

Fair Board
7-6-17

Present: Ronda Johnston, Brad McGann and Rocky Cosgriff.
Guests: Commissioner Faw, Marc King and Clay Nagel.

Ronda called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

The Board members read the past minutes to themselves. Brad moved to accept the minutes as presented. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ronda explained the bill of \$84.59 for the speaker platform for the arena. Brad moved to approve the \$84.59. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ronda explained the bill for \$27.99 for the hinges for the walk through gate in the arena. Brad moved to accept the bill for \$27.99. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the June invoices and revenues.

Clay reported that the tree had come down behind the pig barn, and that a volunteer crew had come in and removed it and that Nate had ordered a replacement panel from Travis Klein. He also reported that the pressure tank on the rodeo side had ruptured and had flooded the well house area. Rocky reported that Nate had not ordered the panel after Brad asked who had authorized the ordering of the panel.

Ronda said that as a Board we need to communicate better. Clay explained his bid for the tree removal. Commissioner Faw explained that the Board did have insurance with a \$500 deductible that would have covered the fence. Brad said that he had talked to Pat Leary at Key Insurance, and that Pat had said that the work was already done so there was no claim. Brad said that the Board needed a written policy to address issues such as this. Ronda suggested that wording be added to the policy that states that any work or expenditure be relayed to Board prior to the work being done or the expenditure being paid. Brad said that he felt that it needed to be more specific, maybe with a dollar amount. Brad said that the Board currently has a money problem and he feels that we need to formalize things more. Marc asked what had happened to all the old fence panels that were stored at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Faw reported that they were no longer there and that he remembered seeing them leave last summer, but didn't report who had taken them. Rocky said that he would visit with Travis Klein about the section of fence and repairing it.

Ronda reported that there had been an arena light that was out prior to the rodeo. She had worked with Lonnie McDermott and had found a replacement bulb in Sheridan, Wyoming and it had cost \$50 to \$60 to buy the bulb and \$15 to \$20 to ship it up here. Karson Stene found a loose wire when he went up to replace the bulb, so the new bulb is being stored in the old cabin at the fairgrounds. Ronda said that she had visited with

Myrna and she had told her that the lights generally lasted a long time. There are eight lights in the arena. Ronda asked if the Board thought it was a good idea to purchase some more bulbs to have spares on hand. The Board discussed the idea of replacing the old lights with LED lights. Brad reported that through his research the arena lights typically cost about \$1.50 per day to run them all in power. It was discussed that it would take a long time to pay for LED lights. Brad said that he would like to shop around for the bulbs and Ronda said that she had the old box and bulb at home and she would get them to Brad.

Brad asked if we had received a bid from Dennis Birchell for the work on the well on the Rodeo side. Clay said that it would require an elevated well casing, new pressure tank and a new pump. Brad volunteered to ask Dennis for a bid for this work. Brad will circulate it via email. The Board asked about the legality of using email for making decisions. Ronda asked about approving a certain amount for the repairs. Commission Faw asked the Board what their thoughts were concerning covering this raised well head and pressure tank. Commissioner Faw asked Clay about where the lines went to. The Board discussed the pro's and con's of this repair and the logistics of housing the pressure tank. Brad asked why the pressure tank couldn't be put into the concession stand. Clay responded that the concession stand is run by a frost free hydrant. Brad asked the Board if they could wait a month and give him some time to meet with Dennis about this project. Brad will call Dennis tomorrow.

There was discussion concerning the millings. Rocky said the main issue with the millings breaking up is along the edges. Ronda asked Commissioner Faw if the county received fuel tax money and if the roads at the fairgrounds were included in the county's road inventory. Commissioner Faw responded that the county does get fuel tax dollars, but will be used for regular road maintenance. Ronda asked if there was a chance for the County Road Department to work on maintenance of the millings with the expense to come out of the Fair Board budget. Commissioner Faw suggested again, that the Board wait until fall when the ground was dry to work on the project.

