

Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024 Teton County Courthouse and via Zoom

Open: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. Board members present were Jared Bevan, Brenda Simirl, Roger Kaufman, John Smaellie, Jason Wilcox and Kade Mangum and Cara Olaveson. Others present were Elliott Paull, Cassidy Dutton, Kelsey Smaellie, Tammy Sachse, Abby Grundler, Teresa Lane, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

Minutes Action Item: December 13, 2023 meeting minutes were read. Jared motioned to approve the minutes, Kade seconded, all in favor.

Financial Report:

FY 2024 projected Expenses are \$280,073. So far we have spent \$38,523 or 13% of the budget, leaving a balance of \$241,550.

FY 2024 projected Revenue is \$96,850. So far we have brought in \$23,510 or 24% of the projected amount.

Persons in attendance: Kelsey Smaellie with the Fair & Rodeo Royalty provided the following dates for their season events. The third annual Boots & Belle Dance: Sat March 2nd. Pageant dates: May 10-12th or maybe beginning of June. Horsemanship practice in the Indoor Riding Pavilion: second and fourth Fridays of the month beginning Jan 19, 26th 4-7pm. Fair Board will review a draft of the 2024 Fair & Rodeo Royalty Performance and Facilities Use Agreement at the February meeting.

Discussion items:

- A. FFA Cassidy Dutton was present to talk about this year's chapter. Their chapter has a Leadership team and 4 registered officers. She currently has 41 active members with two new classes; Plant Science and Animal science. They have lots of exciting events coming up. She is taking 23 students this weekend to the Ft. Worth livestock show. Cassidy is hoping to have a small animal building at the high school for students to house animals to show at Fair. The Fair Board and staff gave introductions. Everyone is very excited about the growth of FFA and participation in Fair. Their livestock group has 3 enrolled for showmanship. Their record books are completed independently from 4H but FFA members show their animals with 4-H during Fair. This could change in the future depending on how the FFA chapter grows. Cassidy requests that the FFA has room in the exhibit hall to show their projects during Fair.. No objections.

- B. University of Idaho Extension/Fair Board MOU: John read over the current MOU. Discussions included moving the livestock sale and release to Saturday. Other fair animal release dates seem to be the biggest conflict. e.g., our animals must be picked up before Fremont County's sale. MOU should state that the next year's fair dates should be decided at the September Fair Board meeting. Hallie to update funding amount and account info under Funding paragraph. Panel inventory discussion: Abby and Tammy will take an inventory of their panels, current and new, and get to Hallie. The following communication verbiage will be added under UI Extension, Teton County #4: *All 4-H Leader Council and 4-H committee members will discuss and vote on any changes to Teton County Fair events and or venues during scheduled 4-H Leader Council and*

or 4-H Committee Meetings. University of Idaho Extension Educator, Teton County 4-H Coordinator or University of Idaho Extension, Teton County Assistant will communicate and coordinate any changes to fair events and or venues with the Teton County Fair Board.

- C. Fair Board/Rodeo Co Facilities Use Agreement. John read over the current agreement. Lane Hillman stated that their main goal is to keep the rodeo affordable for local families and their kids. Cara spoke as a rodeo contestant mom and said that it is important for the entry fees to stay affordable so that kids can participate, even if they don't win prize money. The Rodeo Co hopes kids will learn and grow into good cowboy and cowgirls. They requested another three year contract. John says \$600 a night is a good start. Jason suggests waiving the sound rental fee. Lane states he and Carol need to go over their dates, fees and other business decisions and would like to revisit this at the February meeting. No objections.
- D. 2024 FAIR: Theme, Budget. Schedule, Sponsor list. Fair themes were discussed, the top three included: Fair 101 Back to the Basics, Fair 101 Planting Seeds for the Next Century (winner), Fair 101 On the Horizon. Budget forms were passed out again. John asked if everyone wants to be on the same committees as last year. No changes. Members are to spend some of their monthly hours thinking about their committees, reviewing the budget and thinking about what they want to change or add to their events. Working schedule: Tammy & Abby will let us know date/times for cat and dog show, style revue. Fair Board events to confirm dates/times: Open Class horse trail course, open class exhibit hall drop off and judging. Dinner & Dance tickets will help with the sponsorship levels. Everyone is to review the sponsor list and confirm business at the Feb meeting and start talking to sponsors now. Jason asked if we can appropriate additional funds towards another last man standing race. Everyone agreed that it was a great bonus to the show and the additional prize money was worth it. No objections.

