

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes**  
**June 7, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Gerry Stiles, Josie Breshears, John Merriott, Jennifer Lewis & Justine Winn

**Members Absent:** Sarah Breshears, Brad Ray, Brad Sweet & Paul Knittel

**Others Present:** Queen Emma Johnson, Randy Williams, Melissa & Lance Johnson, Loren Reinbold, Dawn Tysz & Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting began at 6:40pm.

The minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting were approved.

We began the meeting with a tour of the new stairs to the rodeo announcer stand and the new beer garden area. A community grant from Northwest Farm Credit Services was given to the LC Fair to repaint the red horse barn, 4-H Building and Floral Building. In addition to painting, money was given to rebuild the Rodeo Announcer's Stand stairs. They will have a concrete pad for more stability.

It is time to advertise for new royalty. The fair board is content with just having a queen only and no princess.

Queen Emma has been busy with various rodeos and events in the area. She is willing to go out and try to drum up new sponsors. Sharon will send the current list of sponsors to her so she does not solicit from already existing ones. A motion was made by John and Justine that 20% of any new sponsor money the queen gets goes to her scholarship fund. **Motion Approved.**

It was decided to make the coronation of the new queen more of an event and have it in the middle of the rodeo on Saturday. August 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last day of the current queen's reign.

It was discussed to have Queen Emma take tickets to radio stations to give out.

The Odessa FFA donated flowers for the fair.

Justine will order buckles for Overall Market Hog and Hog Showmanship, Overall Steer Showmanship and for the new queen.

We had talked in the past of getting a 6 seater golf cart for the "Crazy Ladies." They feel it would be a problem to monitor kids jumping on them and they would not be used for the people who really need them.

Dave Nighswonger's Harrington Band will put on a dinner on Thursday night. They will be charged 10% as a vendor. They are looking at bringing back the chicken dinner.

We will have our first work day on June 18. We plan to paint the Floral Building, 4-H Building and Red Horse Barn. Sharon will reserve a paint sprayer from DBS. It was decided to paint

the Floral Building yellow with brown trim, the 4-H Building white with green trim and the Red Horse Barn red with white trim.

Randy Williams attended our meeting to answer any questions we had about 4-H. He will check to make sure having an overall barn winner with all of the market species is not in violation of 4-H rules. He will get back to Sharon.

The length of ownership of goats needs to be changed from 45 days to 60 days to state 4-H qualifying.

Josie will talk to Eric Cassidy about having an ambulance here during the rodeo.

We are still in need of superintendents. Dawn will talk to Sarah Bernardi to see if she will take on 4-H Crafts.

A motion was made by John and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justine to have the Buffalo soldiers here during the fair. Their cost is \$100.00 per person with a horse and \$50.00 per support person. They may only bring 4-5 people. **Motion Approved.**

A motel room has been booked for the livestock judge.

A vote was done in between meetings concerning the yearly cost of renting a bucking chute space. \$250.00—2 votes (Jennifer & Justine); \$200.00—4 votes (Brad R., Brad S., Josie, John) and stay the same \$175.00 (Paul). **Raising the cost to \$200.00 was the outcome.**

The situation with Sean Fawcett's damaged boat cover was resolved. Their insurance covered the cost and we paid their \$500.00 deductible.

The Reardan Royalty will handle the bathroom cleaning again this year.

Sharon is working on getting the companies for the grant listed on Lincoln County's Small Works Roster.

At this point we have raised \$3570.00 in premium book donations.

Gerry presented an idea for a horse sale. He proposed a private treaty horse sale that the Lincoln County Fair and D & S Horse will sponsor. There will also be a tack auction and yard sale. Proceeds will be split with between the two groups. John made a motion to accept the proposal and Justine 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Motion Approved.**

No word yet on mutton busting or go cart races for Thursday night.

Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Nighswonger  
Fair Secretary/Office Manager