

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
February 18, 2014

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, Justine, Brad

Members Absent: John, Sarah

Others Present: Dan Berry, Kathy Eastman, Mark Stedman and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:40 pm. Gerry began by reading Greg Wilkie's resignation letter. His resignation was due to living outside of Davenport and involvement with volunteer firefighting training.

Josie said she would contact John Benner the livestock judge that Rick Perleberg recommended last year.

Josie also recommended that we not spend a whole lot of money on flowers this year, but spread them around and use what we have. We may need to add a few to fill in the holes in the pots, but we should not have to spend much money on them at all this year.

Kathy Eastman reported on the program she bought to use for the fair and livestock sale.

Gretchen moved and Justine 2nd to have Lee Daggett back as our rodeo announcer again this year. The motion passed unanimously. Lee requested he would like to have some changes made to the announcer's stand to make it safer. That will be addressed as the weather improves.

It was also moved by Gretchen and 2nd by Brad to have Daniel Beard back again this year to be the stock contractor for the rodeo. The motion passed unanimously.

Justine will pick up the ProWest packet from the banquet coming up. She brought up instead of using local flag carriers for the sponsor flags, we check into "Sensation Flags" out of Yakima. Justine thought that paying them for their fuel would be payment enough along with stalls and water for their horses and outside camping. She would check with Erica to see what her thoughts about it were.

Dan Moriarty is the horse judge this year. He will also be judging the Summer Sizzler.

The 4H horse leaders want to use \$3000.00 from Orville Widmer's Memorial Fund to replace the doors on the red horse barn with panels. The money is in a CD that will become available mid-August.

It will be included in the superintendent's letter that if a department wants to include extra trophies or belt buckles as prizes they will have to find sponsors for them. The fair will not be responsible for purchasing extra prizes.

Cheyenne Thain will have a fundraiser soon to earn money for her scholarship account.

There was discussion concerning the new insurance policy we need to put in place for event insurance. It was decided Sharon will keep the policies in the office and include them with the rental agreements.

A draft horse driving clinic has approached us to put on a clinic from May 31-June 1. They would like to pay a reduced amount for the clinic since it is mainly for youth and they give out a lot of prizes. It was moved by Brad and 2nd by Gretchen to charge them \$375.00 for the event and additional charges for the stalls used and camping. The motion passed unanimously. Sharon will contact the group with the board's decision.

Brad brought up some concerns with parking. The major one being the rodeo parking area and how we can get a better handle on it. It needs to be done earlier to avoid vehicles needing to be moved right before the rodeo.

It was also decided the float trailer should be more up against the fence to allow extra handicapped parking.

Brad suggested that instead of BBQ chicken or salmon, this year we try pulled pork sandwiches with corn on the cob, coleslaw and dessert. Sharon will get how much last year's BBQ figures and provide them at the next meeting.

The Reardan-Edwall royalty would like to be the bathroom cleaning crew again this year.

John Murinko, from Bill the Fauceteer will install a donated pressure pump at the arena restrooms for free when the weather clears up.

Gerry mentioned AB Paints has donated 20 gallons of paint to paint the auditorium before the Davenport Booster Club auction. Prep work will need to be done prior to painting and the tentative date to paint is March 1.

It was brought up that it was a pain to continually fill the freezers with ice during the fair. Could we contract out with a specific ice vendor?? Sharon will contact Pacific Ice from Spokane. Also there will be mention of ice available in the vendor letter to alleviate our vendors from having to leave the grounds to get ice from downtown.

The Lincoln County Fair received a grant for two different projects on the grounds this year. The first is to add new pedestals with water and electricity in the RV parking area. The other is to shore up, replace the grandstand seating, and add toe boards and railings.

Sharon will draft a letter to see if groups and individuals would like community service hours to help tear down the grandstands. There will also be a letter sent out to the Lion's Club.

"Shooting for the Stars" was presented as the theme for this year. Justine moved and Brad 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lydia again this year send out the contributor letter. She wanted to know if we wanted to continue to offer two day passes for a donation of \$100.00. There was good response last year, so it was decided to do it again.

