

Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2023 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, Jared Bevan, Cara Olaveson, Brenda Simirl, Roger Kaufman. Absent: Randy Fusi and Jason Wilcox. Others present were Christine Miller, Cathy Miller, Piper Wright-Clark, Tammy Sachse, Abby Grundler, Teresa Lane, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

Minutes: February 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 \$63,964 has been spent or 27% of the budget. That leaves a balance of \$175,197. The projected Revenue for FY 2023 is \$97,300 Year to date revenue is \$29,990 or 30% of the projected amount.

Persons in attendance: N/A

Discussion items:

A. 5 Year capital and personnel projection for upcoming budget (Due 3/15).

Discussion took place on capital projects over \$5000. Generally one time (or at least every few years) in addition to vehicles, software needs, bigger projects, buildings, and potential consulting needs ie: Capital Improvement plan. Expanded positions were also considered. See attached Exhibit A.

Roger suggests reaching out to high school shop class and have them build us a podium for building and Fair use.

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

Saturday 8/5 Wagons & Tales Heritage Day 4:00PM – 8:00PM. EIPH is coming to check the kitchen and give their group feedback on how to set up and serve for the potluck. Wendy & Denny Starkey are taking the lead on planning and logistics.

4H Horse shows: Abby stated that the horse club would like to stick with Option #1 as discussed at the February meeting; Aug 5th 9am Outdoor Arena with the Indoor Pavilion as a back up. They will review the weather and make the call on July 31st.

Sunday 8/6 Open Class Trail Course. No updates

Monday 8/7 Pig Wranglin' - Jason, John and Brenda: committee. Costs: Pigs, Announcer, 2 flaggers, wrist bands, bentonite, straw bale(s), etc. Hallie will draft a budget spreadsheet/ Fair Board committee form.

Tuesday 8/8 Mounted Shooters- Program to start 10am with evening showcase at 7pm. Grooming request is every half hour or after so many riders. Lane will be there for the day. Water plan is needed.

Open Class drop off- Brenda open class departments, ribbons, judging criteria, etc.

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

Wednesday 8/9 Fair Board dinner and band under the big top tent. Badger Creek quote reviewed. John has inquired with a few caterers but with Targhee Fest that weekend, lots of business are already booked. A restaurant might be the way to go.

Thursday 8/10 Horse Pull 6pm. Jason: committee lead. Farm Tour TBD meet at Big Top Tent.

Friday 8/11 4H Shows, 4H Buyer's Dinner 4-6pm, Livestock release 8pm. Rodeo 8pm. Lane confirmed Teton Valley Rodeo is up for 11 Rodeos beginning June 16th - Aug 18th.

Saturday 8/12 Figure 8 Race- John and Jason: committee leads. John said If Marvin declines to come to Fair, he has interested parties in Rigby to help us out and to race. Lawn Mower Races: Gary Johnson is interested. John and Jared talked about a car/truck show.

Music update: Contracts were reviewed for Ned LeDoux, John King and Sister Karee & the Other Brothers. Hallie informed the board about the difficulties so far with production company availability to cover the scope of Ned's needs and the challenges of production set up at the courthouse lawn. Discussion on bands and location took place. The board agreed to move forward with Sister Karee and the Other Brothers at Driggs City Plaza. The option to have the concert there significantly increases our success at a first time Fair concert. Driggs plaza has a stage with power, restrooms and is available for July 3rd. Hallie will ask the HS Music program if they have any interest in playing prior to Sister Karee. Parking and capacity at Driggs Plaza took place.

Sponsorship form: Discussion on sponsorship levels and fair book ads took place. July 3rd concert sponsor needs to be at least \$1000.00. TVN coverage includes 3 ads: save the date, fair schedule and then a post fair sponsor thank you. Letter(s) to the editor are free. John would like members to get two additional sponsors than last year.

Museum: John would like to find ways to help promote the museum this year. Hallie and Teresa met with Kay at the Museum to review transcripts and extension reports from the 20's. There are extension reports written after every fair. Abby might be able to get a few contacts at the museum to arrange future visits.

TSHIRT quote from Screen Graphics was reviewed. Lane suggested Country Cottons in Rigby and/or Kettle Embroidery in Rexburg.

Building/Grounds:

1. Rentals/events Community use and events:

April 17th Building 4-H Scholarship Dinner
April 22 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

- 2. Water storage tank:** Rain for Rent bid was approved by Bocc. John to get with Rain for Rent and finalize our rental agreement. Plan to pick up the tank first week of June.
- 3. CFTV competitive grant.** Hallie applied for a competitive grant for new picnic tables and hopefully we hear good news March 17th.
- 4. Roger Kaufman** agreed to take proxy for the Fair Board for the Grand Teton Canal Water meeting on March 13th.

Other news: Fair Board Matters: A. Jared Bevan would like to step down as Co Chair. Hallie would like to go on vacation March 13-28th.

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