

Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023 Teton County Courthouse and via Zoom

Open: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by John Smaellie. Board members present were John Smaellie, Jared Bevan, Cara Olaveson, Brenda Simirl, Roger Kaufman, Randy Fusi and Jason Wilcox. Others present were members of the Livestock Committee, members of the High School Rodeo Club, Commissioner Whitfield, Tammy Sachse, Abby Grundler, Teresa Lane, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

Minutes: March 8, 2023 minutes were reviewed. Cara motioned to approve the minutes. Jared seconded. All in favor.

Financial Reports:

FY 2023 Report. Expense budget starts at \$239,161. So far \$76,855 has been spent or 32% of the budget. That leaves a balance of \$162,306. The projected Revenue for FY 2023 is \$97,300 Year to date revenue is \$36,145 or 37% of the projected amount.

Persons in attendance: Wade Kaufman with the grooming district was present for an update on a desired storage facility at the fairgrounds for the grooming district and TVTAP. He inquired about the space the fair board needs to reflect facility specs in their grant. Hallie stated that they are in the process of advertising for master plan proposals with the RFQ deadline of April 28th. The Fair Board and the County hope to have a consultant selected in June.

Discussion items:

A. Livestock Committee: JR Wood, Kyle Cook and Hailey Beard were present to discuss the 4H Livestock Sale during Fair. Kyle explained how the sale takes place. Buyers are not required to preregister. The committee has 1-2 people present in the ring that help the auctioneer locate bids. Some animals may have a floor price. Animals that can be floored are: beef, lambs, pigs, goats. Mostly applied to lambs and goats only. These animals are sold by the pound at market rate. The market rate is set a week prior to the sale. Buyers that purchase floored animals and do not wish to take the animal home, pay the premium amount, which is the bid amount above the market rate or the floor cost. Tax deductions apply to the premium amount only. Sale sheets of market animals are available on Friday.

B. HS Rodeo: HS Rodeo Club was present to request use of the outdoor arena for their district rodeo May 12-13th. They would also like to have Lane groom the arena and use the panels for stall rentals. There is a possibility they may also need the food trailer. Arena set up would start Thursday, take down would be Sunday. Fair Board agreed to the use of the facilities with a 100 year Fair banner in the arena, trash pick up post rodeo, a \$300 deposit for food trailer cleaning **and** the club's help during Fair week. The pavilion will need to be closed that weekend as the panels will need to go to the outdoor arena for stalls.

C. Uofl Extension/4H: Tammy requested the Fair Board consider an archery range at the fairgrounds. The James who currently host the archery club are retiring and therefore a new location is needed. Discussion on what types and size of necessary structures (66 yards at min) took place. A storage shed is also needed for supplies and equipment. Abby said facility grants are available through the NRA. Discussion took place on public use if a temporary backdrop existed and was easily accessible. Next year's club would start April 2024. Hallie suggested including options in the upcoming master plan. Abby reminded everyone about the 4H Scholarship Dinner on Monday and needs more volunteers to set up tables.

D. 100 Year FAIR: Budget, potential/confirmed events, committees:

Saturday 8/5 Wagons & Tales Heritage Day 4:00PM – 8:00PM. EIPH has changed their minds on the community potluck. Too many groups involved. Hallie will reach out to the HRC.

4H Horse shows: No updates.

Sunday 8/6 Open Class Trail Course. Cara offered to get a committee together. Hallie can assist.

Monday 8/7 Pig Wranglin' - Jason, John and Brenda: committee. Hallie provided a budget for the event. The pig deposit has been mailed to Mark.

Tuesday 8/8 Mounted Shooters- No updates.

Open Class drop off- Brenda and Teresa still editing departments. Open class contest seed art/crop art creations, find a possible sponsor.

4H Club Demos- Big Top Tent/ Pavilion- no new updates.

Wednesday 8/9 Fair Board dinner and band under the big top tent. Sponsor secured which will allow us to sell tickets at a lower cost. John suggests \$15 per ticket. Hallie is getting quotes for musicians.

Thursday 8/10 Horse Pull 6pm. Jason: committee lead. Roger secured full sponsorship from Teton Ridge Ranch. Farm Tour: No updates.

Friday 8/11 4H Shows, 4H Buyer's Dinner 4-6pm, Livestock release 8pm. Livestock committee would like at least 2 tables in the exhibit hall building for buyers to complete paperwork and pay. At least one- two Fair Board member(s) will need to be present.

Saturday 8/12 Figure 8 Race- John and Jason: committee leads. Hallie has emailed Marvin. Jason gave update on Truck & Tractor show and Touch-a-Truck. 12pm-4pm.

July 3rd concert update: Sister Karee and the Other Brothers at Driggs City Plaza. Hallie requested funds at the April 10th Bocc meeting as the concert will roughly cost between \$12-\$15K. The Bocc graciously agreed to sponsor \$6K towards costs. Hallie and Lisa with DDA are working on details for permits and advertising.

Sponsorship list: Fair Board members claimed businesses to contact.

Other Fair news: Shirt and sweatshirt sample conversations took place.

Building/Grounds:

1. **Rentals/events** Community use and events:

April 17th Building 4-H Scholarship Dinner: 6pm \$10 per person

April 22 Building Teton Valley Earth Day: 12-4pm. Great way to get the community at the fairgrounds. Request made for Lane to get the stage in the Bldg.

May 12-13 Outdoor Arena District & HS Rodeo

May 21st Building TVFRR Pageant

June 3rd-11th Building and Grounds Teton Wilderness Adventures

June 28th- July 5th Building and Grounds [Teton Valley Balloon Rally](#)

Oct 30-Nov 4th Building TVSki Swap

2. **CFTV competitive grant.** Hallie confirmed the fairgrounds were awarded \$2K for new picnic tables from the Community Foundation of Teton Valley.

3. **Silver Star Community Cares Grant:** Hallie confirmed the fairgrounds were awarded \$2K for new picnic tables from Silver Star.

4. **RFQ Fairgrounds master plan:** Hallie updated the board that the RFQ notice will be in the Teton Valley News April 12 & 19 publications as well as posted on the County and Fairgrounds websites. Discussion took place on the RFQ process, public input and how the priority for future facilities will evolve. Commissioner Whitfield suggested including the possibility of expansion of the fairgrounds in the Master Plan.

Other news: Fair Board Matters: Cara nominated Roger Kaufman as Vice Chair, Roger accepted, no objections, all in favor. John is unimpressed by the amount of horse poop that is being left in the parking lot. Fair Board discussed closing the pavilion if people can't pick up after themselves. Randy agreed – people need to pick up after themselves. Hallie can put up a bright sign that says pick up your poop! Randy asked about camera installation. Hallie confirmed that IT is just waiting on snow melt. Talk of moving the parking to the south side of the pavilion took place. No objections, Lane noted that the parking will need to be expanded. Hallie mentioned the Tin Cup application is due 4/14, additional funds are still needed for picnic tables. Event day is July 15th.

Adjourn Meeting: Roger motioned to adjourn at 9:20pm, Jared seconded, all in favor.