

MORROW COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday January 13th, 2021 @ 6:30pm

74473 HWY 74 LENA~ Fairgrounds Annex

Heppner, OR 97836

In Attendance:

Chair: Cody High

Vicechair: Shelby Krebs

Board Members: Braxton Adams, Sarah Baker, Dawn Eynetich

Secretary: Ann Jones

4-H:

Others: Gregg Zody

CALL TO ORDER: by Cody High @ 6:36 pm

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Sarah made a motion to approve minutes; Shelby seconded.

REPORTS:

4-H: no report

Rodeo: no report

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Elections: Currently Cody High is Chair, Shelby Krebs is Vice Chair, Dawn Eynetich is Executive Secretary

Sarah nominated Cody to remain Chair, Seconded by Shelby. Cody accepted and all in favor.

Sarah nominated Shelby to remain as Vice, Seconded by Dawn. Shelby accepted and all in favor.

Sarah nominated Dawn to remain Exec. Secretary, Seconded by Shelby. Dawn accepted all in favor.

Fair Sponsorships?: discussed leaving dollar amounts same as previous year for sponsorships. The main letter needs to be rewritten. Ann asked the board to send what wording they want in the letter. Can start sending them out toward middle to end of February.

General Grounds:

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Parking barriers: Cody talked with Millers about the concrete barriers to place down the parking lot. We would be looking at possibly needing 50 of them @ \$65 a piece for total of \$3250. And place them ourselves or we have Millers bring them in and place them 50 of them at \$100 apiece for total of \$5000. Board all agreed this would be a good idea to help with parking not only during fair but for all the time. Board is in favor of using contingency funds of \$8000 for safety purposes, need to talk with finance to see what steps I need to take to get this moved over. Greg mentioned that we should also talk with Tamra to make sure we get the spacing in correct.

Dorm Remodel: Ann has ideas for the building, maybe we can put this in with the RFP with the main building.

1. Consider the purchase of Mid-Columbia Bus lot: Discussed what we can do for this to happen MidCo would need a comparable property to “swap” one of the things discussed was reaching out to POM to see if they can help the fair with this. Gregg would like to be involved with this and will talk with Commissioners and see about setting up a work session between all parties.
2. Consider the purchase of the neighboring property-way in the future would be a good investment for the fairgrounds.
3. Expand parking areas- if the bus barn area can be obtained this will be a good step to improving parking. Also discussed that during the fair week there is a LARGE number of vehicles that stay in the parking lot the majority of the day due to them being 4H/FFA that stay on sight. It would be worth looking into how we can find of site parking for those families and have a shuttle that runs between fair and parking area.

Other: Gregg talked with Darrell about our building vision and he suggested that we get an assessment of the buildings and grounds so we can start looking at some estimates. The board says YES move forward with an RFP for a consultant Sarah suggested up to \$25,000. Board agrees that is a good starting number. Gregg will work with Ann on getting process started.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tech Purchases: 65” TV purchased for \$478, new wire and access point for internet \$207.32 Owl ordered \$1024.

Fair improvement status: Tree guy is scheduled for Wednesday 16th at noon, hope to know more on the removal trees then. There is a long-range planning meeting on Wednesday 16th at 1:30. Need to look at developing a master plan and maybe look at having an inter-governmental agreement with the BOC to help define specific expectations. One question that the board would like to know is does the fair board have to come to the BOC for “everything” on dollar spending of what is the limit that can be spent without.

Cultural Grant Money Received?: has not come in but the GL codes have been created.

Can we move forward with any of the following items?

Master Plan

Challenge of Champions

Camp spots other side of creek: could talk to BOC at long range planning.

OFA Convention: will be virtual this year on January 15th from 9:00-3:30 at no cost to fairs.

Sponsorships: do we send out sponsorship packets to business as usual? With covid-19 and not knowing the full impact on business how do we feel about asking for money? It was decided to yes send out packets with same numbers as previous year, with a redo to the introduction letter. Ann asked to board to let her know what were the specific that they want in the letter.

Other: need to fix up horse stalls so that we can advertise they are rentable.

Cody commented on how one possibility for Challenge of Champions could be the unified rec district however they do have restrictions and one of those may be no alcohol allowed.

Should we do fair the same as we had scheduled for this year, after discussion was decided yes.

Do we need to look at getting a new tractor or what does the current tractor need and is that something that is now a fair expense or is that general maintenance or public works? Would need to talk to Tony.

ADJOURNMENT: **Meeting adjourned by Cody @ 7:38 pm**

NEXT MEETING Wednesday January 13th 2021 @ 6:30