

## RUSK COUNTY FAIR

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### September 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Jessica Wiles, Darrell Doughty, Jon Runstrom, Tammy Loomis, Connie Meyer, Katy Olesiak, Whitney Trott, Charmaine Riddle and Nancy Burmeister. Judy Srp-Via Phone.

County Board Members: None

Others present: Shana Swanson, Angie and Brad Sepanski

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Motion by Darrell, seconded by Jon to approve the August 2, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Morgan commented on the fair.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- **Chair** – *Motion by Connie, seconded by Nancy to nominate Jessica Wiles as Chair. Darrel called for additional nomination. Motion by Connie, seconded by Whitney to closed nomination and cast unanimous ballot for Jessica. Motion carried. (Jessica Wiles is Chair 2023-2024)*
- **Vice Chair** - *Motion by Tammy, seconded by Jon to nominate Darrel Doughty as Vice-Chair. Jessica called for additional nomination. Motion by Connie, seconded by Nancy to closed nomination and cast unanimous ballot for Darrel. Motion carried. (Darrel Doughty is Vice-Chair 2023-2024)*
- **Secretary** - *Motion by Jon, seconded by Nancy to nominate Connie Meyer as Secretary. Jessica called for additional nomination. Motion by Darrel, seconded by Katy to closed nomination and cast unanimous ballot for Connie. Motion carried. (Connie Meyer is Secretary 2023-2024)*

**FAIR STAFF** – Charmaine gave the financial report from the year.

**EXTENSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** – No Report

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION**

**Food Booth Fair Update** – Shana gave an update on the Food Booth during the Fair. October 8<sup>th</sup> at noon is a picnic for all volunteers during Fair events.

**Reimburse Shana** – A request to be reimbursed for 2 stainless steel tables.

*Motion by Nancy, seconded by Tammy to reimburse Shana for 2 stainless steel tables for the Fair. Motion carried.*

**Fair board Members Term** – Jessica Wiles and Nancy Burmeister to approve the 3-year terms.

*Motion by Jon, seconded by Darrel to approve Jessica Wiles and Nancy Burmeister for a 3-year term and forward to the Justice Youth and Extension for approval. Motion carried.*

Discussion on the Bye-Laws.

*Motion by Jon, seconded by Katy if any member missed 3 meetings may be removed from the board. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Katy, seconded by Jon to remove Cassie Barron from the Fair Board. Motion carried.*

**Removing Fence** – The Property Committee has approved removal of the Fence from the top part of the Grandstands.

**Parking/Stipend** – Darrel has suggested to find a group for parking at \$50.00 per hour or \$300.00 per night.

*Motion by Nancy, seconded by Darrel to pay a group a stipend of \$300.00 for parking for during the Rodeo. Motion carried.*

**Dairy production/milk during the Fair** – Judy spoke with Chippewa County and all milk goes in the tank. Discussed the Fair book rules for 2024 to be implemented.

Fairground Projects for 2024 – Discussed the projects that are needed at the Fairgrounds.  
2024 Rodeo – *Motion by Nancy, seconded by Jon to have a 2-day Rodeo for the 2024 Fair. Motion carried.*  
Discussed having local Barrel racers and ranch broncs, Jess will inquire with the Contractor.  
Other Grandstand Events – Discussed Horse pulls, Lawn Mower races, discussion held.  
Helping at the Veterans Ride – Is requesting help on Friday and Saturday for the Veterans ride.  
Demo Derby – Discussed having a Demo Derby during the fall of 2024.  
Superintendents – Will talk about replacing beef Superintendent at the October meeting.

Any other business that may come before the Committee – The Wisconsin Association of Fairs is January 7-10<sup>th</sup> in the Dells.

Mud Bog – Scott Jones said it went very well and would like a strong commitment on the track.  
*Motion by Jon, seconded by Nancy to allow up to \$5,000.00 to fix the mud pit from the Fair budget and forward to Property Committee.*

Justice Youth and Extension to sell alcohol at the 2024 Fair for the following times.

Thursday	5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Rodeo - Grandstand and South Fairground signed/fenced area.
Saturday	Bidder Dinner – North end Fairgrounds 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Rodeo - Grandstand and South Fairground signed/fenced area.
Sunday	Mud bog – Fenced in area 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Balloon guy – *Motion by Tammy, seconded by Nancy to have Half Twisted-Half Knot for Sunday at the 2024 Fair. Motion carried.*

Charmaine informed the Committee of the invoices for the Fairgrounds during the Fair.

The Multipurpose Building getting cleaned after getting rented out.

**Set a date for the next meeting** – October 22, 2023 in the LEC.

**Adjourn** – *Motion by Nancy, seconded by Connie to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried.*