The next meeting will be March 18th at 6:30.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
April 8, 2014

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, Sarah, Brad

Members Absent: Justine & John

Others Present: Lydia Widmer, Scott Hutsell and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:30 pm. The minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting were approved. Scott presented information on event insurance that the fair is researching. There has been discussion with George Arland regarding the Memorial Hall. They are in the same type of insurance pool as Lincoln County and at this time have chosen not to enforce the event insurance. According to Scott the commissioners are undecided as to how to proceed. He suggested that we continue issuing rental agreements as needed and as more information becomes available, we will pursue it.

Sharon requested from Scott a copy of the Memorial Hall's rental agreement, so she could compare some of the wording.

Gerry would like to run a horse sale with Tony Desautel at the fairgrounds on June 14th. It was decided he would be charged \$350.00 to use the facilities. Brad made a motion to have the sale here & Gretchen 2nd it. **The motion was approved.**

There was discussion concerning the non-profit and where we are with it. Rusty McGuire has taken over the paperwork portion of it. It was reported the state cost to file for a non-profit is \$50.00 and \$400.00 for an LLC with the IRS.

Sharon reported that \$171.00 was made on the BBQ and we served 73 people.

Lydia is again making copies of the contributor's letter. The copy machine is acting up. Sharon will call Ricoh and see about switching out the machine or getting a service call soon. The machine acts up after about 150 copies and doesn't feed right.

Lydia will be ordering ribbons soon.

Gretchen moved and Brad 2nd a motion to allow posters to be exhibited at the fair that were used at Jr. Show. If it has been entered here before, it can't be exhibited again. **The motion was approved.**

Josie is contacting potential livestock judges for fair. John Benner is not available this year, he is doing the North Idaho Fair.

Gretchen suggested that we use glow in the dark paint for our planters. It would be different and she will experiment and get back to the board.

Nova Pratt will be back as the photography superintendent. She would like more peg board so more photos can be displayed.

We will need superintendents for the following departments: Grain, Grasses and Weeds; Herdmanship and Quilts. A co-4H Crafts super is needed during the fair. The current one will not be available during the fair.

JoLynn Ray sent an email to Sharon voicing her concern regarding unsportsmanlike conduct and unprofessional behavior that was happening in the pig barn. Brad was assigned the duty to act as mediator if there was a situation in that barn.

Rodeo Queen University requested to use the facilities for their event June 19-22. They would be paying \$1200.00 for various buildings. They would pay extra for RV sites and shavings. A motion was made by Gretchen and 2nd by Brad to approve them coming. **The motion was approved.** This group would not be able to use the arena on Saturday morning, as the 4-H Summer Sizzler will be going on.

A question was raised about having the teen dance outside instead of in the auditorium. It is easier to control in and out in the auditorium, but it is very hot and the side door gets opened frequently to let in air. More thought will go into the planning of the dance.

We have been having continual problems with the Pepsi machine. A motion was made by Brad and 2nd by Josie to have the Pepsi machine removed and have a coke machine brought in just for fair. **The motion was approved.** Sharon will look into seeing if that is feasible.

All Star Jump would like to come back. They are very expensive. Reardan's Mule Days are using a company with similar items. Sharon will call the other company for prices to compare.

The Fair received \$30,253.00 in para mutual money this year. An increase of \$3000.00.

Gerry went over the grant. The fair received a grant of \$49,814.00. The Department of Agriculture will provide funds of \$38,214.00 towards the grandstand project and adding new pedestals in the RV parking area. Planning is being done concerning when the project will begin and how it will be done.

Sharon brought up that last year the board approved having Jazz NW here again this year as well as Chase Hubbard. She will contact the DJ that does the Pioneer Days Dance and see if he is available for fair as well.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
May 13, 2014**

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, Sarah, Brad & Justine

Members Absent: John

Others Present: Lydia Widmer, Scott Hutsell, Dan Berry and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:30 pm. The minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting were approved.

Justine said Pro West was looking for sponsors for belt buckles. The Lincoln County Fair can not be a sponsor as it would be using public funds. Gerry offered to be a half sponsor and was wondering if the rodeo royalty would want to sponsor the other half. Justine would get more information about it.

It was discussed that the 4-H clubs could do some community service on the grounds. One thing that will need to be done will be applying oil based stain on the grandstand seats, when the project is completed. Another project is that the panels in the arena need to be painted the same color.

The first work party on the grandstands will be on Saturday May 17, at 9am.

