

Fair Board  
December 7, 2017

Present: Brad McGann, Cindy Selensky, Nate Ruth and Rocky Cosgriff

Guests: Commissioner Bob Faw, Clay Nagel and Marc King

Brad called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Brad accepted the minutes as they were mailed out.

Cindy reported on the budget. Currently the Fair Board has spent 18.16% of the current budget. Cindy asked Clay why there was two contract payments made in November, one on the second of November and one on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. It was decided that the second payment was for the month of December. Commissioner Faw then said that he thought it was for October and November. Cindy also had bills for power, trash and two supply charges.

Clay reported that the Pavilion is all blown out and winterized, and he has put all of the picnic tables in the Pavilion and spread them out so that the FFA can go in and work on them if they want to. Clay also reported that he had been working with Karson and Northwest Power to find out why the power bill on the Grandstand side is so high. Clay reported that the meter on this side is a demand meter. He will get together with Karson again and try to figure this out. Nate asked Clay to explain the demand and why it is three times the highest load reading. Clay said that he wasn't sure what would be causing the load to be so high. In October it was 40 kWh. Brad asked Clay to ask Karson why we had a demand meter on that side of the fairgrounds. Clay said that it was because of the lights at the arena. Brad said that is not realistic or appropriate and will have a conversation with Northwestern Energy. Clay said that he had also talked to Karson about the unmetered service on the Fair side, and it is for the yard light over there and it costs \$45.63 per month. Karson said that this must have been added later, because most of these are free or way reduced. Clay said that he and Commissioner Faw thought some wall packs would be more useful and could be shut off. Commissioner Faw asked if the meter could be bad. Clay said that he and Karson thought the meter was working well. Clay said that Commissioner Faw and he had discussed padlocking all the breaker boxes shut so that the power could be controlled. Brad said that he thought this was a good idea. Clay reported that all of the locks were combination locks and he would get a combination to Kandi. Commissioner Faw said that he agreed with Brad about discussing with the power company why there was a demand meter on the rodeo side. Brad will call them tomorrow and will email the Board. Clay also said that he thought it would be wise to shut the gates and lock the fairgrounds for the winter. Nate said that he thought this was a bad idea. Cindy said that she didn't think it was a good idea. Commissioner Faw said that there are a lot of people that go down and walk their dogs and that there would probably be several complaints if it was locked. Commissioner Faw said that he thinks the issue the meter, but he said he must be the only one who thinks like this. Clay asked the Board what the deal was with the cattle that had been dropped off at the fairgrounds.

Rocky said that he had done this. Cindy said that the cattle were not very friendly. Clay said that he nor the Sheriffs department had ever been notified. Marc reported that the owner of the cattle had paid the Board \$250.00. Clay said that Commissioner Faw and he had moved the cat walks from the bucking chutes had been moved, but they are currently unbanded.

Brad said that Steve Pitsch is out and he has been in conversation with Kevin Haugen. He is meeting with Kevin on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Brad asked why they were bidding 8 GFI outlets and three pole mounted lights. It was decided eight GFI outlets and the three lights were against the building.

Brad asked why Ronda wanted the contractors down there. It was decided that the posts are not the problem, it is the bracing and some siding. Nate said that the reason was so that all the contractors would bid on the same project. It was tabled.

Brad said that he has been unable to get in touch with Dennis Birchell. Clay said that he had talked to Dennis and that Dennis had told him that Brad had put a stop to the project. Brad said that Dennis is getting confused.

Nate reported that he had met with Justin and had looked at the potential awning project at the fairgrounds. Justin was going to get a professional contractor to look at this project to see how to anchor it to the Pavilion.

Brad asked if everyone had a copy of the current Fair Board Policy with them. Most said they did not. Brad handed out his edited version, and the edits are highlighted. Brad explained his edits and talked about his formatting changes and the grammar. Brad said it was not up to the Board, but rather the commissioners. Commissioner Faw said that the past one had gone to the County Attorney and had come back to the Commissioners with some significant changes. Brad asked if he should send this one to the County Attorney also. Cindy said that she had two things, number one and number two under the responsibilities. Brad said that he had copied it word for word from the past document. Brad asked who is responsible for carrying out the Fair. Marc explained that in the early 1990's there was a memorandum of understanding signed that said the Extension Office in Sweet Grass County would be in charge of the Sweet Grass County Fair. Brad asked if it should be removed from the document. Cindy said that it is the responsibility of the Fair Board to facilitate the county fair. Cindy asked about item number two; "Supervising and managing the fairgrounds". Nate and Brad said that they both felt that this is what the Fair Board ultimately does. Cindy agreed. Nate asked about the advertising and explained that he thought it would hurt the events that rented the facility. Brad explained that Ronda had wanted to rent the advertising from the crows nest for a long period of time and it would be for the county fair board. Nate asked again about the thought of permanent advertising, to which Brad and Clay explained their thoughts. Brad said that over the years some of the advertising has not been taken down following the event that they had sponsored. Nate said it was his feeling that this has the potential to impact the events that would possibly rent the facility. Brad explained that it had been muddied by the Sonny Todd Real estate desire to pay the Board a \$1000 for the year to

advertise on the crows nest and then when it came time to write the check, Ronda had taken substantially less money from them for this advertising. Nate said that he doesn't think this is right. Commissioner Faw said that what has happened this year is the issue, with the signs not being removed because they are stuck in the chutes. Nate said that he does not want to impact events, by selling permanent advertising. Brad said that he is not worried about selling full time advertising, but rather is worried about renters selling permanent advertising on county property. Commissioner Faw suggested putting in the policy that all signs and advertising must be removed at the conclusion of the event. Marc said that it is already in the policy. Commissioner Faw said that it must be enforced then. Brad said that the policy doesn't say that the Fair Board will sell permanent advertising, but the wording says they may. Commissioner Faw said that whoever puts the signs up must take them down, so that if they are damaged it is their own fault.

Brad asked Clay if he had seen Ron Wetsel down there yet. Brad said that he is supposed to be down there working on the grandstands and the corrals. Brad will call Ron in the morning.

Nate reported that he had taken the chairs off the chair rack and he and Rocky had cut the casters off and had put six inch casters on it. They had also built another table rack. Rocky and Nate had donated the casters and the steel for this project.

Marc brought up the contract for Craig Emter for Rad Grad. Marc asked about the orange cones from the cutting shack. Clay said that he has never seen them in there. Clay asked if Marc had checked with Monte Finn. Marc asked if there was a reason for the Ford being outside. Clay said he had not had time to get it put in. Marc asked about the white pickup, it was reported that it gets used down there.

Nate moved to approve the Rad Grad contract. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Faw asked about the policy and how it will proceed. Brad said that he will make changes to the language and he will send it out to the Board. If he hears no response, then he will send it to the County Attorney.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.