

TRI COUNTY FAIR BOARD  
MINUTES  
JULY 9, 2015 - 8:00 P.M  
WEED BOARD BUILDING

Carolyn Pasha called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Carolyn Pasha, Suzi Graveley, Amanda Amberg, Ruth Koehler, Suzanne Smith, Dawn Hauptman, Richard Thomas, and Dick Perkins, Roxie Davis

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Danielle Stevenson, Bob Toole, Amanda Bohrer, Allen Harrison, Joe Solan, Karleen Lunceford, Tom Burden, Tom Lunceford, Colby Manley, Morgan Radtke, Sheila Manley, Katie Burden and Abbi Phillip.

Guest Allen Harrison asked the board to pay for promotional posters for the Fair Fun Zone. He received a bid for \$250.00 for 250 posters from the Anaconda Leader. The board asked that Allen also get a quote from Lickety Print and go with the lowest bid. A motion was made to purchase the signs by Dick Perkins, seconded by Roxie Davis.

Allen Harrison also asked for help finding sand bags to hold the tents that he has in place. Ruth Koehler will assist Allen in this request. He would also like to use the petting zoo building. Local members of the clergy will be the volunteers for this year's "Flush Em" booth. Proceeds from this booth will go to the Deer Lodge Ministerial Association.

Parade Chairman Amanda Bohrer will hand out business cards promoting vendor spaces at "Alive After 5" in Anaconda. She mentioned that the DUI task force wants an information booth and possibly a chute sign. Amanda also has volunteers to decorate the Fair Board booth in the exhibit hall. Plans for the parade are falling into place

Guest Katie Burden spoke with the board about the decision made at the June meeting to omit all waterfowl and poultry from this year's fair due to the avian bird flu. She, along with 4-H members from her club presented facts to the board about the disease. They also gave suggestions on how to safely allow chickens and turkeys to be exhibited. The decision was made that all chickens and turkeys must:

- Be swabbed by a state vet Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. These results will be overnighted to the lab and results must be back by Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Katie Burden will be responsible for organizing this with the state vet.
- On Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, each chicken and turkey will be checked in by a vet to make sure they are healthy. The birds are to be brought in their own carriers. They will not be placed in the poultry cages on the tables as in the past. The bird is to be taken from the carrier, showed and then immediately removed from the fairgrounds. There will be no poultry kept at the fairgrounds this year. The superintendents, judges and exhibitors will be responsible to make sure the area is sanitized between each bird.
- The poultry barn and show area will be closed to the public during this time.
- Poster boards will be made by 4-H members to explain why the birds are not on display at the fair and to educate about avian bird flu.

The board voted to amend June's motion to keep all waterfowl and poultry from the fair. Waterfowl will still be excluded but poultry will be allowed with the above precautions in place. The board held a revote

on this issue: 6 Members approved the request, 2 abstained from voting and 1 rejected the motion. The motion passed.

Abbi Phillip, Deer Lodge County Extension Agent, spoke with the board about a superintendent training workshop. It will be held Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. All open class and 4-H superintendents are encouraged to attend.

The minutes from the June meeting were read by Danielle Stevenson. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Richard Thomas, seconded by Dick Perkins.

The Big Sky Draft Horse Expo has requested to move the date of the expo each year to the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in July. Danielle Stevenson will let them know that the request is granted.

Danielle Stevenson read a letter from Alisha Close requesting permission to rent the tables from the exhibit hall in late August. She will pay a \$200.00 deposit and pay \$5.00 for each table rented. Her requested was granted.

Claims were presented to the board for approval by Danielle Stevenson. Motion to approve paying these claims was made by Ruth Koehler, seconded by Roxie Davis.

Kacie Perkins is the new board member representing Powell County.

Gophers have destroyed the power connection to the cement restrooms. Joe Solan will contact Dean Desilva and Jim Evans to see if they can get this issue fixed.

Ruth Koehler has been in contact with the Sheriff's office regarding security during the fair. Search and Rescue will provide night watch.

Rodeo passes were distributed to the board members.

Advertising was discussed. The posters with the schedule of events will be delivered to Deer Lodge on Tuesday. Danielle Stevenson will pick them up and get them distributed throughout the counties. Ruth Koehler will be in contact with Lamar Advertising on the billboard. Bob Toole will continue to promote over the radio.

Funding and design ideas for ADA seating are still being researched.

Amanda Amberg reported that we still need EMT 3 volunteers to cover for the rodeos and demolition derby. Philipsburg is now providing their ambulance for \$400.00 for the entire weekend. Powell County will still serve as a backup. Motion to approve paying \$400.00 for P-burg was made by Dick Perkins, seconded by Suzanne Smith.

Danielle Stevenson will check to make sure all judges have been found and that the poultry judge is aware of the restrictions. She will also make sure the checkbook is ready and get funds transferred from the county. Danielle will also follow up with Cindy Clawson on the liquor liability. She will also contact Eaf Parke to see about getting gifts for the Round Robin judges.

The exhibit hall will be cleaned on August 6-9<sup>th</sup>. It will be decorated on the 9<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed.

Suzanne Smith will be in contact with the tractor association to see if they can provide rides on Friday and Saturday.

Danielle Stevenson will contact Amanda Bohrer about how The Berg family will be transported during the parade.

The dedication of the fair will be done at the beginning of the stock sale starting at 5:30 with the parade of champions following at 5:45p.m. Danielle Stevenson will contact Charla Berg to let her know the times that her family is needed during the fair.

A thank you will be sent Parke Logging for the donation of the split rails.

The fair fundraiser date was changed to September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. Catering bids were reviewed by the board and they selected Angel Barce's bid. The pricing for the dinner will be \$12.00 for adults and \$9.00 for 10 & under. Presale tickets will be sold during the fair and posters will be displayed throughout the counties. Danielle Stevenson will contact Jodi Pauley to see if the 4-H end of year celebration would like to be a part of the fundraiser.

The next meeting will be on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00p.m. at the Weed Board Office.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Thomas, seconded by Suzanne Smith at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danielle Stevenson  
Secretary