

Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board Minutes June 7, 2023

Board Members Present: Brad Ray, Justine Winn, Susan Aldridge, Lindsey Smith, Cody Murdock, John Merriott

Members Absent: Anthony Wicks, Katie Bageant, Teresa Chrisman, Judy Samek

Friends of the Fair: Bryce Bailey, Libby Murdock, James Llewellyn

Others Present: Dawn Canfield, Scott Hutsell

Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm.

Minutes for April approved.

Scott updated the Board about the plans for the indoor arena. Site preparation will begin the week after the Fair & Rodeo. The first plan is to move the showering cover. The cover will be moved the East side of the outdoor stage. Brad asked about placing a future build sign during the Fair & Rodeo for the indoor arena. Everyone agreed this is a good idea.

Scott mentioned the upcoming Department of Ag grant that would come available this fall. The plan is to ask for the funding to upgrade the Arena lights.

Dawn mentioned that she worked with an electrical company, Artic Electric, and Avista to replace all the lights in the buildings and some lights on the grounds. Avista was offering a rebate for the work. The total project costed roughly \$32,000.00 and the rebate covered all but \$5,000.00 for the updating of lights in the buildings.

Dawn talked about the policy changes with the Department of Agriculture regarding swine. The Department of Ag now requires all swine must have an official USDA approved RFID tag. Dawn has already ordered the tags and will send some of the tags to the Lincoln and Adam Extension offices.

Brad mentioned he spoke with Rick Perleberg and Rick would like to have a FFA BBQ contest. The contest would be between Reardan FFA and other FFA chapters. Discussion started about where to set up the contest. The final decision was to table until next month when the Board will walk the grounds and look at all the set-up areas for all events.

Brad went over a few of the IDS (Identify, Discuss, Solve) items that have been take care of since the last year's Fair & Rodeo. The Board moved on to discussing some of the other items on the IDS list.

One item was about T-shirts for Fair Advisory Board members to wear during the Fair & Rodeo. The suggestion, from the list, was to have shirts for Friday and Saturday. The overall decision was to order another set of shirts to be worn on Saturday.

The second item discussed was about the bathroom cleaning crew. IDS list had a question about the Camp Na-Bor-Lee or the 4-H club not being used to clean the bathrooms. Dawn said that she had asked the Camp Na-Bor-Lee leaders to clean the bathrooms and they could not get enough people to help clean and the same was with 4-H clubs. With the 4-H clubs it was the hours required to keep the bathrooms clean.

There was just not enough time for the kids to show animals and clean bathrooms. Discussion started about the need to pay for cleaning services for the bathrooms. Dawn also suggested that the Board consider paying for garbage services. The final decision was to hire out for the cleaning of the bathrooms and include garbage detail with the cleaning service.

The third item discussed was about closing the back gate to the public and having that gate for contestants only and opening the side gate for the public during the rodeo. Discussion started and the final decision was to have some signs that direct the public and the contestants. Dawn will look into having those signs made.

The fourth item discussed was about offering a buyer's breakfast this year. Lindsey mentioned that Wolffy's in Airway Heights was willing to donate \$500.00 towards the breakfast for the buyers. Discussion started and final decision was to have the buyer's breakfast. Lindsey will get a flyer together and post to FaceBook.

The final item discussed was having a no trailer parking sign across the Highway. Dawn said she can add a no parking sign to the list of the other signs. John gave permission to list his phone number for people to contact him, if there is a problem.

Bryce updated the Board about the upcoming Junior Rodeo.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

The next meeting will be July

19th. Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield

WSU Extension/Lincoln County Fairgrounds Office Manager