

Rusk County Jr. Fair Board Minutes
August 30, 2020

Present: Judy Srp, Connie Meyer, Julie van Dorn, Ron Freeman, Darrell Doughty, Jessica Wiles, Brittany Wiles, Scott Jones, Lyle Leiffing, Charmaine Johnson. Terry DuSell arrived at 6:11 pm.

Meeting called to order at 6:06

Fair Coordinator: Brook and Brittany have posted fair pictures to the website. The fair report is done and in. Mud bog posters are printed for everyone to take.

Charmaine stated that the bill from Prorok was \$1,050 from the fair. The original bid for 14 porta potties and 5 hand washing stations was \$1,350. The 5 hand washing stations were \$30.00 a day and the 2 porta potties \$30.00 a day with 14 maintenance calls for cleaning and restocking at \$60.00 each. They gave a \$50 discount.

All fair checks have been entered and will be issued September 9th. IF they don't want to cash their check and donate it. There is a form they can complete to do so.

Most of the judges are paid and still need a W-9 from a few. Horse pull is still not paid and Charmaine will reach out to them to get that EIN corrected or to use a SS number.

Mud Bog: Scott JOnes still has work to do on the pit but should be ready by then. He has not purchased any new fill. May need some top soil though. Scott would like to move the cement block closer to the pit. Judy would check with insurance to make sure it's ok. We have \$808 to work with.

Food: We have brats left from the Truck/Tractor pull, Jess will do Chili and we will do grilled cheese. Terry has cheese and butter donated. Judy will check with Kwik Trip for buns and bread. Jess will check on what pop is left and we will use that. Hot Chocolate, Judy will see if she can get it donated. Also will use what water we have left. Jessica will purchase alcohol from Dave at East Mart. Darrell will take care of the PA system. Classes will be done at the trailer. Brooke will handle the back gate. Charmaine will apply for the picnic license. Gates will open at 10:00. We will need bleachers, picnic tables, fencing by maintenance. We have the water hose to water the pit. We will need 3 porta potties and 2 hand washing stations. We will get bids from Jiffy Biffy and Prorok again. Judy will check with Tom Hall to have the ambulance.

Rodeo: Marty Barnes came and did a nice presentation. Approximate cost will be \$41,000. Sponsorship - How many can we get and how much money? Do we have enough man power and how will we cover everything, such gates, grandstand, set up of arena, marketing etc.... Could the event be self sufficient?

If everyone could do \$3,000 in sponsorship and not bank on ticket sales. Terry said to count some of the ticket sales. We would not be doubling our money. Would need to have \$25,000-\$28,000 by January to make sure this will work. Need to have a good event that will draw people into the fair. Another question would be do we charge for both Rodeo and Gate? How much would we charge? We would have \$8,000 to start if Lamperts donate the same again. Ron covered some of the costs and budget projections. Terry said making a decision sooner

would be better, for sure before the beginning of the year. We should also know what we are selling, what events that can be sponsored and what do they get for being a sponsor? Also mentioned about hiring someone to do all the sponsorship work?

Darrell mentioned the sound system needs to be updated on that end of the fairgrounds. About \$5,000 for a good system,

All board members need to be present at the next board meeting to make a sound decision for the rodeo.

Board Members: The board has 5 members that have terms that are ready to expire. They are Ron Freeman, Loren Beebe, Scott Jones, Julie van Doorn and Jessica Wiles. Who will remain on the board should be decided by the next meeting and let Ron know. Any new board members would need to be approved by UWEX. It was asked if there were any suggestions for new board members? Connie asked about out of county board members? We have 4-H groups that are out of county that participate in the fair.

Bylaw and rule changes: Need to go over bylaws to update and make changes. It is suggested about going back to the Rusk County Fair as a name and we should check with Rich on that. Ron also would like the change for the Chairperson to be able to send out the agendas.

Informational Items: Jessica asked about the \$2,500 in the budget for the Rabbit cages. Judy let her know this was grant money from compeer. Terry mentioned that the fair would need to look into getting a bigger bulk tank. That way the hauler would not need to make so many trips from such a distance.

The cheese curds that were at the Truck/Tractor pull were donated by Terry and Betsy DuSell. The repairs to the bulk tank were donated by Ben and Jessica Wiles.

Budget: Ron would like to use the budget from 2020 for 2021. Motion by Connie Meyer/Jessica Wiles 2nd. Motion carried. Ron would also check with Kitzie to see if we need to meet with her.

Next meeting will be September 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm in LEC.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jessica Wiles/Terry DuSell 2nd. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.