

Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022 Teton County Courthouse and via Zoom

Open: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by John Smaellie. Board members present were John Smaellie, Sarah Hoffman, Phyllis Hansen, Randy Fusi, Cara Olaveson and Roger Kaufman. Absent: Jared Bevan. Others present were Commissioner Michael Whitfield, Tammy Sachse, Abby Grundler, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

Minutes: March 9, 2022 meeting minutes were read. Phyllis motioned to approve the February 9th minutes. Roger seconded. All in favor.

Financial Reports:

FY 2022 expense budget starts at \$212,332. Year to date; \$58,663.13 or 28% of the budget has been spent. That leaves a balance of \$153,669. The projected Revenue for FY 2022 is \$91,900. Year to date revenue collected is \$34,570 or 37% of the budget.

Discussion items:

A. 2022 Fair:

1. Persons in attendance (N/A)

2. Events update Audrey & Mark Gomm's group is now: Wagons and Tales Living History. Their group is growing with lots of interest in the valley. Their group would like to camp for the majority of Fair. Lane could use the water truck prior to set up unless we have working irrigation. Workshops will include: butter churning to blacksmithing. They have secured a giant TeePee and their canvas for tents/shelters is ordered. AJ Woolstenhulme might do a clinic at his place this spring/early summer before he decides on doing one at Fair. Lisa Grimsley is advertising a mounted shooting clinic at the Fairgrounds June 25, 26th 10am-2pm. Tammy and Abby mentioned 4-H clubs having booths at Fair for their club fundraisers. Shooting sports has a booth planned. Llama, Packgoat and STEAM clubs will be doing demonstrations at Fair.

3. Sponsors: So far we have Grand Teton Distillery \$550, Long Horn Coral \$200 buckle shooting sports. Phyllis has received several sponsors and is waiting on a few more checks. John has received 7 solid maybes. Roger has a contact at Teton Ridge. RAD will likely do an in kind sponsor. John is working on figure 8 car(s). Deadline for Fair Book is the end of May, then Hallie can follow up the first week of June with any outstanding tasks. Goal is to get Fair Books printed by July 4th, so they are out in the valley for at least a month.

B. Draft Budget FY 2023:

Discussion on improvements/expenses took place on all budget line items. Special projects to consider: additional \$11-15K for new arena lights. Review again at the May meeting. Revisit increasing rental rates/cleaning fees.

Old Business:

ARPA funds request to Bocc: Hallie presented at the April 11 Bocc meeting. The commissioners understand that the Fair Board needs funds for an Alta Survey first with a Site Fair Plan to follow. The Alta Survey range is \$10-15K, and the Site Fair Plan is around \$30-\$35K. Luke Rudolph with Nelson Engineering is currently working on the Jackson airport project and tied up until July. Hallie will make calls to other engineering firms. John recently visited the Bonneville Fairgrounds and said their layout and new facilities are well thought out. They worked with K/O Fairground Planers in 2016.

Commissioner Mike Whitfield confirmed the Bocc has received lots of requests for ARPA funds but he believes the fair building is still at the top of the list. They would like a scale presentation of funding needed to get the building rolling- as arpa funds won't cover the entire expense; it will take other funding like impact fees and available grants. Mike recommends the Fair Board keep the Bocc informed on what is needed for next steps. Commissioner Bob Heneage wants a scaled drawing of the building with details. Hallie confirmed this information will be available once we have the Alta Survey and Site Fair Plan done. These are the preliminary costs needed in order to achieve a breakdown of what funding is needed by when to reflect the stages of design through actual construction.

Other news:

Food Trailer: The replacement water tank is built and should ship to Eagle Rock RV on 4/15 for installation.

Building/Grounds: Bart Webster has worked on a few outlets in the building. He also put a 220 outlet on the east side of the yellow shed.

Lane got an estimate from Golden West Irrigation of \$4200.00 for necessary irrigation pipe/parts: 3in hook & latch, 16 reg pipe, 2 swing pipe, opener, elbow. This is all needed to irrigate any grass at the fairgrounds. Especially the lawn east of the pavilion for 4-H shows during Fair. Earth Day Community Garden celebration will be Thursday 4/21 3:30-6:30pm, plant/flower starters will be made and Jen will talk about vermiculture. Hallie will be co hosting a booth at the Driggs City Earth Day celebration on 4/22 4-6pm with Uofl and 4H gardening club. Jen received an ARPA grant for a new greenhouse that will be placed inside the community garden. John requested the greenhouse placement stay clear of the ditch easement. Cara asked if we can include a building for kids wanting to do 4-H but can't have animals where they live. John confirmed stalls are in our master plan. Tammy said Jackson tried that for a while but they are no longer doing it.

Adjourn: Cara motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm, Phyllis seconded, all in favor.