

Fair Board
6/1/17

Present: Ronda Johnston, Brad McGann, Cindy Selensky, Nate Ruth and Rock Cosgriff.

Guests: Clay Nagel, Commissioner Bob Faw, Julie Johnson, Marc King and Kandi Schuman.

Ronda called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Ronda read the procedures of the Board.

Cindy moved to approve the minutes of the last two meetings as they were written. Brad seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy gave a Treasurer's report. She reported that she had caught an error with the Stenberg bill, and it has been fixed.

Brad asked about the bucking chutes and how they would be billed and taken out of the budget if they arrive after July 1. There was a discussion concerning this and it was concluded that if the bill comes after about the fifteenth of July they will come out of the 2017/2018 budget.

Julie Johnson said that during the Fiber Fest there were several people that had said the Fair Grounds were hard to find, so she suggested that the Board and the County look into putting up signs directing people to the Fair Grounds. There was some discussion concerning signs and the MDT. Julie said that she would like to have the Board look into signage. The Board then asked Julie if she could look into the signage as she has some connections to the MDT. Julie said that she would be willing to look into this for the Board. Brad made a motion to support Julie and the Chamber in looking into some directional signage for the Fair Grounds. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Clay reported that Lonnie had to replace some electrical stuff in the panel for the irrigation pump. Clay also asked why Lonnie had not yet been paid for the light pole project. Clay said that he had the water truck running and that there was a bad u joint on the pto shaft. Clay also asked about the yellow tractor and the dump truck and said that Cory had told him that they were Fair Board issues and not County Road Shop issues. Rocky said that he would talk to Cory about the equipment. Clay reported that Dan Smart had given some 5X8 outdoor flags to the Fair Grounds. Cindy asked Kandi to write a "Thank you" to the Legion for the flags. Clay also reported that he had helped to set things up for the High School Rodeo and worked on the grandstand floor boards. Ronda said that Clay had also volunteered to help her and Rod while they repaired the stripping chute.

Ronda initiated the discussion about a contract for Clay Nagel. Clay said that he was leery of doing a contract for \$1500.00 per month for twelve months. Clay said that he had mowed the grounds twice in May along with string trimming and that worked out to \$700 per mowing. Clay said that he had some other figures from his past work at the Fair Grounds and items like winterizing took 12 hours and was worth \$600, the pig pen cleaning was worth \$700, cleaning the stalls in the barn was worth \$700, and other costs that he presented to the Board. Brad explained to Clay that there was a push from most people to make this position a County position that would pay \$14.00 per hour, and not a contract position, but the Board had fought hard to make it a contract position. Cindy pointed out that Clay is an independent contractor and this must work for him if he decides to do it. Clay said that he would be comfortable signing this contract for a year. Ronda and Clay signed the contract.

Brad reported on the stove. Oie's has measured and ordered a locking valve for the stove. Brad also reported that Oie's also had suggested that users sign a Hold Harmless waiver for using the stove.

Ronda reported that she had the grease trap for Clay to take and see if it was worth installing.

Ronda started a discussion concerning cleaning the hood in the concession area. Kandi said that it is inspected every year and showed the Board the inspection check list.

Cindy and Clay said that it would be helpful if renters would indicate if they would need stoves and refrigerators on their rental agreements. Brad suggested a public meeting concerning the fees, uses, etc. Clay said that he felt the fees should be raised, and there should be fees charged for working the arena, watering the arena, etc. Brad and Ronda suggested doing a news article concerning the Fair Grounds and the improvements that are occurring. Ronda also suggested letters to the editor of the paper. The Board had a discussion concerning doing a survey of the citizens during the Fair. Clay also mentioned that some sort of brochure at the Fair Grounds would be beneficial. Cindy asked about sending a questionnaire out with the Buyer letters for the Fair. Marc said that he didn't think that would be a problem. It was mentioned that all Board members should think of questions to ask. Kandi also mentioned surveying past renters of the facility.

Clay asked about adding more LED lights, and he said that Sam will get his proposal to the Board soon.

Brad reported that the reclaimer that is needed on the millings needs to be applied by a distributor truck, which is something we do not have. Cindy asked Commissioner Faw if the millings were not the property of the County and not the Fair Board. Commissioner Faw responded that they are the Fair Board's issue as that is where they are being used. Clay spoke about how to fix the holes that are showing up. Commissioner Faw responded that the holes were mainly caused by running dump trucks on them that were over loaded and the fact that people do not drive where the millings are the thickest.

Commissioner Faw also suggested letting the ground dry out and to wait until fall to apply the reclamation. Nate will measure the square footage so that the Board can start looking at developing a bid to put reclamation down.

The Board then worked on the proposed budget, line by line.

Ronda suggested adding a question regarding trees on the rodeo side of the grounds to the public questionnaire.

Clay reported that the last old mower has not yet been sold.

Cindy said that she would potentially like to schedule the budget meeting with the Commissioners for Wednesday of next week.

Contracts: Barb Terland, May 2018 for a graduation party.
4-H Horse assessments, on Thursdays in the arena.

Nate moved to accept both contracts as presented. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ronda said that she had been approached about permanent advertising at the Fair Grounds. Sonny Todd Real Estate has asked about having a permanent sign on the crow's nest. Ronda felt it would be good to charge them \$1000.00 or more for this. Marc mentioned to the Board that the crow's nest was built as a memorial to Russ Weller. Commissioner Faw asked Ronda how the contestants got paid, and Ronda responded that some of the money is from entries and the rest is from sponsors and added money. Brad moved to offer the advertising space to Logan Todd for \$1000.00 for a year. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.