

Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022 Teton County Courthouse and via Zoom

Open: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by John Smaellie. Board members present were John Smaellie, Jared Bevan, Roger Kaufman, Cara Olaveson, Brenda Simirl, Randy Fusi. Others present were Cheyenne Wilcox, Tammy Sachse, Abby Grundler, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

Minutes: November 9th 2022 minutes were reviewed. Roger motioned to approve the November 9th minutes. Randy seconded. All in favor.

Financial Reports:

FY 2023 Report. Expense budget starts at \$239,161. So far \$34,923 has been spent or 14% of the budget. That leaves a balance of \$204,238. The projected Revenue for FY 2023 is \$97,300 Year to date revenue is \$19,385 or 20% of the projected amount.

Persons in attendance: Teton Fair Rodeo Royalty, Cheyenne Wilcox. Cheyenne confirmed they currently have five committee members. The Fair Board has \$500 in their budget for sponsorship. They would like to request the building for their Boots & Belles Dance Feb 25th and use the pavilion for rodeo entry practice and their pageant which will take place May 21st. Other requested days and times will reflect in the MOU. Fair Board should consider opportunities for the Royalty members to participate during Fair and other community events.

Discussion items:

A. **FAIR 2023: Budget:** Hallie provided a budget printout with 2022 expenses and revenue for comparison to our 2023 budget expenses and projected revenue.

Potential events, committees:

Sat 8/5 Wagons & Tales Heritage Day. Wagons & Tales Living History Group would like to plan a full day of events and activities open to the public. Tentative schedule: 4-5pm activities/games, 5pm dinner (potluck). 6pm Campfire music and stories. The kitchen and big top tent are available as a weather contingency if needed.

4H Horse shows Saturday pavilion use as weather contingency discussion took place. John said that there is already enough chaos during Fair week and Fair Board members and staff don't have the resources or time to reset the pavilion for a Saturday horse show. Lane worked an additional 20 hours to get the pavilion ready for the rest of Fair week last year. It takes two days of watering, then rolling the pavilion followed by pen set up. All this takes too much time to get this done post Sat show and by Monday morning. Bottom line: our window was too tight to make the pavilion ready for the rest of Fair week. Cara stated as a 4H horse club parent that the request to use the indoor pavilion was to give the kids (some new riders) and their horses (some older) a better footing than the outdoor arena during heavy rain to avoid horses getting hurt. 4H staff doesn't think it needs to be inside and that the clubs need to work with what is available (outdoor arena). Weather contingency days during Fair week were discussed. Per the Fair schedule the Monday post Fair week seems like the best alternative date to offer the horse club committee, if the 4H Judge calls the show due to weather. Tammy will look into costs to reserve judge(s) for a weather contingency day in addition to the scheduled event day.

Sunday 8/6 Open Class Trail Course. Continue event unless it turns into a demo with other 4H clubs. If it stays an open class event for public to participate, we may need a committee.

Monday 8/7 Pig Wrangle- Hallie will check in with Mark Romriell, last year's pig provider on his interest in providing pigs again. Accept 40 teams only no exceptions! Need 2 flaggers and have the captain or all team members sign the rules.

Tuesday 8/8 Mounted Shooters- Full day event with evening show start at 7pm. Riders likely to show up Monday and camp back at the arena.

Open Class drop off- committee needed. Open class entries have increased in various departments the last two years. It deserves the attention that it is getting! Things that need to be reviewed: The types of ribbons and how they are awarded. Does every entry receive a ribbon? What is the judging criteria? Should items be sold? Will there be cash payouts? Should we arrange departments by age during set up and have different judging criteria for those groups?

Wednesday 8/9 4H confirmed the later weigh in time seemed to be helpful.

Thursday 8/10 Horse Pull 6pm Julie Palmer Martin confirmed 6pm start time.

Friday 8/11 4H Shows, 4H Buyer's Dinner 4-6pm, Rodeo 7pm

Sat 8/12 Figure 8 Race- **need committee.** Does the Fair Board want to use Mad Marvin? Lawn Mower Races Gary Johnson is interested. Hallie to request road grader from road & bridge.

Music update: Ned LeDoux is \$17,500-\$20K just for the band. Production costs could be \$10-\$30K depending on the band's rider/requirements and access availability. Music during Fair week would compete with the last music on main and targhee bluegrass. July 3rd would be a good alternative. It is already a celebratory weekend and there is no music planned yet. Downtown Driggs Association put on a concert last year at the Courthouse lawn. It was a great place to see a band. Nice lawn, steps for ample seating, room for food and beverage vendors, public parking and most important stage and sound system ease with parking accessibility. Hallie reached out to DDA on the idea of a joint collaboration to promote 100 year Fair. They are interested. This collaboration would expand resources and volunteer power. Brian McDermott with TREC also supports this idea and believes securing advertising/marketing grant from Idaho Travel Council for a joint collaboration like this would be a sure bet. We will also need the support of the County. Hallie is on the agenda for the Bocc Monday meeting to pitch the idea and ask for their support; volunteers and financial backing. Concert at the fairgrounds discussion took place. The Balloon Rally occupies the fairgrounds till July 5th. Hallie will bring up both concert locations to the Bocc.

B. Building/Grounds: Rentals/Community use and events:

Jan 27-29th Pavilion Skijoring Horses

Feb 4-6th Building Sled Dogs Banquet

Feb 25th Building Boots & Bells Dance TVFRR

April 21-23rd Building Teton Valley Earth Day

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

C. Cameras (waiting on electrician)

D. RFQ/RFP for site plan: **HWY 33 access update**: Chris Moss with Flying S Title Company has confirmed that the access easement along the north boundary of the fairgrounds parcel is still owned by the Hatch subdivision. Hallie talked to Darryl with County Public Works about the options of vacating the easement and the possibility of access being granted from Idaho Department of Transportation. With a quick review, IDT confirmed that they would likely approve an access application. However turning lanes onto SH33 would cost over \$300k to install. Hopefully Casper Drive would be more appealing to a developer because it is already built to City standards and turn lanes have already been installed. Roger stated that the canal company maintaining the irrigation ditch may also use as much land as necessary to maintain the ditch. This might also be a deterrent for a developer to pursue this access.

E. Water storage tank: Roger stated that Bruce Tonks does have a few water storage tanks 45-48 feet available and wants \$10K for each. Roger has not been able to find anything cheaper. Lane said we'd have to buy a generator to pump water out. John may have access to an underground water tank from Western Municipal Water Supply. Hallie will look for grant opportunities.

Adjourn Meeting: Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44pm, Roger seconded, all in favor.