

RUSK COUNTY FAIR

January 15, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Judy Srp, Connie Meyer, Jessica Wiles, Darrell Doughty, Charmaine Riddle, Tammy Loomis, Terry DuSell, Cassie Barrons, Whitney Trott and Katy Olesiak. Brittney Wiles – via phone.
County Board Members: Tom Cudo and John Kalepp.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Judy, seconded by Tammy to approve the December 4, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FAIR COORDINATOR/INTERN REPORT

Brittany reported the following: Judges, School Exhibits and Sponsor letters.

SMALL ANIMAL BUTCHER DAY

Discussed Small Animal Butcher day and how to proceed with rules and regulations. Phone calls will be made to surrounding markets to see if they will take the animals after the auction.

FAIR ENTERTAINMENT

Wrestling – Wrestling for the Fair for a Saturday night is \$3,750.00 plus hotel. The Committee decided to wait to act on the wrestling.

Balloon Guy – The Balloon Guy cost would be \$1,200.00 for 5 hours on Sunday.

Motion by Judy, seconded by Cassie to have the Balloon Guy on Sunday for 5 hours for \$1,200.00. Motion carried.

Robot – Discussed hiring the Robot act during the Fair.

Motion by Connie, seconded by Judy to offer the Robot Act \$3,000.00 for 3 days. Motion carried.

SPECIALTY ACT FOR RODEO

Chair Wiles introduced 2 act for 1/2 time entertainment during the Rodeo.

Motion by Connie, seconded by Terry to hire Jerry Thorten for \$2,600.00 for Friday and Saturday night. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Discussed the fees for the Fair, Rodeo and camping. Camping will stay at \$30.00 for the weekend.

Motion by Katy, seconded by Cassie to enter the Fair \$8.00 per day, \$20.00 per weekend and \$15.00 for exhibitor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassie, seconded by Nancy to increase the Rodeo tickets by \$5.00. Motion carried.

BARN PAINTING

Katy gave an update on Barn Painting.

CARNIVAL – PRICE ON INFLATABLES

The Committee has purchased inflatables with the Property Chair and Extension Chair's approval and needs Committee approval.

Motion by Connie, seconded by Terry to purchase 6 inflatables for \$13,403.00. Motion carried.

STATE FAIR CONVENTION RECAP AND REIMBURSEMENT

Chair Wiles gave an overview of the State Convention, brought back ideas that will add to the Rusk County Fair and the request for \$399.64 for room reimbursement for 6 people.

Motion by Terry, seconded by Cassie to approve the reimbursement for rooms in the amount of \$399.64. Motion carried.

BLEACHERS – HIGH SCHOOL

Discussed the Ladysmith High School bleachers.

BANDS

Discussed the bands booked for the Fair and how to pay each of them to follow Rusk County Financial Procedures.

ALCOHOL ON FAIRGROUNDS

The Committee discussed the request for alcohol on the fairgrounds during the Rusk County Fair.

Motion by Nancy, seconded by Darrell to approve and forward to the Extension Committee for approval. Motion carried.

OTHER FAIR EVENTS

The Damn Lincoln band has contacted Chair Wiles to play at the 2023 Fair again.

SET A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be February 12th at 6:00 p.m. the Rusk County Law Enforcement Center.

ADJOURN

Chair adjourned at 9:04 pm.