

TRI – COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2018 – WEED BOARD OFFICE

Carolyn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Richard Thomas, Carolyn Pasha, Dawn Hauptman, Debra Crow, Ruth Koehler, Kacie Perkins and Eaf Parke

Others in attendance: David Wells

Correspondence:

Minutes: The minutes from the September meeting were read. Dawn moved to table the minutes due to the following needs to be added to the September minutes: There was a discussion on closing the fair early on Sunday.)

Claims: Claims were presented to the board for approval. A motion to approve the claims was made by Richard Thomas seconded by Dawn Hauptman.

Old Business: The Chamber would like the fair to be closed early on Sunday so that they can begin preparations for the demolition derby. Ruth will invite the Chamber members to the next meeting on January 10, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

A parent needs a letter due to helping kids with hogs at the fair even after being told not to. This will be a warning that if it happens again the exhibitors will be asked to leave. Verbiage from the fair book will be included. She will not be a superintendent next year.

Another parent needs a letter due to inappropriate behavior and fair. She was throwing other kids' belongings into the alley and the sheep pens.

Hog pens are different and do not match. We need to get an update from Scott on how to even up with Axmen. This will be on the January agenda.

New Grounds Business:

David presented cost for equipment \$4999.00

Richard presented cost for tractor \$32980.00

Trade of \$4000.00

Richard will check on financing at the dealership. David will check on financing through API and Kacie will check on local financing. Ruth and Richard will present this to the commissioners on Monday, October 22nd.

AT&T has approached the fair board about installing a first responder cell tower on the fair grounds. They would pay \$500-\$1000 per month. Deb made a motion to pursue a deal with AT&T, Richard seconded. Motion Passed.

A grant for the ADA Bathrooms in the grandstands has been submitted. Our match, if approved will be approximately \$8000.

Coffee maker is here but needs to be installed.

DOT grant funds are not available at this time, but we would like to pursue drains in front of the exhibit building along Main Street. Dave has been meeting about this and we will pursue this when funds become available.

New Fair Business:

Ruth presented the idea of having the theme "Pack The Place in Pink" for one of the rodeos.

Board Meetings will now be at 7:00 p.m. year round

The carnival contract for next year was reviewed. He is working on purchasing new bigger equipment but will need more space. Dawn moved to accept the carnival contract of \$5000.00, Eaf seconded it. Motion passed.

There was a discussion about fair entertainment and the magician being a big hit. Ruth and Amanda will check out other options at the RMAF convention.

Danielle needs to send a confirmation letter to the livestock judge.

Money was received from the Lions Club and the Avon Grange for concession sales.

The 2020 fair theme is tabled until January when a list of options is available.

There was a discussion about transitioning to LED lights. Ruth will check with Montana Power about financial assistance.

Upcoming Events:

November meeting is cancelled due to Board Member Conflicts. There will be no meeting in December.

The next meeting will February 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weed Board office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kacie Perkins
Typed by Danielle Stevenson
Secretary, Tri-County Fair Board