

Minutes of the Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board
February 8th 2004

Meeting was called to order by President Gerry Stiles.
Minutes of the November meeting read and approved.
Treasurer's Report: \$300.

Committees for 2004

Advertising: Gretchen & Donna
Arena: Bob & Dale
Breathing: Josie
Non-Breathing: Gretchen & Amy
Commercial & vendors: Amy & Gretchen
Flowers: Josie
Grants: Sharon
Groundskeeper supervisor: Gerry
Raffle: Donna
Livestock Sale: Jon & Michelle
Premium Book: Sharon
Publicity: Sharon
Ribbons & Trophies: Lydia
Rodeo: Gerry
Royalty: Jeanie
Showcase: Jeanie
RV Parking: Dale, Bob, and Jeanie

OLD BUSINESS:

Tractor Committee reported: Talked to Walter Implement and received a quote to lease to own purchase. \$23,000. for the tractor we used at fair last year. \$3,649 down with \$3391.60 a year plus taxes. Gerry will go and talk to commissioners. The trade in amount for the other tractor is approximately \$4,500. Walter Implement would not charge us for the work and parts already done on it.

The Fair received one of the state grants that we applied for. We got the one to complete the RV parking. It was in the amount of \$5,909. We will get estimates for backhoe, gravel and electrical, to put at each site. We can use the amount to re-place what we have already spent and to finish paying the electrician. Dale Winfrey will donate railroad ties to help mark the RV sites. Estimates to be at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: A motion was made to have everyone retain the same offices held last year, with the exception of board secretary. Motion 2nd and passed. Motion was made for Jeanie to be board secretary, 2nd and passed.

Officers are: President: Gerry Stiles
Vice: Josie Breshears
Sec: Jeanie Campbell
Treasurer: Sharon Nightswonger

Budget was looked at and everyone was encouraged to look at that to see where we might be able to cut costs for next year. One area will be the arena improvement area. The \$2,000 that has been budgeted for that will go elsewhere.

Motion was made 2nd and passed to buy a new Dell computer for the office, not more than \$700. Sharon has to take a lot of the work home and had to bring in her personal computer for the office.

Sharon's budget for the year is \$4,500.

The Sempnozick's would like to be involved with the fair; Sharon will call to see how they would like to be involved.

Negotiations are being made to hold a Blue Grass Festival in 2005. The dates will be June 24, 25 and 26. They would like to sign a contract now. This is in conjunction with Davenport Chamber.

Gerry received a letter from the Red Cross to use the fair grounds for sheltering case of an emergency; this is in conjunction with Homeland Security act. This was approved.

In regards to Homeland Security, the post office would use the fairgrounds for up to 30 days if the present one was destroyed. Dee Bowers is the contact person for that. 725- 1131. That was also approved.

Our Insurance for the main building is \$7,000. The building is estimated to be worth 1.2 million. Possibly the estimate might come down to \$600,000. Gerry is working on getting an estimate to put a cover on the new kitchen, office and ribbon room. That would mean tearing down the old structure and doing a new one. It would pay for itself if the cost were a lot less than the present building. He is having Steve Halme work on this. Don't know at this time if it would be steel or wood structure.

Gretchen has been in contact with the Monster Truck people that they saw at fair, and is trying to book them for during pioneer days. The cost is \$3,000. They would come in on Thursday, and give rides on Friday and Saturday, do the parade on Sat. and then do a 2 hr. show. The board would like to see some references for what other fairs thought, with the parts being in the arena. They would do 80% of clean up.

Jeff Evens has been booked for fair, and Fast Track, for the cow milking and tractor pull contests with possibly other things too. He would like to come to a board meeting and discuss some of his ideas with us.

Advertising budget: We will only do local Radio, and see what we can get Parks Print to do a bunch of flyers for us.

Gretchen is looking into ways to help with the cost of the monster trucks. She is talking with Interstate Fair to see how to approach business for help. Also she will talk to Empire Ford to see if maybe they might be willing to help with that.

The barrel racers want to set dates for this year. It was decided that we need to charge them \$2.00 a ride, to help pay for the cost of working up the arena and tractor use. Also to charge them a cleaning deposit if they use any stalls during their two-day show in the fall.

Horse Leaders will have a clinic the 24th & 25th of April. The cost for them to use the arena is \$50.00 and if their gate is really good to have them give us an additional \$25.00 for the weekend.

Gretchen is to look at keypad locks, for the arena, to see who uses it and give us a way to bill them accurately, rather than just the honor system.

We will check into seeing about an ice machine for during the fair, for the vendors and campers.

Sharon will write a letter to all the past superintendents to see if they have any changes for the prem. Book and to see if they still want to be superintendents. She will follow up with a phone call also.

We looked at the off-season rent schedule. The last time this was updated was 11-20-98.

The schedule will be as follows.