

VALLEY COUNTY FAIR & RODEO BOARD

Fair Board Meeting Discussion

October 19, 2022

Members present: Carl Barrett, Tobie Olson, Dylan Redmon, Casie Carnes, & Dawn McGinnis

Support present: Sherry Maupin, County Commissioner; Linda, Open Class

Guest present:

Minutes to Sept. Fair Evaluation meeting: *Casie moved, Tobie seconded, then the Board approved the previous minutes.*

Treasurers Report:

\$55,000.00 available. Have not received invoice for porta potties. Carl has Jenni's check for the sponsorships.

Extension Report:

It's her birthday, she was not present.

Discussion:

*Sherry informed the Board the Extension office is moved into it's new location.

*Funding received for the county, 8.7 million to identified to use with \$200,000 save for Fair Board to use by 2023 fair.

*Casie introduced a rough draft of an MOU between the Fair Board and the County regarding the fairgrounds. The Board will look it over and discuss changes at the next meeting. Once a final is complete, the Board will give to Sherry who will give to the County attorney to go over.

*Sherry stated that the F.B. should hire an employee for say \$30,000 a year to perform certain duties such as agendas, minutes, paperwork, applications to use the grounds, etc. There was discussion on this if it would work for worker's comp, payroll, etc. The Board will think on this and discuss more at the next meeting. We discussed not a new but a MOU with the Count as an advisory position.

*The Road Dept. will have funds identified in 2024 and off the grounds by 2026. With that Sherry stated that 4-H would be then moved into the office space. The Board would like to make sure there is plenty of room for our needs also.

*We will be able to use the rough area of the Whitewater park as long as we clean up the hay, manure after contestants leave.

*Tobie met with 2 people with steel company for the arena fence to be see through & all pens, roping boxes, etc. For all of this it will be \$80,000. Need pricing for new seating also. County has \$25,000 for next year hoping to get more seating. There was also discussion on sprinklers to go on the top railing.

*Need grant writer for the free package for new rodeo grounds. Sherry will get info to the grant writer when Tobie gets all the info to Sherry. The grand is starting 2nd week of November and will be awarded in March.

*Money allocations:

Building/cover to replace tent rentals

Loading ramp

Concessions, beer & office/meeting room under the grandstands

Fence around the property

*Rodeo to be the weekend before the 4-H events. Flow smoother for vendors, etc.

*Casie informed the Board that she is moving when her house sells to Oregon. She would like to remain our Treasurer and the Board agreed.