The Cedar County Fair Minutes January 17, 2024

January 17, 2024, Meeting was called to Order by Brian Neuberger (President) at 7:02 PM at the fair office.

Board Members Present:

Anderson, Duston
Licht, Kevin
Schroeder, Doug
Chapman, Lynn
Light, Tom
Shinker, Dave
Edge, Patti
Neuberger, Brian
Siders, Kim
Jackson, Jenny
Pruess, Dana
Smith, Craig
Ketelsen, Ed
Schiele, Lance
Wiese, Macy

Board Members Absent: Fitzgerald, Kyle; McCleary, Evan; Doerscher, Dean

Guest Recognition: Brad Gaul – Brad let us that the budget is tight, and the supervisors are working on it. Kelli Crock & Lynn Ketelsen were also in attendance.

Correspondence: Nothing noteworthy, district meeting coming up in March.

Approval of December Minutes: Lance Schiele made a motion to approve minutes from the December Monthly Meeting. Tom Light seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Financial Report:

General Account Balance: \$8034.86 Mathews Account Balance: \$4331.56

Liberty Savings Account Balance: \$25689.33

Ag Building Account: \$50000 Total Cash Assets: \$88055.75

Liabilities Grounds improvements: \$50100 Liabilities Grandstand Project: \$43294.38

Approval of Financial Report: Kevin Licht made motion to approve the financial report. Lance Schiele seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Financial, Bylaws, Insurance & Grants Committee Report: Quarterly budget report handed out. Amended Budget – see handout. Amended for expected increase in insurance and Sound cost was not in the budget approved in November. Duston Anderson moved to amend the budget as described. Craig Smith Seconded. Motion Carried.

Grant received from ICAP. Community Foundation Grant-Dave Shinker suggested applying for security lighting. Lynn Chapman made a motion to apply for grant for security lighting. Doug Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Partnerships Committee Report: Review list of businesses and give Jenny any changes to list that you know of.

Entertainment (Carnival, Grandstand Events, Free Stage) Committee Report:

Promotions (Advertising, Website, Social Media), Recruitment, and Volunteers Committee Report: Concert announcement date next Tuesday January 23. Ticket sales will start Feb 2. The committee is proposing association members will get 25% off their total order excluding VIP tickets for the month of February only. New members will receive the discount. Patti Edge made the motion to approve the proposal. Second by Dana Pruess. Motion Carried.

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Capital Improvements, Maintenance, Repairs and Events Prep Committee Report: Multi building- fundraising is being kickstarted. Veggie building will be taken down. Tree stump removal is on the list to do. Finishing trim on floral hall is also on the list to do.

Doug Schroeder made a motion to have the Treasurer invest the monies we receive for building in a cd. Treasurer to get approval via text. Duston Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Safe- the safe we have been looking at does not have the key option. Craig Smith made a motion to get safe without the key. Ed Ketelsen Seconded. Motion carried with one No vote.

Concessions, Rentals, Vendors and Camping Committee Report: Gala is the next event in Mathews. There are a couple other fundraiser events in February. Lynn is asking for an increase in the weekend package rental rate from \$1500 to \$2000. Tom Light made the motion to increase the weekend rental package to \$2500 starting in 2025 – grandfathering in those that have already signed contracts. Also adding a page to contract for partners. Lance Schiele seconded. Motion carried. Replacement Fans for Mathews building are \$210 each. Duston is looking at \$155 each in parts to fix urinals. Urinals will be fixed before Gala.

Livestock, Livestock Buildings and Open Shows Committee Report: meeting coming up. Arena grooming tool will be tested at the March Madness Cattle show.

4-H and Extension Center Report: Gala – Fair board needs to get a few more Auction items. Horse arena – safety issue will be addressed through livestock committee. There was a question on who has key to saddle club building. (We have one in the office.)

FFA Report: nothing to report.

Other Business: none

Adjournment: Tom Light made a motion to adjourn. Ed Ketelsen seconded motion. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved on __February 14, 2024____

Kim Siders, Secretary

Brian Neuberger, President