

**RUSK COUNTY JR FAIR BOARD**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT 18, 2022 @ 6 PM**  
**RUSK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, COUNTY BOARD ROOM, LEC**

**PRESENT:** Committee members present: Charmaine Riddle, Jess Wiles, Nancy Burmeister, Katy Olesiak, Cassie Barron, Julie vanDoorn, Tammy Loomis and Darrell Doughty. Appearances over the phone by: Connie Meyer and Judy Srp.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to Order by Chair, Jess Wiles at 6:05 pm.

**MINUTES:** *Motion to approve August 21, 2022 minutes by Darrell with second by Nancy. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Meeting was turned over to Vice Chair Darrell to open nominations for Chair. Tammy nominated Jess Wiles. Nominations were called 3 times. *Motion by Connie with second by Katy to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jess. Motion carried.* Jess resumed presiding over the meeting. Jess opened nominations for Vice Chair. Nancy nominated Darrell. Nominations were called 3 times. *Motion by Julie with second by Tammy to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Darrell. Motion carried.* Jess opened nominations for Secretary. Jess nominated Connie. Nominations were called 3 times. *Motion by Jess with second by Katy to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Connie. Motion carried.*

**CAMPING:** Discussed amount of campers and types of camping. Could expand license but don't have to county 4H exhibitors. Any camping spots need to be on a map and within 400' from potable water and sewer. No action taken.

**MOVE SHOW SCHEDULE AROUND:** Discussed conflict with animal judging. Some ideas were:

- Move dogs and cats to Wednesday
- 1 day dairy show
- Switch poultry & swine. Move poultry back and move swine up to 9 or earlier.
- Make horse show 1 day and have Gymkhana on a separate day.

Decided to invite Dairy, Horse, Livestock and Small Animal to next meeting.

**BLEACHERS IN ROUND BARN:** Discussed state of bleachers and lack of seating in round barn. No action taken.

**ALCOHOL ON THE GROUNDS:** Discussed pursuing alcohol in additional areas where Jr Fair could tap in on the revenue generated from alcohol sales.

**RODEO FOR 2023:** Discussed issues with 2022 rodeo - Rodeo personnel bringing dogs into hotel which caused an issue, most thought length of rodeo was great but a few thought it was short, need better lighting on midway, Sons of AmVets had minimal contact at their vendor spot and would like to be moved by the National Guard. Discussed whether to have a 1 day or 2 day rodeo in 2023. 1 day would be \$23,000 and 2 day would be \$31,500 not including prize money. Will look at revenue and make a decision at the next meeting.

**BY LAW APPROVAL:** Fair board wishes to change their name to Rusk County Fair. Will bring request to Justice, Youth & Extension Committee.

**MEMBERS TERMS:** Forgot to review terms at last annual meeting so Connie and Terry need approval for 2 year term and Judy, Scott Andres and Darrell are up for a 3 year renewal. *Motion by Nancy with second by Tammy to approve the term renewals. Motion carried.* Julie vanDoorn announced that she is resigning from the fair board.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW:** No financials but reported that Gary is getting numbers for the back gate and we need to schedule the fairgrounds inspection soon.

BANDS: No report

FAIR EVENTS: Carnival? Horse Pull would like to come back but questioned whether they could perform in the rodeo arena. They will send out contract in January. Charmaine will request a contract for Nick's Kid Show for 3 days. Meyer draft horses – where could we house them or will they fit in arena? Charmaine questioned whether anyone contacted Mow Masters, Sea Hamsters and Inflatables.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Need to close building to take items down safely to avoid people climbing on tables and chairs in tin building.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 16

ADJOURN: Nancy motioned to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.