

MORROW COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday February 17th, 2021 @ 6:30pm

74473 HWY 74 LENA~ Fairgrounds Annex

Heppner, OR 97836

In Attendance:

Chair: Cody High

Vicechair: Shelby Krebs

Board Members: Braxton Adams, Dawn Eynetich

Secretary: Ann Jones

4-H: Erin Heideman

Others: Gregg Zody

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

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

REPORTS:

4-H: 178 kids enrolled down 14 from last year. As of today we are allowed 150 people outdoors so that gives a starting point as to what we can look at for fair. If get to have in person auction talking about doing online as well and still including the add on. Showworks is making a lot of improvements to their program which is what 4H uses. Morrow County Livestock Growers has \$5000 for livestock improvements, we discussed small animal pens as a starter. There will be no overnight 4-H camp this year, but will be able to do day camps the week of June 14-18. One of the changes that was discussed if not allowed a normal fair is not judging animals until after weigh in. Also need to make sure we get overnight security. 4-H leaders council has \$7500 they want to donate for kitchen remodel, discussed our ideas with Erin.

Rodeo: no report

NEW BUSINESS:

Fair Sponsorships?: Ann resent the email to the board for their input, as we need to re-write the main letter and get sent out.

Budget: Spent good portion of time looking over budget. Got numbers penciled in, Ann will need to talk with Kate about a couple of the numbers and will get the worksheets sent in Friday.

Fair: August 18-21

Traditional: most of the entertainment we had scheduled for last year are ready to come this year

Modified: what will/can that look like

Need to start looking and making plans for what and how fair can look depending upon what Covid allows this year.

Other: Ann needs to talk to Kate about contingency fund for parking barriers.

OLD 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 off 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned by Cody @ 8:45 pm

NEXT MEETING Wednesday March 10th 2021 @ 6:30