

**Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 9, 2022 Teton County Courthouse and via Zoom**

**Open:** The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Jared Bevan. Board members present were Jared Bevan, Roger Kaufman, Phyllis Hansen, Cara Olaveson. Absent: John Smaellie and Randy Fusi. Others present were Dan Verbeten, Brenda Simril, Tammy Sachse, Abby Grundler, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

**Minutes:** October 12th 2022 minutes were reviewed. Cara motioned to approve the October 12th minutes. Phyllis seconded. All in favor.

**Financial Reports:**

**FY 2023 Report.** Expense budget starts at \$239,161. So far \$20,349 has been spent or 9% of the budget. That leaves a balance of \$218,812. The projected Revenue for FY 2023 is \$97,300 Year to date revenue is \$13,075 or 13% of the projected amount.

**Persons in attendance: Dan Verbeten,** Director of Teton Valley Trails and Pathways was present to discuss the idea of a shared facility (TVTAP and Skyliners Motor Club) structure being built on the fairgrounds property. This building would be roughly 60x80 for maintenance and storage of their combined grooming equipment. Skyliners collects registration fees and uses those fees to groom motorized routes, while TVTAP is a nonprofit funded by donations. A \$250K grant with Idaho Department of Parks and Rec will be pursued. Current combined equipment includes 7 snowmobiles, 1 ATV, 1 snowcat, and other grooming accessories. A secure storage facility with water and sewer hookup and year round access is necessary. Roger asked if Dan thought the grant would be more attractive if the fairgrounds was another facility user. Dan will inquire with Idaho Parks and Rec. Discussion on location, water availability and fairgrounds master plan took place. Overall consensus from the Fair Board was positive especially if the facility is a shared user space including the Fair Board for fairgrounds equipment.

**Brenda Simril** reintroduced herself and expressed how much she enjoyed volunteering at Fair this year and is interested in joining the Fair Board (application received). She always enjoyed the east coast fair experience growing up and is excited to be a part of our community full time.

**Discussion items:**

**A. Water rights at the Fairgrounds:** Hallie updated the board that the fairgrounds owns two ground water rights, 22-13665 for irrigation and 22-7602 for domestic use. All ground water comes from our building well. The board did apply for an irrigation right 22-7630 (1990's?) but it was relinquished for non use. Unfortunately no new water rights are being issued for the Snake River Basin area per the Department of Idaho Water Resource office in Idaho Falls. The only way for us to acquire additional groundwater rights is to buy them. Jared asked if we can make our well bigger to utilize it better. Lane said the pump at the building is a variable speed pump, it should keep up with the demand. Water storage tank discussion took place, Hallie said a quick interweb search reflected storage tanks are around \$1 per gallon uninstalled. Our current water truck holds about 1,500 gallons and Lane fills it 6-8 times per rodeo and 5 times for other Outdoor Arena use. Roger said a semi tank could hold

between 7-10K gallons, if we found one to rent or buy. Discussion on pros and cons of a mobile tank vs permanent structure took place.

**B. FAIR 2023: Budget, potential events, committees:**

**Motion** to approve Fair dates: Phyllis motions to approve 2023 Fair dates Aug 4th-12th. Roger seconds, all in favor. The budget for 2023 Fair is \$27K. Roger requested Ned LaDoux. Mark Connor looked at the outdoor arena for a truck and tractor pull, but he said our arena has too much sand. Discussion on a motor sports arena took place. Roger summarizes that motorsports events will attract people. Jared mentions an opening day parade. So far we know Wagons and Tales will be present and Mounted Shooters will be at the arena all day Tuesday with an evening event. Hallie reminds the board that committees will be really helpful for the 100 year Fair. If members have ideas and events they want to pursue please consider asking others with similar interests to form a committee. That way there will be more support and we'll be able to do more. Cara asked about open class categories. A pdf is on our website and can be edited if anyone wants to review it. Tammy suggests that our open class guidelines need to be clear so participants and judges know what exactly is being judged. Especially for quilts. Maybe look at State Fair guidelines.

Abby would like to have more 4H Club demonstrations during Fair, similar to the Llama Club and Packgoat Club last year.

**Building/Grounds: Rentals/events** Building rentals continue to book up most weekends. Hallie spends a lot of time on Mondays calling and meeting weekend renters to finish cleaning the building for deposit refunds. Annual community events will have priority. HS District Rodeo will return to Driggs, Shawnia Tonks to confirm dates.

Hallie continues to work on site plan survey updates with public works for RFQ/RFP.

**Other news:** Abby said the Horse Committee would possibly like to use the pavilion for their Fair event day Sat Aug 5th. Other clubs are starting to fill up. Steam Club would also like to do a demo during Fair. New Clubs: 4H Tech Makers and Cat Club.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Cara motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm, Roger seconded, all in favor.