Lydia reported that the contributor letters have all been mailed. She purchased stamps early before the cost went up.

Sharon reported that there has been \$950.00 come in as donations so far.

Brad reported that we could purchase a Hobart commercial dishwasher (\$2500.00), 2 upright freezers (\$50.00 each) and deep fat fryer (\$400.00) for \$3000.00 from the bowling alley. He was going to talk to the commissioners to see how they could help us out.

There was discussion about when we would start the RV portion of the grant. We would not be able to start until after the weekend of July 4th. We have too many events scheduled through that weekend.

Justine said she would have our Rodeo Queen Cheyenne Thain handle concessions for the proposed horse sale on June 14th.

Dan Berry's resignation as maintenance supervisor effective May 31, 2014 was read.

Lincoln Hospital has requested a contract so that the Lincoln County Fairgrounds be used as an emergency evacuation destination. We will send them a contract using the same rates as our fire camp schedule.

There was a question brought about how many exhibitors are needed in a class to determine a grand and or reserve champion. Sharon will research what has been listed in past premium books.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes June 11, 2014

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, Brad & Justine

Members Absent: John

Others Present: Lydia Widmer, Rory Wintersteen and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:30 pm. The minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Gretchen reported that Nova Pratt would not be the superintendent for photography, since she got a job.

Justine reported that Cheyenne has been busy, she participated in Mule Days and went to Newport and will be attending the Cheney Rodeo.

The 2015 rodeo royalty applications will be due July 11. The tryouts will be on Saturday of Pioneer Days. The applicants will participate in the parade.

Justine informed the board that she will still be involved, but may not make all of the meetings next year, as she will be working on getting her master's degree.

For the Summer Sizzler the arena needs to be worked up by 8:30 am. The PA system will be set up on Friday before the event.

The CD from the horse leaders will come due at the first of August. The \$3400.00 will be used for panels for inside the red horse barn. The horse leader's money will be used to begin replacing the panels and the fair will complete the project with additional funds.

Rory talked about having the vendors use the recycle bins instead of the dumpsters. Sharon will give notices to the vendors to encourage them to recycle cardboard and plastics.

It was asked if the juvenile garbage crew could keep the water stations full. Sharon or Gerry will approach them.

We will begin work on selling space for new signs above the grandstands. Justine volunteered Cheyenne to come in and help Sharon contact all the merchants listed on the old signs. A new price sheet will need to be created. For the "Friends of the Fair" signs we look into another way to display them. One option was to create them similar to the names listed on the float trailer and have them posted on the Main Building.

Bartek contacted Sharon to see about putting signage on the grounds for advertising. She will see if they would like a sign in the grandstands.

We have a lot of used wood left over from the bleacher project. **It was moved by Justine and 2nd by Josie to surplus the wood and move it to the west corner of the parking lot and give it away. This would cut down on dumpster fees. The motion passed.**

Gerry reported that he would be working on having a horse sale in July.

The grandstand project is going well. **It was moved by Justine and 2nd by Brad to use a blue/gray stain on them. The motion passed.**

The applications for the maintenance position will close on Friday, June 13. We will set up interview times after all the applications come in.

Sharon reported that the Democrats will not be a vendor in the Commercial Building this year. They don't have enough people to man the booth.

Matthew Matheny contacted Sharon about wanting to sponsor kids at the fair. He wants to donate \$200.00 towards something. It was suggested he sponsor a belt buckle. Sharon will ask him if that is something he would like to do. He would be able to hang a banner by or in the barn he was sponsoring and it would be mentioned in the premium book.

Davenport Dance Academy will be here this next year again.

Sharon contacted NW Inflatables and they are excited about coming to the fair this year. They will be giving us 10% of their proceeds as payment for participating.

Justine has a singer for the national anthem during the rodeo---Angie ?.

Sharon reported our entertainment so far is Dick Frost, The Moondogs and NW Jazz.

A premium book cover was picked. The winner is Laura Miller from Sprague.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
July 16, 2014

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, Brad & Justine

Members Absent: John

Others Present: Mark Stedman, Emma Wiedmer and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:45 pm. The minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting were approved.

Brad reported that we are waiting on commissioners' approval for the new freezers, dishwasher and fryer. We want to get the dishwasher hooked up for fall.

Neither Sharon nor Brad has been able to get ahold of Pacific Ice to see about getting an ice holder during the fair.

