

**Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes**  
**December 8, 2021 Teton County Courthouse and via Zoom**

**Open:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by John Smaellie. Board members present were John Smaellie, Cara Olaveson, Phyllis Hansen, Roger Kaufman, Jared Bevan and Randy Fusi. Absent: Sarah Hoffman. Others present were Commissioner Michael Whitfield, Tammy Sachse, Abby Grundler, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

**Minutes:** November 10, 2021 meeting minutes were read. Tammy corrected that during Fair 4-H judges are in the building on Monday rather than Tuesday. Cara motioned to approve the November 10th minutes with said edit. Phyllis seconded. All in favor.

**Financial Reports:**

**FY 2022** expense budget starts at \$212,332. Year to date; \$17,130 or 8% of the budget has been spent. That leaves a balance of 195,202. The projected Revenue for FY 2022 is \$91,900. Year to date revenue collected is \$11,740 or 12% of the budget.

**Discussion items:**

**A. 2022 Fair schedule:** Fair schedule was discussed in length. Topics included shortening Fair week which would involve moving events to different days. Evening events were shuffled but the conundrum is that the outdoor arena needs time to dry out between pig wrestling and the horse pulls. Lane said if the BBRA moved to the first weekend of Fair they might have more participants. 4-H horse shows and working ranch could move to a weekday but conflicts with the 4-H interviews on Monday, livestock weigh-in on Wednesday and the livestock shows on Thursday. Discussion moved to keeping animals in the pavilion for the public to see on Saturday. The auction could move to Saturday but historically Friday auctions draw bigger crowds. Other issues include: driver/truck availability, the 4-H kids are usually exhausted and done after the Friday sale, and the 4-H awards are usually Saturday morning. Hallie reminded everyone that the schedule in the Fair Book does say daily when the animal barn is open. It was agreed that increased awareness of when the public can view the animals and meet 4-H participants is a good idea. Increased ads via social media and the local paper should be a goal for the 2022 Fair. In summary: Fair week can't really be shortened with our current events and infrastructure. Cara said that we need to have more going on during the weekdays. Volunteers and committees could come up with new ideas. Additional events and games could take place on Tuesday, possibly add another evening event on Tuesday or Wednesday. Hallie will draft committee sign up sheets for the January meeting.

**B. Review of current 4-H MOU:** Fair Board edits made at the November meeting were reviewed to the Fair Board/4-H MOU. No changes/edits. Hallie will send the revised MOU to Jen Werlin for the Uofl Extension to review before it is sent to the Teton County Commissioners for review and signature.

**Old Business:**

**Food Trailer update:** Eagle Rock RV team has the trailer in their shop and they are currently working on the step. They will reinforce the awning arms where they attach to the trailer. The grey water tank was full of water upon delivery and has since froze. They are waiting on the tank to thaw to determine if they can repair the tank or if a new one is needed.

**Building/Grounds:** The old steer poles sticking out of the ground south of the pavilion have been removed. Thank you Lane Hillman and Dawson Kaufman for digging those up!

**Other news:** Hallie has been working on getting information regarding the ditch and easement along the north boundary of the fairgrounds. Recently, flagged wooden stakes were placed at HWY 33, north of the fair building and at the northeast corner property boundary. It turns out the 250 acres adjacent and north of the fairgrounds is listed for sale. The property listing reflects "three easements to State HWY 33". John thinks the easement could be a utility road easement. Roger said Harvey Walker would know the history of the water rights and the ditch easement. Hallie will continue to gather information regarding the easement(s) and purpose.

**Adjourn:** Cara motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm, Jared seconded, all in favor.