

RUSK COUNTY FAIR

May 5, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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

County Board Members: Tom Cudo and John Kalepp

Others present: Shana Swanson

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Wiles

PRESENT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Nancy, seconded by Katie to approve the April 7, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FAIR COORDINATOR/INTERN REPORT: Hannah gave an update on Fairest of the Fair Competition, Joes Music and Fair book. Charmaine gave an update on Insurance for Demo Derby, Picnic License for events and Sponsor list.

EXTENSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

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

SHEEP AND GOAT PENS: Chair Wiles is requesting to update the pens for the 2024 Fair. Jon will get a quote for the materials and bring it back to the next Fair Board Meeting.

2023 MARKET ISSUES: Discussed the issues with taking all the animals to one processor. Might need a meeting between the processor and a few Fair Board and Livestock members to determine if another processor is needed or if the market can handle the amount of animals to be processed after the Fair.

BANDS: Bands are set for the 2024 Fair; one band has a contract for 2025 Fair.

Motion by Jon, seconded by Karla to approve Saturday night at the 2025 Rodeo – 3 Beers Down. Motion carried.

FAIR BOOK CHANGES: Chair Wiles is requesting to the members to look over the Fair Book and let Hannah know if there are any correction or changes.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT: Jon will be taking care of the Tournament during the Fair.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: No Report

VOLUNTEER LIST: Discussed the Volunteer list needs for the upcoming Fair.

ALCOHOL LICENSE AND OPERATOR: Connie will speak with the Department of Revenue to get clarification for the Picnic/Operator License rules.

CARCASS JUDGE: The Fair will hire the Carcass Judges for the upcoming year.

Motion by Jon, seconded by Nancy to hire up to 3 carcass Judges for the 2024 Fair. Motion carried.

ATV/UTV HELP: Katie gave the members information on times she needs help with upcoming ride.

TICKETS FOR OLS GOLF OUTING: OLS is requesting a donation of tickets for the 2024 Fair/Rodeo.

Motion by Nancy, seconded by Jon to approve the donation of 2 Friday Fair and 2 Friday Night Rodeo Tickets for 2024. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Discussed Thursday Night Barrels, Equipment for the Rodeo, Advertising on billboard, Check purchase for Demo Derby, Pinewood Derby, helping at Honor the Fallen and a sign at the Chuckwagon.

SET A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING – May 23rd and June 9th at 5:30 at the Senior Center.

ADJOURN – Chair adjourned at 7:53 p.m.