

**LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES**  
**January 29, 2010**

Gerry began the meeting at 6:40pm with Dale, Phil, Justine, Josie, Sarah, Lydia, Sharon and Dan in attendance. Gretchen was absent.

Minutes were read from October and November 2009. There was a correction from the November minutes stating that we will be able to pay back half of our loans this year and half in 2011.

The correct budget amount is \$37,600.00 for 2010. We are required to pay back our outstanding loans in 2010. The total amount of the two loans is \$19,332.16; with the interest figured out to be paid off on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. **From what we understand the amount that will be allocated to the fair this year from the county is \$18,267.84.**

The date of boat/vehicle storage pull out will now be Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>. The original date of April 3<sup>rd</sup> is Easter weekend and may not be convenient for people to get here.

After much investigation, the people who store their vehicles at the fairgrounds during the winter **MUST** pay leaseholder tax. That tax money will go directly to the state and not to us. Sharon will include a tax rate sheet with the move in schedule and contracts that go out in September. We are not responsible for taxes from previous years.

Gerry presented to the board the idea to use registered warrants to pay off our 2009 bills. This allows premiums and outstanding bills to be paid right away. The fair will then owe the county the total of them until we start receiving money for this year. **Phil made a motion to accept this policy and Josie 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.**

Can we get cheaper insurance for a three day fair? Sharon will check into information of companies that provide insurance to other fairground facilities.

Justine brought up the subject about offering a beer garden during the fair. The beer garden would be offered only during the rodeo and be located over by the grandstands. (?) More discussion will need to be done after Justine brings back info about other fair sponsored beer gardens—Ritzville and Clayton would be good starting points.

The LC Fair Board has asked for an end of the year statement from the Livestock Sale Committee and the Rodeo Royalty Committee. It was an item the state auditor had questioned.

**ABSOLUTELY NO UNAUTHORIZED PURCHASES—we are on a tight budget. Phil moved that any expenses requested by department superintendents will need to be preapproved. All requests for items during the fair must be in by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Justine 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.**

The superintendents **WILL** need to let the board know what repairs or materials are needed prior to the fair for their departments. We have supplies that may be used instead of buying new items for a specific department.

It was decided to use seed packets this year for the flower planters instead of buying flowers for each one. This will save quite a bit of money.

Sharon will provide copies of the revenue and expenditure sheets monthly for everyone to keep. There will also be a list of bills needed to be paid.

Sharon will send out a contract to Sarah Smith to be our livestock judge again this year.

Dale will turn in paperwork for ProWest Rodeo by the end of February. **Dale made a motion to keep Layton & McMillan as the stock contractors and Bob Garrett as the rodeo announcer. Phil 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.** Sharon will send out the contracts.

The Open Horse Show will be kept the same with the Fair Office giving out exhibitor numbers and collecting entry fees for the event.

Josie reported that Davenport Ambulance is interested in providing games for kids during Friday and Saturday. She will report in more detail in upcoming meetings.

Would it be possible to obtain a bounce house for use during the fair?

Dan discussed the dining room door that needs repair. He will check into it when the weather is a little nicer. He also recapped the reason why we still do not have a dishwasher in our kitchen.

Dan reported that Avista changed and updated the gas meters on the grounds. The City of Davenport replaced the water meters as well. He doesn't know if they are finished digging by the Hamburger Stand, but if so, there is some work left to be done to fill in holes.

The doors on the 4-H Building need some attention. The track the doors sit on may need to be raised. Once the weather is warmer, the problem can be assessed and corrected.

We will need a freezer for the fair. Dawn Bennett has offered us the same deal as last year. We bought the ice bags at cost and sold them for a profit. In order to continue with this we need a freezer to keep the ice on the grounds. There was discussion about borrowing one or finding a cheap one. Everyone keep their eyes open for one.

We will be having a swap meet on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 12pm. We will charge \$10.00 an 8 foot section of table. We will also offer some kind of easy lunch to serve as well. Should we have an auction afterwards at 1pm? There will be more discussion about this at the next meeting. Ads will be placed in the Advertiser, Exchange and Huckleberry Press.

Lydia mentioned having a Volunteer Wall for people to post names of people who volunteer. It would be a great way to recognize fair volunteers as well as others who volunteer in the community.

**Dale made a motion to allow a paid employee of the fair to be eligible to hold the position of LC Fair Board Secretary/Treasurer. Phil 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Nominations were opened for officers for the 2010 LC Fair Board. The nominations are as follows:**

**Gerry Stiles—President**

**Josie Breshears—Vice President**

**Sharon Nighswonger—Secretary/Treasurer**

**Dale made a motion to accept the slate of officers & Justine 2<sup>nd</sup> and all offices passed.**

**A motion was made to make the 2010 fair a 3 day fair running from Thursday-Saturday. Dale moved and Josie 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.**

More details will be worked out to make adjustments for 3 days. Discussion was made about auction animals leaving Sunday morning and RVs leaving by 9am Sunday. Also some events may be cancelled. The one that was discussed at great length was the Round Robin. Gerry let us know Katie will not be participating as a superintendent this year, because of conflicts from last year.

Sharon brought up that the Davenport school district will be starting school the week of the fair to allow them to be done by May 2011. They will be working to get their remodel project going. Karen Hay has requested that the Fair Board consider charging school kids a discounted amount to come to the fair during the school day. The board suggested each child if attending with a class pay \$1.00 per kid. Some of the elementary classes will submit class art projects to have displayed during the fair. **We need to vote on the gate price at the next meeting to make it official.**

**Quite a few ideas were discussed concerning a theme for this year. Sarah made a motion and Phil 2<sup>nd</sup> "Lazy Days and Country Ways" for our 2010 fair theme. The motion passed unanimously.**

The next board meeting will be Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger  
Fair Secretary