

**Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 8, 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, Randy Fusi, Cara Olaveson, Jared Bevan and Roger Kaufman. Absent: Phyllis Hansen. Others present were Commissioner Michael Whitfield, Dan Reyes, Hunter Rackham, Cheyenne Wilcox, Kelsey Smaellie, Tammy Sachse, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

**Minutes:** May 11, 2022 meeting minutes were read. Roger motioned to approve the May 11th minutes. Randy seconded. All in favor.

**Financial Reports:**

**FY 2022** expense budget starts at \$212,332. Year to date; \$81,707 or 38% of the budget has been spent. That leaves a balance of \$130,625. The projected Revenue for FY 2022 is \$91,900. Year to date revenue collected is \$55,000 or 59% of the budget.

**Discussion items:**

**A. 2022 Fair:**

**1. Persons in attendance**

A. Commissioner Whitfield introduced Dan Reyes the new County Manager. Dan will work with other county staff and department heads, set up Bocc agendas/meetings, and coordinate county board and committee vacancies.

B. Fair & Rodeo Royalty: Cheyenne Wilcox, Hunter Rackham, Kelsey Smaellie:

The Royalty committee reported a good turnout for the pageant and that the girls raised lots of money. They are hoping to have another event this year. They also let the board know they felt that a participant's family was not following their code of conduct and rules which are executed by all participants and parents. There is a non-compliance clause in their contract and the committee is considering what actions to take. Randy stated that safety should be considered first on any decisions. John suggests that the Royalty committee and possibly two members of the Fair Board could all meet with this family to discuss their involvement moving forward. The Royalty committee will keep us apprised. Lane spoke on behalf of the Teton Valley Rodeo Co and said that they now request the Royalty to be there for 60% of the rodeos. Sarah asked about the Royalty's mission and stated that the Fair Board's involvement needs to be addressed at a future meeting.

**2. Fair Events/ Schedule Updates:** Discussion on Fair events and schedule took place. Hallie reminded the board there will be a black powder demonstration by Wagons and Tales Sunday 6/12 at the fairgrounds, all are welcome. They will have various demonstrations during Fair week. Hallie will check in with Hapi Trails about the open class horse show on Sunday 8/2. Jared is on for the truck and tractor show Sat. 8/13 2-4pm. Picnic shelter area was discussed for the Pet Costume Contest. A request was made for 4-H to update Lane before the pavilion gets broken down so he

knows what's going on. HRC will likely cook in the building kitchen during the week for day events. Fair Board will meet at the arena on Thursday June 16th 6:30pm for a group photo. All agree it is time to order new shirts.

**3.Sponsor Updates:** Current fair sponsorships are at \$9,955 and we are expecting a few more. It is very likely Teton Ridge Ranch will sponsor the Horse Pull Event in full.

### **Old Business:**

**ARPA:** Mike confirmed the Bocc has allocated \$500K in ARPA funds for a new fairgrounds building. \$50K may be used this fiscal year for surveys, while \$450K will be available FY 2023. Funds will need to be spent in the next couple of years. Mike suggested a committee be created with Fair Board members, Greg Adams with County Emergency Services and a few other interested parties to discuss/plan on how the building will be designed to serve our needs and benefit the community.

**Food Trailer:** Food Trailer is back at the fairgrounds. Jazzlyn Winder is interested in renting the food trailer to sell concessions at the Friday night rodeos. She is going to check with her husband on selling concessions during Fair week.

**Building/Grounds:** Hallie and Lane met Patrick Gilroy with Harmony Design and Darryl Johnson County Public Works, to talk about getting started on a survey for the fairgrounds. Lane met with John Latham about the lack of water from our headgate. They were able to clear lots of debris improving water flow. John reminded Lane that a hole was put in our water pipe years ago when someone put in a fence near the airport runway. Lane suggests we work with Grand Teton Canal Co in the fall to repair this hole to allow for more consistent pressure. Hallie spoke with Darryl Johnson about getting  $\frac{3}{4}$  crush from the County for road repairs. Bruce Tonks will donate 2 deliveries and charge \$130 per trip thereafter.

**July 4th parade in Victor:** Royalty members will be passing out Fair Books at the Victor park after the parade if anyone wants to join. Hallie will get fair banner(s) ordered.

**Other news:** Roger went to a Grand Teton Canal Co water meeting last week. He said that Tributary was not provided with any records of the Fair District owning any interest in the well which they have capped near the airport. Hallie asked if Roger could request a copy of the documents that Tributary was provided by the state. The Fair District was deeded a 25% interest in a shared well when the property was transferred from the Hatch family in 1980. Randy and Roger agree we need to bring a formal request to the BOCC and look into hiring an attorney if well transfer records are not attainable.

Tammy reminded everyone about the 4-H Scholarship dinner at the fairgrounds June 27th 6pm. ABC summer camps have high enrollment this year, and Alpine camp is in full swing. Roger suggested looking into a truck or tractor pull event for next year, post Fair.

**Adjourn:** Roger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:18pm, Randy seconded, all in favor.