We need to change the dumpster placement a bit. We need a larger dumpster by the kitchen. We will have the garbage crew also pick up cardboard and that will help cut down on garbage costs.

Brad & Gretchen decided they needed to order 150 ears of corn for the dinner and would get them from the Hutterites.

Camp Neighborly will have a display in the Grange Building.

Gretchen will borrow electrical spiders from Spokane Interstate Fair. Each spider should accommodate 4-6 campers.

Teresa Durhein and Keiten Klein will be running for fair royalty on July 19 during Pioneer Days. The arena will need to be done by 1:30pm.

Daniel Beard would like to bring ranch broncs for the rodeo. The event would add more interest to the rodeo. It was moved by Gretchen & 2nd by Justine to pay out up to \$600.00 for the added entry. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Miniature bulls would also be added as an event for kids during the rodeo. The cost of them would be \$150.00 for fuel. It was moved by Gretchen & 2nd by Josie to have them here. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Would it be possible to have a street sweeper come through & clean up the midway? Gerry would call Public Works.

The fair is in desperate need of hand tools on the grounds. It was moved by Brad & 2nd by Gretchen to spend up to \$500.00 on tools. Gerry will check into Harbor Freight and Craftsman for the best prices.

Josie reported that Lydia had ordered ribbons. Lydia would like to have a golf cart available to her on Wednesday.

Gerry will contact Pappé Machinery and Evergreen for the use of their gators. We will contact the people who we used golf carts from last year. Sharon will contact Northern Quest to see about using their long shuttle.

Gerry will have Loren water the flowers.

Greg will drop off the info for RV Parking. Justine & Brad will park people this year. Gretchen will help park people on Sunday. Gerry will be gone that weekend and is unavailable to help.

There will be a dance during Pioneer Days. We will sell water and cans of pop.

As far as we know there will be having a beer garden. It will be set up at the north end of the arena and then move to the stage area after the rodeo on Saturday night.

The grandstand project is done except for staining it. A work party will be scheduled for Tuesday June 22 at 6pm.

Halme Electric won the bid for the RV electrical project. Todd Anderson will dig the ditch for it.

We have to install the pump for the horse restrooms.

After fair the auditorium will need be painted before a wedding in September.

Gerry would like to have a horse sale here the last weekend in September. Justine moved & Brad 2nd the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Wilbur Ellis will again be sponsoring shavings.

Sharon brought up someone wanting to use the commercial kitchen. It was decided to charge \$50.00 per day. The particular person was interested in using freezer space—we agreed to charge her \$50.00 per month for the space.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 pm after the superintendent's meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
August 5, 2014**

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, Justine & Sarah

Members Absent: John & Brad

Others Present: Bobby Winn, Lydia Widmer, David Neal and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 7:22 pm. The minutes of the July 16, 2014 meeting were approved.

Sarah reported that she won't be here this year during fair, she will be in Coeur d'Alene with the Belgian team.

Lydia said as soon as the ribbons all get here Dorette will help her get the ribbon boxes done.

The check for \$3018.83 was cashed and paid to Paul Ponder of American Corral Panels & Gates of Hustonville, KY for the new panels at the red horse barn. The money came from the Lincoln County 4-H Horse Leaders organization. There is still an outstanding balance of \$1494.42 owed. We will put up a poster in the horse barn to try to raise donations for the remaining balance. **A motion was made by Justine & 2nd by Josie to have the fair pay for the balance not covered by donations. The motion was approved.**

It was decided that the horse barn would be worked to get it ready for the new panels on at 8 am on Sunday August 10. Later on Sunday, at 3 pm painting of the grandstands will be finished.

Queen Cheyenne participated in the Omak Stampede on Friday, with the Queen's Run. Keiton Klein and Teresa Durham competed to be Lincoln County Rodeo Queen. Keiton won by 1 point and is our new queen.

There are calf sorters for sale in Rosalia. Charlie Reed is selling them.

Shane Nelson has a roping chute in Chewelah.

We need to have lines in the handicapped area.

Justine will set up the Silver Horse Barn.

Gretchen said that Spokane Interstate Fair will not loan us the electrical spiders. We could look into Sun Rentals to rent them.

Friday, August 8 at 5 pm we need a work party to help lay pipe for the grant project.

