

**Tri-County Market Meeting**  
**WebEx meeting**  
**April 22, 2020**

**Members present:** Will Graveley, Dale Perkins, Kayla Lowery, Leslie Given, Norman Johnson, Bill Lombardi, Scott Barger, Michael Nelson, Richard Thomas

**Ex Officio Members Present:** Ben Hauptman, Kimberly Richardson, Bo Walker

**Others Present:** Shirley Thomas, David Miller, Reed Roseleip, Hobley Family, Sarah Warner, Jodi Pauley, Brooks Phillips

President Will Graveley called the meeting to order via Web Ex. Leslie moved to approve the minutes, motion was seconded and passed on a roll call vote.

**Old Business**

- Will discussed improvements. Norm talked about the 20x30 foot pad for the wash rack. He felt it was best to go to the west as the drainage is better, however the east side may be an option toward the loading chute. They would have to get with the fair board and have that discussion. The cost would be around \$8,000 for the concrete and then the prep work, etc. would easily run over \$10,000. For right now Norm felt getting the tie rails in for the sheep is the priority for this season. He felt coordinating times in the wash rack would really help.
  - Richard thought we should table the bigger project till next year but work on getting a plan in place. Michael and Norm could meet Friday May 1 at the fairgrounds and Richard thought he could be there too to go over future plans for the wash rack.
- Bred Heifer Affidavit was discussed. Richard moved to accept the affidavit, motion was seconded, motion passed by a roll call vote.
- Scale Certification: Will said he would like to get the date of service moved up. The charge was \$125, Leslie will add the expense to the budget.

**New Business**

- Check off Consent: Will said they got a notice in the mail for both 2019 and 2020. David thought 2018 was the first year they had done it. Will asked if it is only for the beef that are sold through the sale and David said that was correct. David said it is paid every year through the brand inspection and the committee just needs to sign the consent form. Leslie moved to sign the consent form to release those funds, motion was seconded and approved by roll call vote.
- Weigh in is set for June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Drummond contact will be Michael, Darah Nelson and Eaf Parke. 7:30 am to 9:30 am
  - Deer Lodge Contact is Dale and Will. June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 am to 10 am
  - Helmville Contact is Scott and Brad Radtke. Friday June 5, 8 am to 10 am
    - If restrictions are still on then the market committee may have to mail the tags and kids would have to take pictures of the animals. Discussion was when to make that call. It was decided to have another meeting on Wednesday, May 20 to make that decision.

Norm felt we need to have a couple of options, if we do weigh in, folks may need to stay in vehicles until their turn, etc.

- Brooks said she could reach out to people in their area to see if Friday morning while it is cool would work better than Friday late afternoon when it is so hot.
- Interviews:
  - June 17<sup>th</sup> 6 pm Community Center, will need to make a final decision at the May meeting if interviews can be done at that time.
  - July 11 would be in Hall Noon to 4 pm
  - July 25<sup>th</sup> would be Deer Lodge, Noon to 4 pm
  - Brad Radtke will be in charge of getting judges
- Processors: Tizer Meats is willing to do the kill again and processing or animals can go to processors of the buyer's choice.
- Fair meal: Dale thought we should stay with Angel Barce if she is willing to do it. Norm said he would call her and get some bids.
- Secretary: Shirley has recruited Reed Roseleip to help with the market sale and fair. Reed wondered if there was a jump drive, etc. that he could take and study. Leslie said it is all online and she could coordinate with Sheila at the Extension office and do some sessions to learn the system. Will asked Reed if he was interested in doing the minutes as well and any reports needed from fair, etc. Reed wondered if he would be required to attend fair board meetings, etc. Will said no, just market committee. Reed thought he could do minutes, etc. Dale moved to appoint Reed Roseleip as secretary, motion was seconded and passed by roll call vote.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Pauley