

Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023 Teton County Courthouse and via Zoom

Open: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Jared Bevan, Brenda Simirl, Roger Kaufman, John Smaellie, Jason Wilcox and Kade Mangum. Absent: Cara Olaveson. Others present were Tammy Sachse, Teresa Lane, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

Minutes: October 11, 2023 meeting minutes were read. Roger motioned to approve the minutes, Jason seconded, all in favor.

Financial Report:

FY 2024 projected Expenses are \$280,073. So far we have spent \$12,381 or 4% of the budget, leaving a balance of \$267,692.

FY 2024 projected Revenue is \$96,850. So far we have brought in \$12,475 or 13% of the projected amount.

Persons in attendance: N/A

Discussion items:

A. Presentation and Discussion: Cushing Terrell

Kevin Nelson and Charlie Smith zoomed in to lead the discussion on the progress of the fairgrounds master plan program. Kevin opens with the different user group sessions that have taken place since fair week. There are still a few groups to connect with. Slide presentation began with access and the low visible entrance to fairgrounds. Future connectivity from town via trails and pathways to be included in our master plan. Potential site expansion: parcel to the north. The Taleghani parcel to the north should be considered as an option to increase the fairgrounds size. The airport is undergoing their current runway shift and calls for a future secondary runway running through the Taleghani parcel. Zoning should change to fit for proper use. Property limits include the Museum, 60 ft easement, access. Utilities - Reed to discuss but absent. City water and sewer should be an option to connect as development continues north of the fairgrounds. Consider fees if we do not annex the City of Driggs. Population growth: It is estimated about 1/3 of the valley's population will attend Fair during the week, with a peak attendance around 2500 at one time. Given our current population is around 14k people in Teton Valley, with a 2.5% annual increase, there could be 17k people ten years from now. With 33% attending Fair that gives us about 5900 at any one time which means we'd need an additional 27 acres and in 2043 another 40 acres to fit everyone with parking on site. Kevin went through our 2020 master plan and its phases, he's working on updating info and sq. footage for buildings/spaces etc.

Site plan options A, B and C were reviewed. Discussion on arenas, grandstands, classrooms, pedestrian movement, restrooms, livestock stalls, ventilation, crows nest, and a new fair building took place including orientation, dimensions, seating capacity and public circulation.

Lane mentions adding 60 feet on the west side of the pavilion as well as the east. This could allow room to move the weigh scale, livestock pens, and wash rack inside of the pavilion. Tammy agrees that it would be helpful to have that area set up at all times with pens.

Kevin mentions a corner option for the fair building. John agrees that could be a better use of space. Charlie reminds the board that they can digest this info and let them know what they want to change. The dimensions reflected came from input as well as taking into account future growth and national standards for infrastructure. They will be presenting to the County Commissioners Dec 11th.

- B. ICRMP video: Idaho Open Meeting Law Fair Board watched the Idaho Open Meeting Law video
- C. Fair Board Handbook: Review and motion to approve: move to Dec agenda. John reminds everyone to review this before the Dec meeting.

Building/Grounds: A bid was received for painting the inside of the building but seems high at \$14k. The tractor needs servicing. Hallie will request an estimate before scheduling with Agriservice. The building floor cleaner should probably be replaced. Lane says it is still working but seems to be declining. Board approves Lane to find one he thinks is best for the building and our needs. Estimates are around \$5k. John asked where the fairgrounds truck is and when can we get a plow put on it? Hallie will inquire with the county. Hallie and Lane are meeting with Fall River staff tomorrow at the fairgrounds to look at what lights and fixtures in the buildings and Outdoor Arena could be updated. Eligibility for grants and general costs will be evaluated by their team. Kade offered to be there.

Other news: John said that the camper from Fair week has been back and has been reported for trespassing. If you see him, please notify the Sheriff's office. We might need to replace our entrance sign to reflect that dry camping fees apply. John reminds everyone of their few hours a month commitment of being on the board and to please review the Master Plan packet and Fair Board Handbook.

Adjourn Meeting: Jason made a motion to adjourn at 9:45pm, Jared seconded, all in favor.