\$500 was spent at Harbor Freight for tools on the grounds and at Home Depot for a tool box.

Three more gallons of paint are needed for the portable bleachers. Justine moved & Josie 2nd the motion to get the paint from AB Paints. The motion was approved.

Gerry reported that we have 4 people working community service at this time.

Saturday, August 16th Justine and Brad will be marking the parking lines.

Sharon asked how much beer should be ordered. It was decided to order 7 cases of Kokanee and 7 cases of whatever Dawn Bennett at Traders suggests. It was also suggested that we also get 2 cases of Mike's.

Gerry will bring a horse trough to put the beer in.

Junk Nation will be here again next year, June 20, 2015.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm after the superintendent's meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Nighswonger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
September 11, 2014**

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, John & Brad

Members Absent: Justine & Sarah

Others Present: Mark Stedman, Lydia Widmer, Todd Albertson, Emma Wiedmer, Loren Reinbold and Sharon Nighswonger

Gerry began the meeting at 6:45pm. The minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting were approved with corrected amount regarding the new panels at the red horse barn. The corrected amount should be \$2494.42.

There was discussion as to who owns the panels mentioned above. Money has been donated to purchase them; the fair has not spent any money on them. How should it be handled regarding inventory?

John brought up utilizing more areas for signage. He suggested using the following areas for signage: arena out gates: \$200-\$500; Arena gates: \$200-500; Roping chutes \$175.00. We should have a sign or banner hung: "Your Business Name Here."

The arena area by the beer garden needs to be fixed up for the water truck.

It was brought up to add a man gate at the back gate. This would help eliminate vehicles attempting to enter the grounds. We would have more control especially on the days of the rodeo. An option would be to offer a \$50.00 parking pass on the grounds by the back gate.

We were coming up with ideas that would help bring people in on Thursday. Some of the ideas are Farm Hand Rodeo, Extreme Motocross. Sharon received a call from a previous Davenport resident who is sending an article to share with the board for ideas for fair events. She will share that at the next meeting.

Lydia reported that some of the complaints she heard about the fair were:

- *There needed to be someone manning the parking lot out front to insure better parking.
- *Seating needed to be provided by the front gate for people waiting to be picked up.
- *The window in the office needed to be manned at all times.
- *The fair board members needed to park their golf carts and phones and walk around and visit with the public.

Some other concerns were the lines in the parking lot were a good idea, but they need to be better executed. The fans need to be cleaned before they are put away or cleaned in the spring before they get a lot of usage. The RV parking was challenging and will be improved upon for next year.

One idea was to have the Floral Department information available at DBS in July so people would be aware of the various display options.

There was quite a bit of discussion concerning the commercial building. The interior of the building is quite pathetic and we lose vendors yearly because of the condition of it. Should we spruce up the side walls, hang curtains? What would be a good solution?

In addition to updating the commercial building, we will contact Ag Enterprises or Ag Link to see if they would be willing to display farm equipment in part of the building.

The Photography Department Superintendents, Gina Boutain and Jill Morrison will be back again next year as superintendents. Should there be a framed photo class added to the department. Sharon received an anonymous letter stating framed photos were judged and according to the premium book they should not have been.

We need to work on getting an ice machine for next year.

Gerry mentioned trading in our old tractor for a 6 person golf cart. The tractor is valued at \$2500.00-2800.00.

A motion was made by Gretchen and 2nd by John to surplus our school bus. The motion passed.

Mark brought up that the exhibits were down this year. What can we do to encourage more entries? Many of the departments exhibits were impacted by the hot weather in the weeks prior to the fair.

He also suggested changing the dates of the fair to September to accommodate having a carnival here. There was a lot of discussion regarding switching of dates and how that would impact the area and the volunteers.

The upstairs window in the SE corner of the main building is broken and needs to be boarded up. Loren will take care of it using one of the old animal signs that used to hang on the front of the building.

We will begin parking RV's and boats on October 11 and continue on the 18th and 25th from 9am-12pm.

Gerry reported that the PU truck used during the rodeo from Elliott's Motors has a scraped bed. It is being repaired at Repair Masters for \$400.00 plus tax.

