

RUSK COUNTY FAIR

April 7, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Jessica Wiles, Darrell Doughty, Katy Olesiak, Charmaine Riddle, Hannah Blackstock, Tammy Loomis, Karla Cole, Jon Runstrom, Whitney Trott, Connie Meyer and Scott Andres. Nancy Burmeister via phone.

County Board Members: Tom Cudo

Others present: Shana

Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairman Wiles

PRESENT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Katie, seconded by Karla to approve the March 3, 2024 minutes with changes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FAIR COORDINATOR/INTERN REPORT: Hannah gave an update on Fairest of the Fair, Facebook Events and Food Vendors.

EXTENSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Supervisor Cudo gave a report on JYE approved contracts and approved purchase items for the Fair.

ATV/UTV RIDE DETAIL: Katie gave an update on the details of the Rusk County Fair ATV/UTV ride in the Blue Hills.

FANS FOR THE MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING: Discussion held on the air flow in the multipurpose building during the Fair. Char will speak with the Facility Manager to get his input.

TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL: The Skid used for the prior pulls is not available for the 2024 Truck and Tractor Pull. Scott made contact with another skid from Minnesota for an additional \$500.00 for the 2024 Fair which was approved by the JYE Committee this month.

PEE WEE RODEO PARTICIPANTS FREE ITEM: Jon is requesting to give contestants for the PEE WEE Rodeo a free ice cream cone.

Motion by Connie, seconded by Jon to approve the request for a free ice cream cone to contestants during the 2024 Pee Wee Rodeo during the Rusk County Fair. Motion carried.

NORTHWOODS ESCAPE AD: Char informed the Committee about the prior ads for the Fair.

Motion by Katie, seconded by Jon to put an ad in the Northwoods Escape for the 2024 Fair. Motion carried.

Motion by Jon, seconded by Darrell to put 1/8-page ad in the Northwoods Escape for the 2024 Demo Derby.

Motion carried.

DEMO DERBY: Discussed seating, event area, event needs, ticket prices and insurance.

Motion by Jon, seconded by Katie to allow purchases for paint, stop watches and air horns for the Derby. Motion carried.

FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE: The current date is 7/12/2024 - 7/19/2024 and will be changed to 7/5/2024 - 7/12/2024.

PORTA POTTY: Discussed Porta Potty at the 3 events for 2024.

- T/T Pull – July 19. Will need 4 porta potties and 1 handwashing station. Jiffy Biffy - \$870-\$170 Donation = \$700, Bloomer Septic Service - \$760 and Prorok - \$535
- Fair – August 8-11. Will need 13 porta potties and 3 handwashing stations. We will also need extra servicing early Saturday and Sunday morning. Jiffy Biffy - \$2790-\$540 Donation = \$2250 Bloomer Septic - \$3250, Prorok - \$2800.

- Demo Derby – October 6 - Need 4 porta potties and 1 handwashing station.

Bloomer Septic - \$760, Prorok - \$535, Jiffy Biffy - \$870-\$170 Donation = \$700

Motion by Connie, seconded by Karla to have Prorok - \$535 for the Truck and Tractor Pull, Jiffy Biffy - \$2790-\$540 Donation = \$2250 for the Fair and Prorok - \$535 for the Demo Derby. Motion carried.

RODEO: The 2024 announcer for the Rodeo will cost \$2,000.00 and additional \$500.00.

Motion by Connie, seconded by Jon to approve Jesse Knutson for \$2,000.00 for the 2024 Fair Announcer. Motion carried

SOUND SYSTEM QUOTES: The request to update the pit area for the Truck and Tractor Pull and install a new sound system in the multipurpose barn.

Motion by Karla, seconded by Nancy to approve \$20,406.98 for the sound system updates and forward to the Property Committee for approval. Motion carried.

BAND STAND: Jon gave an overview of the band stand to be built for the 2024 Fair.

Motion by Katie, seconded by Connie to approve the purchase of materials for \$7,000.00 for the new band stand. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Discussed the update on the current buildings, window repairs, Flag pole, lights on the back of the Grandstand, canopy's, ticket booths, food for a Class Reunion and 2025 bands.

Motion by Connie, seconded by Jon to hire 3 beers down for the 2025 Fair. Motion carried.

Motion by Katie, seconded by Whitney to approve the purchase of 2 ticket booths for \$2,500.00 and forward to the Property Committee for approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Jon, seconded by Darrell to order 12 blank checks for the Demo Derby. Motion carried.

SET A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING – May 5 at 5:30 in the LEC.

ADJOURN – Chair adjourned at 8:15 p.m.