

Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023 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, Jared Bevan, Brenda Simirl, Roger Kaufman, Randy Fusi and Jason Wilcox. Absent: Cara Olaveson. Others present were Commissioner Whitfield, Abby Grundler, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

Minutes: April 12, 2023 minutes were reviewed. Jared motioned to approve the minutes. Roger seconded. All in favor.

Financial Reports:

FY 2023 Report. Expense budget starts at \$239,161. So far \$81,360 has been spent or 34% of the budget. That leaves a balance of \$157,801. The projected Revenue for FY 2023 is \$97,300 Year to date revenue is \$40,485 or 43% of the projected amount.

Persons in attendance: N/A

Discussion items:

A. Fair Sponsors update from Fair Board members. Jason said Action Excavation will donate \$100 towards the winner's pot for Figure 8 Races. He hopes to increase the pot by \$500.00 Wrecker Boys will donate a car. Jared will check with Fall River. Auto Wrangler's will donate a GEO metro for a Figure 8 raffle car, Teton Auto Glass will remove all the glass as a sponsorship. Hallie to get a sponsor form to Aaron at Bank of Commerce.

B. FY 2024 Budget figures were reviewed and discussed (attached). Increase in Fair line item to cover Mounted Shooting event and personnel help during Fair as well as capital improvement items. Randy made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2024 budget, all in favor.

C. 100 Year Fair *BRING YOUR BEST***:** Budget, potential/confirmed events, committees:

Saturday 8/5 Wagons & Tales Heritage Day 4:00PM – 8:00PM. HRC will sell food out of building

Saturday 8/5 4H Horse shows: Vote will be made July 31st on location weather depending.

Sunday 8/6 Open Class Trail Course -committee: Back Country Horsemen

Monday 8/7 Pig Wrangle -committee: Jason, John. John says we have bentonite. Ask Fire to have a truck on site to cool off pigs and hose off kids.

Tuesday 8/8 Open Class- committee: Brenda, Teresa Open class list handout for review. Reed may sponsor a mail out flyer.

Contest: Crop Art Create a picture or sculpture using seeds, legumes etc. Cash prize would be cool, need sponsor.

4-H Club Demos: Big top tent and pavilion, cat show may happen right after the dog show.

Mounted Shooters_- no updates.

Wednesday 8/9 Fair Board dinner and band under big top tent: Sponsor & Food update. Waterloo full sponsor. Food: Capt'n Ron \$18 pp smoked meatloaf dinner plate. Band: Josiah Payne 3 guys for \$1800. Dinner at 7:30pm.

Thursday 8/10 Farm Tour 1-4pm

Horse Pull 6pm Full sponsorship via Teton Ridge Ranch

Friday 8/11 Livestock Dinner 4pm Sale 6pm, Release 8pm, FAIR Rodeo 8pm

Sat 8/12 11am- 3pm Truck & Tractor show- committee: Jared and Jason. Touch-A- Truck: Hallie to send email to Dave Hudasco. Jared said Silverstar and Fall River said they'd be up for bringing trucks.

Lawn mower races- Figure 8 races Committee: Jason and John. Jason said he'll have fireworks after Figure 8 Races. We need to add \$500 to the winner's pot. John said Royalty could sell raffle tickets at the Rigby race. We could draw a ticket at Pig Wranglin and Lane said we could draw the second raffle ticket at the Fair Rodeo.

July 3rd concert update: Sister Karee & the Other Brothers, Driggs City Plaza. 6-9pm

July 4th parade: Jason plans to get a local lawn mower racer on the float. Tow Truck Driver could pull the float.

D. Building/Grounds: Weekend septic pump was required May 13th. Fortunately ASAP Septic was available. Might need to plan on an annual pump given building activity. Kitchen upgrades were discussed. General consensus is to wait for a new building to accommodate commercial kitchen status. Food trailer could be rented as it is approved by EIPH.

1. Rentals/events Community use and events:

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 (pavilion ?)

Oct 28- Nov 4th request for Dia De Los Muertos

2. RFQ Fairgrounds master plan: Four proposals received and scored, two highest ranked firms will be interviewed via zoom. Mike suggested all committee members join the interview. Hallie to schedule times. Mike spoke about Arpa funds for the new fair building and an option for senior affordable housing on the upper levels. This may be a potential funding source, a way to house seniors and assist with Fair, & 4H club volunteer needs.

3. Fairgrounds projects: picnic tables, sand court, kitchen hand sink, kitchen double doors, building back door, fence and gate near museum access, parking lot south of pavilion, old bleachers and playground equipment north of the pavilion were all discussed. Jason suggested the sand at the volleyball court and top soil at pavilion parking lot could be interchangeable. Hallie will check with Darryl about available materials at the county pit.

Adjourn Meeting: Roger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:47pm, Jared seconded, all in favor.