There was quite a bit of discussion about the outdoor wedding on September 13. Since there will be an arena event going on when the wedding is to begin, they will take a break from announcing at 4pm to not interfere with the wedding. This is the best that can be done, considering the wedding went from an indoor event to an outdoor one, with no notification to the fair office.


It was decided that if a party wants a guarantee no other events will be going on while they rent the fairgrounds, they can pay the standard fire camp fee of \$1000.00 per day. This allows them to use any buildings on the fairgrounds without interruption.

The fair dates for next year are August 27-29, 2015 if use the same weeks as usual. Sharon will call local schools to see if dates have been set for the start of school in 2015.

John introduced Todd Albertson as a potential new board member. Todd told us about himself and in interest in being a fair board member. He has good ideas for the rodeo and would be a good addition. **John made a motion to accept him as a new board member and Josie 2nd it. The motion passed.**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 15 at 6:30 pm after the superintendent's meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes October 15, 2014

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, Gretchen, John, Justine, Sarah
Members Absent: Todd & Brad
Others Present: Scott Hutsell, Lydia Widmer and Sharon Nighswonger

The meeting began as a round table discussion concerning the budget and how to help support the fair. An email was received from Heather Hansen talking about how there is a very good chance all of Washington State Fairs will not receive money from the Department of Agriculture for 2015. As a result there were lots of fund raising ideas mentioned as how to off-set the loss of \$30,000.00. Some kind of event during Pioneer Days like a junior rodeo, bull bash or ranch rodeo. Another suggestion would be to have a carnival here during Pioneer Days.

There was also discussion about the fair needing to take out a \$25,000.00 loan. There will be a loan request given to the Linda Fisher, Lincoln County Treasurer requesting the loan. Sharon prepared revenue and expense sheets for the meeting, that explicitly showed where we stand financially.

What can we do differently to increase attendance, decrease expenses? Should we move the dates to the weekend after Labor Day, change the dates from a three day fair to two days. Does the Lincoln County Fair board remain in existence or does another entity take over the running of the fair (Friends of the Fair)? There was lots of discussion, without any conclusions.

The minutes from the September 11, 2014 were approved unanimously.

Justine brought up that the kids behind the chutes that were helping needed specific wristbands.

Gretchen suggested that we give the "Junk Nation" people a price break to have them fill up the Commercial Building during the fair. We could also contact DBS to see if they would be willing to have a display of shovels, rakes, buckets for purchase. They could also display some of their animal statues and larger items.

Instead of ads in the premium book, offer banners with the business name on them. We would propose a standard banner size that would list supporter's names on.

Queen Keiten attended Miss Washington Rodeo. She participated in parades at Odessa's Deutchesfest and Harrington Fall Festival.

Justine has information regarding updating the RV parking form for next year. It might work better to have the full hookup RVs move in on Saturday up against the fence. We could move vendors from the spaces north of the horseshoe pits to allow 6-8 more RV spaces.

There was good response concerning the mini bulls, junior steer riding and the ranch bronc riding.

Lydia reported the ribbon count is done for after the fairs' records. The judges were tough this year and a lot of red ribbons were used.

There was lots of appreciation of Danny and his work ethic during the fair. He was a good helper and got things done.

We need to decide soon who we want to have as a livestock judge to get them booked soon. Michael Collie is interested for 2015 if he is in the area.

Sharon mentioned that the uncashed premium checks for 2013 have not been added back into our budget. She is not sure about the status of 2012.

There was discussion regarding when school would start locally in August of 2015 and if that would conflict with our current fair dates. Sharon contacted local districts and they do not make a decision until February 2015.

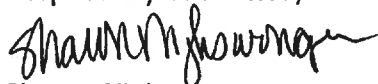
Gerry said people were requesting having an indoor garage sale. A motion was made by John and 2nd by Sarah to have one on October 25 with tables going for \$15.00 each. An ad would be put in the paper. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Gerry reported that 36 outlets were put in incorrectly in the new RV spaces. He will check with Halme Electric & Pump to get them fixed correctly.

A motion was made by John and 2nd by Justine to have a Benefit Dinner on December 6 for "Save the Fair." **The motion passed unanimously.** It would be a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. The Friends of the Fair would provide beer. It would be advertised locally, Huckleberry Press, Nickle Nik, and on the 4H website. There was talk of a DJ, having Dick Frost come and a cake sale. More planning will be done at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
November 12, 2014

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, John, Justine, Sarah
Members Absent: Gretchen, Todd & Brad
Others Present: Sharon Nighswonger

The meeting began at 6:45 pm.

