

Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board Minutes

February 9, 2021

Board Members Present: Brad Ray, John Merriott, Katie Bageant, Teresa Chrisman, Justine Winn, Lindsey Smith, Cody Murdock, Rebecca Mattox, Brian Gunning

Members Absent: Paul Knittel

Others Present: Dawn Canfield, Scott Hutsell, Zeke Tareski

Meeting started at 6:40 pm

Meeting was held at the Lincoln County Commissioners meeting room due to a broken furnace in the Dining Hall. The furnace will be replaced on March 10th.

One change was made to the January 2021 minutes. Katie mentioned that the band, The Rusty Vikings, will be playing on Saturday, August 28th, not Friday, August 27th.

Motion: John made a motion to accept the January minutes with the amended changes. Katie 2nd. Motion passed.

Brad presented Scott Hutsell with a COVID-19 prevention proposal for the Jackpot Show in April. There will be no sponsors because not sure if the event will be canceled due to current restrictions. Scott said he would pass along the proposal to Ed Dzedzy at Public Health.

Brad discussed the moving of the horseshoe pits. He asked for a volunteer from the Board to help organize the building of the horseshoe pits. Cody volunteered and will create a design for the pits to present at the next meeting.

John mentioned he spoke with Tucker Cool about the changing the rodeo to an open rodeo instead of having ProWest this year. Tucker Cool would like a list of events. Discussion followed about what type of events will be offered at the rodeo.

Dawn asked about the payments to the rodeo contestants as payments from the county would be issued at a later date. Discussion followed. Final decision was to run any payments for rodeo contestants through the Friends of the Fair and have the Friends of the Fair help with the running of the rodeo.

Brad mentioned that it might be helpful if the Friends of the Fair were invited to the Board meetings. At least have a representative from the Friends of the Fair that can discuss options during the meetings.

Justine suggested rules should be established for the open rodeo. Discussion followed. Final decision was to follow the ProWest rules.

John talked about dates for the Junior Rodeo. Discussion followed. Possible date for the event is June 26th-27th.

Katie mentioned that the pig scramble should be only one day, Friday and consider adding Ladies Sheep Dressing on Saturday. Lindsey volunteered to send out a pole on Facebook to determine what the public would like to see.

Zeke Tareski was asked by Lindsey about being a DJ for the teen dance. He currently has no equipment. Dawn asked Zeke to get her a listed of sound equipment that he would need for the dance and determine if this is equipment that would be good investment in purchasing for the Fairgrounds.

Rebecca asked about The Moblie Pet Spaw being a vendor at the Fair & Rodeo. She said the vendor is considering hold a raffle for services offered by the vendor and would like to announce the winner during the rodeo. Everyone agreed this would be fine.

Teresa posted an ad for bands on Facebook for Saturday night. She had two responses, American Bonfire and Dragonfly. She talked to both bands and American Bonfire provided a rate is \$899.00. Discussion followed. **Motion:** Teresa made a motion to accept the band American Bonfire for Saturday. Justine 2nd. Motion passed.

Teresa presented the bids for the playground equipment. She suggested a decision be made now because the bid for Pro Playground offered a discount and was good until the end of the month. Brad mentioned that the Friends of the Fair currently has a little over \$8,600.00 reserved in their account to be used for the playground. This would not cover the total purchase amount, \$9,999.00 for the equipment. Discussion followed about how payment would be made. Final decision was made by Scott for Dawn to issue a voucher for the total amount and to contact the Friends of the Fair to determine the amount they are paying for the equipment.

Justine suggested making a couple of changes to the Queen application. She said that the application currently states that the Queen will be issued a piece of jewelry. She said this has never happened and would like to eliminate that from the application. Everyone agreed. Justine also suggested that an addition be added about the Queen's horse. She would like to see the wording that the Queen's horse will be in good condition when going to required events. Everyone agreed.

Justine asked about the rodeo royalty line on the budget. She suggested we lower because the amount that is listed, \$600.00, is never used to that amount. The only items purchased from this budget line are buckles and sashes.

Scott mentioned an idea about moving the cover of the sale ring near the stage. His idea was to place the cover on the grass just off the pavement for cover for outside events. The length of the cover would run North-South. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield

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