July 3rd (Wednesday) concert: there's a new band: <https://cordovasband.com/>

Sunday: Not preferred but an option if other groups want to have their events like the open class horse show. Should be a full day if anything happens on Sunday. Cara to check with Hapi Trails and Backcountry Horsemen on preferred dates.

Monday: 4H Interviews during the day. 4H Horse show 8am in the pavilion.

Tuesday: Pig Wrangle moves here. 4H Interviews in the morning. Open class drop off could be later in the afternoon? 4H Demos in the big top tent.

Wednesday: Livestock weigh in and evening Dinner & Dance. Open class judging Wed by noon.

Thursday: 4H Livestock shows are all day. Evening event is the Horse Pull. Wagons & Tales (Thurs -Sat)

Friday: Livestock show. The sale always starts at 6pm. Tammy said they could look at moving it back to 5:30pm. Buyer dinner would stay 4-6pm.

Saturday: Figure 8 & Lawn mower Race. Daytime events to be confirmed.

4H Style Revue, Dog show, Cat show dates/times to be confirmed.

Building/Grounds: Hallie spoke with Darryl in public works and about using the County's 2021 Ram 2500 truck for winter use to plow the fairgrounds. Darryl agreed, we do need Bocc approval. We will present at their Feb 22nd meeting. Jason, John and Jared will get plow bids and get to Hallie. Meanwhile Choice Properties can plow for us for around \$100 per visit.

Kade has pulled all the staples in the main building - thank you Kade! He has also checked our light fixtures in the main building and will get us some figures on LED lights/fixtures. The ceiling sheetrock needs to be repaired badly. Once fixtures are replaced, it would be beneficial to have the ceiling repaired and painted, hopefully prior to Skijor Feb 24-25. No objections.

Other news:

Skijoring Event: Elliott Paull, E.D. gave an update on the event progress. Feedback, sponsors, and ticket sales are happening! The building will be open for the public to warm up, games, eat, and watch the event on a screen which will be live streamed via the Cowboy Channel. Band and food follows later in the evening. The skijor track is about 1000 feet. Wade Kaufman has committed to help build the course. There will be three tiers of tickets: GA, Tailgate section and a Saddle Up. County IT has met with their team to make sure the necessary coverage is available for live streaming. Course work will likely start Feb 9 & 10th. Lane reminded Elliott that water for horses is located between the sheds and suggested moving the horse boarding over by the other livestock pens east of the Outdoor Arena. The ground will stay firmer than the warm up arena. Kelsey introduced herself and said the Fair & Rodeo Royalty is excited to help out with the grand entry.

Pavilion Use: Alta 4H has requested dates to use our weigh scale and riding pavilion. (attached) The board suggests a Facilities Use Agreement be executed annually and request they come to our Feb. meeting.

ITC Grant Reimbursement: Hallie confirmed the ITC grant reimbursement for \$10,000 was received. This money was used for 100 year Fair advertisement costs.

Master Plan work session with Bocc: The Master Plan committee should meet to discuss a plan for spending the ARPA funds.

Feb Agenda items: Rodeo Contract, Balloon Rally MOU, 4H MOU, Fair & Rodeo Royalty MOU

Adjourn Meeting: Roger made a motion to adjourn at 10:21pm, Brenda seconded, all in favor.