

TRI COUNTY FAIR BOARD
MINUTES

September 10, 2015 - 8:00 P.M LOCATION: WEED BOARD BUILDING

Carolyn Pasha called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Pasha, Suzi Graveley, Amanda Amberg, Ruth Koehler, Suzanne Smith, Dawn Hauptman, Richard Thomas, Kacie Perkins

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Danielle Stevenson, Allen Harrison, Rem Mannix and Scott Barger.

Guest Allen Harrison came to the meeting to thank the board for their support of the Fair Fun Zone during the fair. He would like to come back again next year. He asked for suggestions on groups to run the booths and how to make it more effective and attract more people.

Guest Scott Barger spoke with the board about retrofitting the hog pens to make them larger. They will go from 5'X12' to 5'X15". Additional pens will need to be made to accommodate the growing number of exhibitors. A fundraiser is being planned. The cost to retrofit each section, which is 3 pens, will be around \$100.00. 5-7 new pens will need to be made at the cost of approximately \$350.00 each. The total amount will be \$5000.00 and this does not include labor. Once this stage is completed, wash pens will be evaluated.

The minutes from the July meeting were read by Danielle Stevenson. Motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Richard Thomas, seconded by Suzanne Smith.

Danielle Stevenson read thank you letters received from Morgan Radtke, Grady Radtke, Audry Radtke, Peggy Zimmerman, and Sydney Reich. A letter from the Avon Grange was also read. Enclosed were two donations to the grandstand remodel. The Grange also asked to have the hamburger stand again next year during the fair. Motion to approve the Grange's request to provide concessions under the same agreement as in the past was made by Suzi Graveley, seconded by Ruth Koehler.

Claims were presented to the board for approval. Motion to approve paying these claims was made by Ruth Koehler, seconded by Richard Thomas.

Alisha Yount has offered to allow the board to use some of her wedding decorations at the fair fundraiser in exchange for the waiver of the rental fee from the tables she rented. Motion to approve was made by Amanda Amberg, seconded by Suzanne Smith.

The upcoming fundraiser was discussed and assignments were made. Ruth Koehler will confirm with Scotty's to see if he can provide a bar. Amanda Amberg will check with Kickstart Entertainment for music availability. Dawn Hauptman will see if the National Guard would be interested in bringing their games. Tickets were given to each board member to sell.

The date of the 2016 fair will be August 17th - 21st.

The board agreed to hire Team Ghost Riders at the cost of \$4000.00 for the rodeo entertainment. Motion to approve was made by Kacie Perkins, seconded by Dawn Hauptman.

Suzi Graveley suggested that there be a meeting scheduled in April to talk about judge responsibilities between all 3 counties. There need to be more communication about which judges each county is responsible for securing.

The fair has received a \$500.00 grant from NW Energy. The money will go towards grandstand maintenance.

Ways to increase attendance at the rodeos was discussed. The board will look into adding some kid's events/activities. The board will also look into having event sponsors to help cover the costs of the added money. A rodeo committee will be formed at a later time.

The rodeo contract is up for bid. Danielle Stevenson will contact the NRA to check on the processes that needs to be followed.

The discussions on fair book changes and grounds improvements were tabled until the next meeting.

Richard Thomas will contact Travis Standley about being the livestock judge.

Suzi Graveley would like to improve the quilt barn and add some activities, displays, demonstrations. Kacie Perkins will be assisting Suzi in the exhibit hall and quilt barn next year.

The carnival would like to return to the fair next year. They will be bringing more rides and bouncy houses. The pricing will change to offer more for everyone. The cost is \$4000.00, with \$2000.00 due at booking. Motion to approve hiring the carnival was made by Richard Thomas, seconded by Suzi Graveley.

The next meeting will be October 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Weed Board office.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.m. The motion was made by Richard Thomas and seconded by Dawn Hauptman.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Stevenson
Secretary