

RUSK COUNTY FAIR

February 8, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Judy Srp, Connie Meyer, Jessica Wiles, Darrell Doughty, Charmaine Riddle, Tammy Loomis, Terry DuSell, Scott Andres, Whitney Trott, Cassie Barrons and Katy Olesiak. Brittney Wiles – via phone.

County Board Members: Tom Cudo

Others present: Shana

Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chairman Wiles

PRESENT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Nancy, seconded by Judy to approve the January 15, 2023 minutes with changes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FAIR COORDINATOR/INTERN REPORT

Brittany gave an update on the Fairest of the Fair and is waiting for decisions on events during the 2023 Fair.

FAIRGROUND BUILDING LAYOUT

Jon Runstrom gave a presentation on a proposal to update the fairground livestock/small animal buildings during the fair.

VENDOR FEES

In the past the fair charged \$150.00 for food/nonfood \$125.00 and informational \$25.00.

Motion by Terry, seconded by Judy to reimpose the vendor fees on returning food vendors and no charge on new food vendors. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassie, seconded by Terry to charge \$150.00 for food/ nonfood \$125.00 and informational \$25.00 for informational vendors. Motion carried.

FAIR THEME COLLABORATION WITH R.C. HISTORICAL MUSEUM – No report.

RODEO TICKET PRICES – Price update last month.

FAIRGROUNDS PROJECTS – Will talk about in future meeting.

SUPERINTENDENTS-HORSE, DAIRY, ETC – Candace Polack is interested in being superintendent for Dairy. Barb Evjen and Pam Jacobson will co-superintendent horse project. The Superintendent appointment will be brought back to the March meeting.

BALL FIELDS – Discussed the location of the ball fields and parking.

FOOD BOOTH UPDATE – Will wait until spring.

UTV RIDE JUNE 3 – Discussed the Fair sponsoring an UTV ride.

RENTED BLEACHERS – Bleachers rental for the upcoming 2023 Rodeo was discussed.

Motion by Katy, seconded by Cassie to remain with the same bleacher companies. Discussion held to check prices. Motion carried.

PURCHASED BLEACHERS – APPROVED 7 SETS – County Board approved the purchase of 7 sets of bleachers 21' x 5' for up to \$40,000.00 and the quote was incorrect and should have been \$56,670.00. Discussion will be held during the next Fair board meeting.

Minutes prepared by C. Meyer Secretary

FAIREST OF THE FAIR – Discussed during Fair Coordinator report.

BEER SALES PLAN – Will meet on Sunday February 19th to make final plans.

FLOAT TRAILER – Discussed the style and how we want to proceed.

FAIR ENTERTAINMENT – Lincoln Boys and 8 Seconds.

OTHER FAIR EVENTS – All taken care of.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE – Cookies and crowns event during the meet and great. Vintage photo booth is being looked into by Tammy. Charmaine pub in for a grant for bouncing horses and ropes to learn how to tie knots. Discussed the small animal butcher. Cobblestone want \$160.00 a room per night.

SET A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING – March 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN – Chair adjourned at 8:37