

RUSK COUNTY FAIR

January 14, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Jessica Wiles, Hannah Blackstock, Darrell Doughty, Tammy Loomis, Connie Meyer, Katy Olesiak, Nancy Burmeister, Judy Srp, Jon Runstrom and Karla Cole. Terry DuSell by phone.

County Board Members: Tom Cudo

Others present: Charmaine Riddle and Shana Swanson

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Wiles.

Fair Staff Report – Hannah gave an update on Fair events, horse mandatory meeting and safety testing, vendor packets approval and vendor camping.

Charmaine gave a report on the 2023 budget.

Extension Representative Report – T Cudo gave a report on the last Justice Youth and Extension meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Nancy, seconded by Tammy to approve the December 10, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Poultry and Small Animal – A report for the Poultry and Small Animal was given by Kristen Aspirus. Discussion held. Jon Runstrom and Hannah Blackstock will meet with Kristen to work out the details.

Bands - Friday night bands will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Katie, seconded by Darrel to have the Lincoln boys Saturday night. Motion carried.

Alcohol update for 2024 – Nancy and Katie will take care of the alcohol for 2024.

Camping and reimbursement County – Discussed turning the camping money over to the County.

ATV Ride – Raffle Items – Doing Cash Raffle, basket raffle and sell tickets.

Motion by Nancy, seconded by Jon to approve Katie spending \$1,500.00 for the basket raffle. Motion carried.

Fair Board Volunteers – Char and Terry spoke about the back-ground checks for Fair Board members.

Contracts – Discussed Contracts.

Motion by Katie, seconded by Judy to approve the contract for Half Twisted – Half Knot for \$3,000.00 for 3 days, 5 hours per day during the 2024 Fair. Motion carried.

Grandpa Cratchit – Discussed Grandpa's General Store.

Motion by Jon, seconded by Nancy to approve Grandpa Cratchit contract for all 4 days of the 2024 Fair for \$6,000.00 and 5 nights for a hotel. Motion carried.

Donut Machine – Darrel has looked at a mini Donut Machine to purchase.

Motion by Katie, seconded by Tammy to approve to purchase the mini Donut Machine/ oven for \$1,400.00 for the Fair. Motion carried.

2024 Rodeo – Payouts will be the same as 2023 for 2024.

Any other business that may come before the Committee – Darrel spoke about the Veterans display for the 2024 Fair at no cost.

Motion by Jon, seconded by Judy to approve getting the display and setting it up for the 2024 Fair at no cost. Motion carried.

Discussion on the layout of the Fairgrounds and other events. Jess spoke about sponsors.

Motion by Connie, seconded by Tammy to give Lamperts Lumber 1 bucking shoot for each night (Friday and Saturday). Motion carried.

Set a date for the next meeting – February 11, 2024 in the LEC.

Adjourn – Chair adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.