
RUSK COUNTY FAIR

July 12, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Judy Srp, Connie Meyer, Jessica Wiles, Darrell Doughty, Jon Runstrom, Tammy Loomis, Katy Olesiak, Scott Andres, Brittney Wiles, Hannah Blackstock, Charmaine Riddle, Terry DuSell and Nancy Burmeister

County Board Members:

Others present: Shana Swanson, Josie Loomis

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Wiles.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Katy, seconded by Tammy to approve the June 18, 2023, minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

FAIR STAFF – Brittney and Hannah gave a report/update on vendors, request for meal for contestants performing at the Rodeo, media recordings, entry week, yard signs, mutton bust in, banners, little britches, Ag Olympics, open class, camping, trophies and religious organizations. *Motion by Connie, seconded by Terry to provide one meal to Rodeo contestants during the 2023 Rodeo. Motion carried.*

The motion by Nancy, seconded by Terry to have Livestock pay for market animal trophies, split the Showmanship trophies with the Fair and the Fair pay for the remainder of trophies purchased. Motion carried.

Charmaine requested to purchase corn for the corn boil, committee would like 120 dozen for this year's Fair. Fairest Wheel will be up and working and discussed the multipurpose building fans.

EXTENSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – No report.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Event needs for Truck and Tractor Pull – Charmaine discussed the Event/list needs for the Pull to be turned into the maintenance department.

Advertising for the Truck and Tractor Pull – The Chair is requesting approval to advertise on Fox 99.

Motion by Nancy, seconded by Judy to approve the expenditure to advertise on Fox 99 for \$999.00. Motion carried.

EMS & Fire for the Truck and Tractor Pull and Fair – The Rusk County Ambulance will be present at both the Truck and Tractor Pull and the Fair. Bruce Fire Department will be present at the Truck and Tractor Pull.

Remodeling update and action Plan – Discussed epoxying the floor in the Chuck Wagon, Flood lights installation and OSB in the Watering hole.

Chicken Dinner needs – Committee would like to order enough food for 200 people (grilled chicken, baked potatoes, baked beans and a bun) on Sunday of the Fair from 11 a.m. until its gone - \$10.00 for 1/4 and \$15.00 for 1/2.

Sawdust/shaving for the Fair – Sawdust will be needed for bedding. Terry and Tammy will check into buying 45 yards.

Sponsors and Banners – Brittney and Hannah will make the last order for banners next week.

Approval of table purchase – Tables are needed during the Fair.

Motion by Jon, seconded by Nancy to purchase 30 tables or up to \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

Contracts – Discussed payment for Fair Contracts.

Volunteers – Volunteers are still needed for gate and other events.

Any other business that may come before the Committee

Gun Raffle, Advertising in the Ladysmith News for Truck and Tractor Pull, Corn Hole Tournament by the Lion Club, porta potties and hiring photography for old time pictures.

Motion by Jon, seconded by Connie to approve advertising in the Ladysmith News for the Truck and Tractor pull.

Motion carried.

Motion by Katy, seconded by Nancy to put a Porta Pottie in the Lion Club area for the 2023 Fair. Motion carried.

Set a date for the next meeting – July 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Adjourn – *Chair adjourned at 9:00 p.m.*