The minutes from the October 15, 2014 were approved unanimously.

The meeting began with discussion concerning the fundraiser. Justine has enough spaghetti noodles and some spaghetti sauce for the dinner. She said Gretchen would bring bread. She is working on donations for the dinner as well as the silent auction.

Everyone needs to bring a few items for the auction to make it successful. Instead of names people will be issued numbers to use for bidding.

The Friends of the Fair will organize a beer garden. We will use both the auditorium and the dining room for the dinner/silent auction and beer garden. The benefit will run from 4:30-8pm. The cost will be \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 for child 12 and under. We will offer a family pass for \$25.00 (2 adults & 2 kids).

John talked to Ian Wagner and they would like to put on a jackpot show at the end of March. It was decided it would need to be postponed until April 18 or 25 until all of the vehicles are moved out and the arena is dried out.

Mark McMillan charges \$4500.00 for stock for junior rodeos.

It was discussed to put on a weekend series of events. Friday night a barrel racing, Saturday a play day and Sunday a breakaway/team roping event. It was talked about offering this event 4 times during the spring/summer.

It was discussed that we need to update our name of the fairgrounds from the Lincoln County Fairgrounds to Lincoln County Fair and Event Center. It gives it a more professional and polished sound, especially when working with potential sponsors.

Sharon gave a report from the Friends of the Fair. The group will not run the fair, they are only interested in helping support the fair. The group will sell bricks with donor's names on them and have them placed by the ticket booth. Also the fair will not own the new panels, the Friends of the Fair will own them, since they will help pay for them. They will not be included in the LC Fair's inventory.

Gerry discussed our financial situation. He told everyone the loan will be used in 2014/2015 when our insurance comes due. We will be able to pay it back in 3 years at \$8500.00 each year. One way we will be able to off-set expenses would be to raise our storage rates to \$12.00 per foot. Sharon will call around and get some price comparisons from storage units.

Sharon brought up eliminating the ads out of the premium book. It would help getting the book out sooner and cut down on the amount of pages printed.

Instead offer advertisers the option to put together a banner similar to the float trailer with business names listed on it. We talked about offering a small banner for \$20.00. She will check on prices with

the Davenport Float crew and see what they charge. There was no motion until more information can be found out.

As a fund raiser, it was talked about having bingo here once a month and during the fair. The Senior Center used to offer it as an activity, but not any longer. Sharon will check with the Gambling Commission to make sure we would be ok to run it.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager

**Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
December 10, 2014**

Board Members Present: Gerry, Josie, John, Justine, Brad

Members Absent: Sarah & Todd

Others Present: Scott Hutsell & Sharon Nighswonger

The meeting began at 6:45 pm.

The minutes from the November 12, 2014 were approved unanimously.

John brought up the idea of having a "Festival of Tree" event to go along with our dinner & auction. It could be put on as a competition between the towns in Lincoln County.

Another idea would be to put on fireworks on New Year's Eve. Have some outside events for families and cap off the night with fireworks.

It was decided that we need to get round tables for usage at the fair. It would be easier to rent out the facilities if we provided round tables.

John is still pursuing putting on a jackpot show either April 18 or 25.

Sharon gave a report on the benefit dinner and auction. We made \$935.00 on the dinner; \$784.00 on collected auction items and donations of \$947.00, with total being \$2666.00. The only expenses were the food permit and the advertising.

We will look into having bingo during the year at the fairgrounds. Gerry and Sharon will look into it. It maybe something the Friends of the Fair takes on.

We need to have the parking lot graded and have the holes filled in with gravel.

We need to have more events here and serve dinner. Since there are limited dining options in Davenport, many seniors appreciated the inexpensive dinner.

Sharon brought up having names on a board instead of putting ads in the premium book. The average name would be \$10-\$15 to have it on the float trailer. To put a logo on it, the cost would be \$50-\$75. Should we do something like that, so everyone could see the sponsors?

Gerry wanted everyone to review the rental schedule and update it for 2015. It was decided we will increase the amount from \$1 to \$2 per day to keep your vehicle here after move out day in April.

Would it be possible to have a gun show here? Something to look into.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary/Office Manager

