Rusk County Jr, Fairboard Minutes
June 7, 2020

Present: Scott Andres, Judy Srp, Ron Freeman, Connie Meyer, Brittany Wiles, Brooke Wiles, Jessica Wiles, Shari Coggins, Terry DuSell, Darrell Dought via phone, Charmaine Riddle, Lyle Lieffring, Breanne Meyer via zoom, Julie van Doorn arrive at 6:36 and Scott Jones at 6:45.

Meeting called to order at 6:04

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jessica Wiles/Connie Meyer 2nd to approve minutes from April 5, 2020 and May 3, 2020. A few typos to fix. Motion carried. Connie Meyer suggested that our agenda be posted online. Charmaine said they are posted under the County website.

Fair Coordinator report: The fair book has been released online. Some school exhibits are coming in. There was a survey sent out asking questions about fair attendance and exhibiting. Brooke shared those results with us. She also contacted all judges and superintendents and all on board to come to the fair except 1 judge. Brooke shared what she had asked the judges and superintendents. There are 8 campsites reserved so far. Joe’s Music contacted Brooke about playing at the fair on Saturday.

Extension Report: Nothing new to report. They are awaiting for 1 more committee member appointment. Lyle Lieffring is Chairperson and Terry DuSell is Vice Chairperson. The Justmann Band Contract was approved.

WAF: Judy read through the last few discussions on the WAF meetings every Thursday.

Truck/Tractor Pull: Scott Andres stated that pullers are still interested in having a pull. Charmaine is awaiting a contract and w-9 from the sled owner. A call to Andy Albarado was made and he said that the committee would have to approve it. Discussion about checking public health and checking into insurance.

We will need to attend the next County Board meeting for approval from the county. We need to have a plan as to what is going to happen at the fair.

Do we want to have a fair? Everyone is on board to have a fair for our kids.

Breanne covered the options for judging that was put out by the UWEX. Darrell Doughty asked about the auction and bidders. Terry Du Sell suggested a virtual auction. At this time we are proceeding as is but being very fluid about all of our decisions due to the state guidelines. Breanne explained those 4-H guidelines from her end. Livestock Committee will discuss their options.
Talked about what other fairs are doing that are still on and it ranges from normal to virtual. What do we want to do as a fair? Julie van Doorn, Not to have a full on fair but something for the kids. She would like to see a 1 day show for horses and brought up a few concerns regarding that. Jessica Wiles, have a fair as normal as possible. Brought up about how to keep things clean such as bathrooms and porta potties. Scott Andres, Normal as possible, Shari Coggins, normal as possible, Connie Meyer, normal as possible and being safe, Terry DuSell, normal as possible and being safe, Judy Srp, wants a fair for the kids, but need to be safe about it, Darrell Doughty, normal as possible, Scott Jones, See where the rules and be able to do something for our kids. Ron Freeman, a fair as normal as possible based on what is going on around us. Breanne Meyer asked the question as to what is normal and said that we need to have a plan. What are we going to present to the county board? Proceed as planned unless we are unable to then go to an exhibitor only fair. Charmaine covered expenses and profit and where we need to be at. Brooke to get masks, Terry or Darrell would get latex gloves and Jessica has donations as well of those items.

Motion to have no gate fees and do a free will offer was made by Jessica Wiles/Judy Srp 2nd Vote was 10 to 1. Motion carried.

**Mud Bog:** Scott Jones was ok with not having the mud bog at the fair and possibly moving it to fall. A motion by Terry DuSell/Judy Srp 2nd to move mud bog to Leaf it to Rusk as an event if possible. Motion carried. Scott Jones has to leave the meeting to handle an emergency.

**Jim Mitchell:** We will keep, Judy will talk to JREC to see if they would sponsor?

**Bands:** What bands do we want to keep? North of Dixie is playing twice, Friday night and Saturday 12-3. Justmann Band is Saturday at 9 after the rodeo. 8 Seconds during cookoff. A motion by Terry DuSell/Connie Meyer 2nd to cancel both bands and move 8 Seconds to Saturday afternoon. A roll call vote was taken, Terry DuSell - Yes, Scott Andres - yes, Ron Freeman - no, Connie Meyer - yes, Jessica Wiles - yes, Julie van Doorn - yes, Shari Coggins - yes, Judy Srp - yes, Darrell Doughty - yes. Motion Carried.

Joe’s Music will come in on Saturday then and play 4-6 pm.

**Horse Pull:** The cost id $800?

No contract, nothing new to schedule of events.

**Fairest of the Fairs:** Breanne Meyer and Brooke Wiles will take care of it.

**Truck/Tractor pull food/beverage:** Jessica Wiles, Connie Meyer and Shari Coggins will put together.

**Next Meeting will be June 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the LEC.** Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:12 pm by Julie van Doorn/Terry DuSell 2nd. Meeting adjourned.