

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes**  
**October 10, 2017**

**Board Members Present:** Gerry Stiles, Brad Ray, Justine Winn, Paul Knittel, John Merriott  
**Members Absent:** Brad Sweet, Teresa Chrisman  
**Others Present:** Dawn Canfield, Loren Reinbold, Sharon Nighswonger, Scott Hutsell

Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on August and September 2017 were approved.

Brad Ray presented information regarding the cost of material for building hog panels. Building the panels would be a cheaper way to go than purchasing prebuilt panels. Brad contacted CDA Metals in Spokane, WA to gather a rough estimate of \$4100 to \$5000 for the cost of material. Ian Wagner would be willing to donate his shop and time to build the hog panels. Brad also mentioned he had spoken to Kathy Eastman about the possibility of building hog panels and Kathy did say she has funds to help with the costs of purchasing materials for the project.

Additional costs could incur with the painting of the panels. A discussion followed about possibly powder coating the panels. Scott Hutsell was willing to talk to an individual he knows who could do the powder coating. The time line would be to have the hog panels ready for the Jackpot Show in April 2018.

Brad also discussed about the possibility of rebuilding the wash rack and rebuild into pens and redesign the wash rack as well as add a few more panels to add an alley way or holding pen. The current design of the wash rack creates problems as the hogs will not enter the wash rack without a lot of encouragement. **Motion:** Justine moved to approve the purchase of material to build the hog panels and rebuilding the wash rack. Brad Ray 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Approved.

John discussed that he had spoken to a few announcers for the 2018 Rodeo. Tucker provided a bid of \$1200 and Dale Haughian provided a bid of \$1000. John suggested using Bob Garrett next year. Garrett's cost would probably be \$1000, as that was payment in previous years. A discussion followed. **Motion:** Justine moved to table the decision of accepting a bid for rodeo announcer until next month. Brad Ray 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Approved

Additionally, John read an email received a letter from Daniel Beard requesting he be the only stock provider for the Fair and not change providers for stock every few years.

Justine addressed a few concerns with unhealthy horses entered during the Fair. There is currently no veterinary to check horses that are entered into the horse show. A discussion followed about possibly changing the check in process to horse show on Saturday and establish a veterinary check for all horses.

Also, reported Queen Jireh has been in contact with her and has been going to a town celebrations and rodeos. Queen Jireh is interest in helping to get donations for the dinner as well as sell tickets for the upcoming Friends of the Fair dinner at the Fairgrounds.

Sharon updated the board about the Friends of the Fair. The round tables have been ordered. She also needed a count of how many tickets were taken by various board members to sell for the upcoming dinner. Also, Sharon mentioned the Friends of the Fair have a Facebook page and logo.

Gerry asked board members if they were interested in purchasing a box scrapper from Larry Ford. A discussion followed about the need for the box scrapper. John had used it before the Rodeo. The final outcome of the discussion was the box scrapper was not needed at this time because of the importance of the hog panel project.

Gerry also presented the report from the Washington State Commission and read some of the high points given as well as some of the recommendations from the report. The Fair received 1901 points.

Gerry suggested the Board take into consideration at the beginning of 2018 minimum wage will be increasing to \$12.00. The discussion was if the Board should approval of a pay increase to \$12.50 for Dawn and Loren. The discussion also included the financial health of the Fair and the current expenditures to provide a \$1.50 increase to pay. Brad Ray suggested the Board raise the pay to \$12.25 and ease into the next minimum wage increase occurring in 2020. **Motion:** John motioned the Board approve a pay rate of \$12.25 for Dawn and Loren at the beginning of 2018. Brad Ray 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion approved.

Additionally, Katie Bageant has expressed interested in joining the Fair Board. **Motion:** Justine moved to accept Katie's verbal interest in joining the Board. John 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield  
Office Manager