Ronda mentioned to the Board that she had a drawing of the bucking chutes and their configuration, but it was not complete yet.

Ronda reported that she and Clay had looked at the donated grease trap for the Ag Pavilion, and that they had decided that it was not worth installing.

Clay reported that another u-joint had broken on the water truck and that the differential lock doesn't work on the water truck. Ronda reported that the water truck had broken down during the rodeo, but that the Fire Department had helped out.

Ronda reported that she had put up some informational signs at the fairgrounds about the rodeo stock and pasture leases. Ronda also said that the bucking horses had gotten into the Fair Side on the grass.

Clay reported that some of the roof tin on the chicken barn and some on the beef barn is loose and coming up. Nate and Rocky will look at this.

Ronda reported on the bucking chute project. She said that the salvageable lumber had been stored in the cutting shack, and the posts had to be cut off as they were set in concrete that could not be pulled. Nate brought in sand for the project and TY Construction had used their tele-handler forklift to set the chutes. Commissioner Faw said that the gaps in the platform where the old sliders had slid into needed to be covered so that someone didn't break their leg. Ronda also said that the crows nest has some rotting floor joists and the stairs are bad. The crew had built a cat walk over the old load alley. Brad said the siding will need to be pulled back to inspect the floor joists. Ronda mentioned that the general consensus during the rodeo was to leave the old board walk behind the chutes.

Ronda reported that she had visited with Sandi Blake and had told her there was no watering system behind the grandstands, thus there would not be trees replanted at this time.

Brad asked about removing the rest of the big tree that fell on the fence. Marc asked if the county owned the tree or if the adjoining land owner owned the tree. Ronda said that she would talk to Cameron Mayo about the tree. Rocky mentioned that Cameron had also spoken to him about adding water to a couple of the fence lines that are common between his property and the fairgrounds.

Brad made a motion to cover the slider holes in the board walk. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Faw volunteered to do this project. Ronda asked if Commissioner Faw would email the Board when he was going to do the project. Commissioner Faw said the project would be done the next day.

Commissioner Faw thanked the volunteers who had removed the trees.

The Board reviewed the contracts:

August 11th – Farm Bureau workshop

July 4th – celebration on the lawns

June 22nd through August 10th – Dog training on the lawns

Brad moved to accept these contracts. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marc asked the Board about the informational signs that Kandi had made. Marc will have Kandi email these signs to Cindy and Nate for their input. Commissioner Faw suggested organizing the names from closest to town to furthest away, and add Clay as the maintenance person with a phone number.

A question about the dumpster and garbage pick-up. It was reported that the garbage is on-call, meaning that a person has to call Billings to schedule pick-up.

Brad spoke about the policy, the financial concerns, the contract with Clay, the philosophical question about costs and recouping costs at the fairgrounds. Brad is still working on the policy. Brad then asked about the fee structure which will be an exhibit in the policy. He said that he felt the fees break down into three categories; 1) farming the arena, 2) electricity and 3) camping. Clay said the first item should be farming and watering the arena. Commissioner Faw discussed his thoughts on the camping and said that he thought that Cindy was going to check with like type counties to compare. Clay said that he had seen several big trucks with horses that had plugged into the beer garden outlets. Brad said that charging for things like electricity would either have to be on the honor system or we would have to have someone to unlock outlets when rent is paid. He said that it was his opinion that it is not worth paying somebody to collect money. There followed a discussion about the current use of the power. Brad said that for simplicity sake and financially it would be simplest to leave the power off. Ronda reported that she had collected some money for the power use during the rodeo. Brad asked what the Board charges for the electricity service. Ronda discussed what she had charged during the rodeo. Clay asked Commissioner Faw if he could see the power bills. Ronda mentioned that the porta-potties for the rodeo had cost \$600.00.

Commissioner Faw explained the fence bill that the Fair Board had received for the Dale Sparta fence. It was a road department issue and has been handled.

Brad moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm. Rocky seconded the motion. Motion passed.