a special meeting for elections. Krista Dull and Sadie Hoyt agreed to attend the meeting.

Social Media – nothing to report

Safety – nothing to report

Infield – nothing to report

Grandstand/Grounds – nothing to report

Winter Storage – Kathi Mills reminded everyone that the first move-in date is this Saturday, October 26, 2024. And we will need help.

Show Arena – nothing to report

LS Judges – nothing to report

Kitchen Auxiliary – Gene Esbenshade reported that there are several events coming up between now and the end of the year where the cafeterias will be open.

Grounds – David Grauer announced that we will have 2 all-hands-on work days. Saturday, October 26th and November 9th. The Masonic Temple group are

donating building direction signs. They will be put up on October 26th; winterize vehicles, put things away, pressure wash the lawn mowers, install clasps and padlocks on some additional buildings. We will need a small tractor with a forklift to move the benches. We will do the benches on November 9th because we are still having nice weather and have a number of things going on prior to that date.

Landscaping – nothing to report.

Old Business:

- David Dick reported that we did not get the full amount of money that we applied for but we were awarded a grant for \$100,000.00. This is to go for the show arena and other things.
- David Dick shared that they were conservative on making out the budget and what upgrades and changes should/could be made around the fairgrounds. The electric needs should be addressed first. David said that we currently have a balance of \$326,852.60 in our current budget. **David Dick made the motion to take \$100,000.00 of that money and apply it to the needed electric upgrades. Dave Grauer seconded the motion. A discussion followed. The total upgrades will be a total of \$200,000.00. Motion carried.**

New Business:

- Tom Craft announced that the Kiwanis are having their Guardians (Indians) luncheon at the Liederkrantz. He asked if the RCAS would be a sponsor. The top sponsor is \$500.00. All proceeds from this event go to Friendly House. **David Dick made the motion to sponsor this Kiwanis event for \$500.00. Christy Keith seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- President James Schaub II shared that our District meeting will be on Sunday, November 3rd in Medina County. He announced that anyone can go. He is planning to go, just let him know by Friday, October 25th as he has to let them know how many are going to attend. Jim said that he would drive. Tom Craft and Remington Blevins said they would go.

- David Dick addressed the proposed 2024-2025 budget. Copies were available for all to take and review. We will vote on this proposal at our November meeting.
- David Dick addressed a question of what Rebecca Gregg's title is. She is the Operational Coordinator.
- Christy Keith addressed the open position on the Board of Directors. The notice will need to be posted on our Facebook page for 2 weeks. Each potential applicant will need to complete the application and submit a letter of intent. The notice will be taken down on November 8, 2024.
- Newly elected Board of Director members presented were sworn in.

Other Business:

- Marla Reynolds questioned the date for our December 2024 meeting. According to our projected calendar, we would be meeting on Christmas Eve. A discussion followed. **Nick Fairchild made a motion that we meet on December 17, 2024, at 6 p.m. if there is business we need to address. Remington Blevins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Judy Villard-Overocker asked if the Board would provide 1 night of hotel room at the OFMA conference in January 2025 for the Junior Fair Queen, Gracie Rodman. **Gene Esbenshade made the motion that we pay for 1 night of her hotel room. Carol Toms seconded the motion. She or Judy will need to make the reservations and the board will reimburse for the night. Motion carried.**
- Marla Reynolds reported that Monica Phillips is very interested in sponsoring the entire day for kids rides on Tuesday, Kids day. She will need an estimated amount of money to give to her.

Luke Grauer made the motion at 7:56 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.

Remington Blevins seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn G. Cutlip-Mills