

Floyd County Fair Board Meeting
April 17, 2024

Called to order at 6:58 pm by Kelsey

Members present were: Drew Mithcell, Renee Knapp, Ryan Wegner, Ron Hillegas, Matt Stille, Amy Staudt, Kelsey Uetz, Mike Quade, Kurt Thorson, Dustin Howe, Melissa Merriss, and Rich Tynan

Secretary Report: Minutes of the March meeting were read. Amy made a motion to approve, seconded by Matt, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was read. Matt made a motion to approve, seconded by Drew, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

1. **FFA Instructors:** CC FFA will be holding a pig show at the fairgrounds in 2 weeks. They will not need to use the barns, only the show arena. Wrapped up at the state convention and starting to look forward to the county fair. Jenn Schmitt will be the new FFA Advisor for the Rockford FFA.
2. **Extension/4-H County Committee:** 55 members attended YQCA. All classes have been held in person. Any member who has not completed the training will need to do so online. The Fairbook is published on the website. The fair schedule is also available online. They are working on the open show book. All judges have been lined up, they are still working on getting someone for Clover Kids. 120 broilers were ordered for the broiler contest. Tags have been sent out for swine, sheep, and goats. On May 11th a livestock clinic will be held for small animals. This will cover poultry and rabbits. All 4-H, FFA, and Clover Kid members are encouraged to attend. 49 exhibitors have signed up for the Tall Corn Contest. Pioneer and Murray seeds donated towards this contest. On April 19th there will be a tailgate at the 4-H Office, hot dogs will be served. Currently working on sending out pee wee pig show information to the area schools. Extension office has been asked about grandstand tickets for the 2024 fair, but they have not been printed yet. An additional judge has been added for the broiler show. Mike made a motion to pay the judge \$60. Matt seconded, motion passed.
3. **Rentals:** SCC & LH are empty, working on emptying out the remaining buildings.
4. **Auction:** Elma, Riceville, and Ionia locker spots are reserved for 2024.
5. **Buildings & Grounds:** Concrete work is being started. The cattlemen are adding more concrete around their building to make it easier for strollers, etc to access the building. Ron and Holden filled in the potholes. Ron & Rich will get quotes to get rid of the concrete pile. New fencing/gates will be installed for the main grandstand entrance. The cattlemen will be working with us on the improvement.
6. **Entertainment:** Working on finalizing the schedule. Need to update the powerpoint when completed. Kierstin and Kelsey will meet with Amy to discuss the website.
7. **Fundraising:** Whiskey & Wine will be held on 11/15/2024. Comedians have been contacted. Amy is looking into Dueling Pianos for the Spring Fling.
8. **Refreshments and Vendors:** Vendor contracts and insurance have been received. At this time all vendor spots have been filled.

9. **Off Fair Events:** Figure 8 races will be held Friday, June 7th. Board members were asked to add this to their calendar to help if available. Amy, Kelsey, Mike, and Melissa will not be available.
10. **Building Rentals:** Kelsey emailed out the YEC Report.
11. **Crisis Management Team:** CERT was emailed about helping with fair 2024.
12. **Superintendents:** Looking at switching out goat classes next year.
13. **Volunteer Coordinator:** Kelsey attended the Volunteer fair on April 12th recruiting additional volunteers for Fair 2024.

Correspondence:

1. Jivin' with Jazz Thank You

Old Business

1. Melissa attended the District Meeting Sunday, April 14th (rescheduled) at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Webster City and provided a summary. Encouraged all exhibitors to review the state fair rule book as changes have been made.
2. FCFB: Tractor Simulator - Location? Roxanne stated they will man it. This would be different from the simulator Ryan had asked about.
3. Updates for the To DO List: TV/Mounting brackets are here for the SCC and ready to install. CC FFA is working on removing the planters and sandblasting the gates. They will be working on redoing the entrance. Request was added for a pole to hook the gate to when open.
4. Rabbit cages have been completed. Melissa will pick up and deliver to the fairgrounds.
5. Reminded of work nights starting May 29th.

New Business:

1. The Sheriff's Department was reached out to for security during the fair. We would be responsible for paying during the grandstand events on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Waiting to hear back.
2. Nexus is going to donate all fair bedding again for 2024.
3. New Board members are needed for next year. We will need to fill the spots for Amy (full term), Jen (partial term), and Rod (partial term). Renee, Dustin, Jeff, and Melissa are up for re-election.
4. Horse Arena Sand - Ryan hauled in 3 loads.
5. Amy provided a current list of improvements and purchases along with cost estimates, Renee made a motion, Drew seconded, motion passed.
 - a. Grandstand Sound System (\$15,000)
 - b. Picnic Tables w/umbrellas/concrete pad (\$10,850)
 - c. Final Sidewalk (\$9,000)
 - d. Rubber Playground Mulch (\$11,700)
 - e. Bin Counter (\$1,800)
 - f. Grandstand Fence (\$5,200)
 - g. Wedding Barn Fence (\$4,200)
 - h. EID Wand (\$1,500)

6. Amy also provided a list of Improvements to think about in the future:
 - a. Pit fence/gate (\$6,300)
 - b. SCC Fence (\$9,200)
 - c. Water main/tile (\$60,000)
 - d. Grandstand Concrete (\$50,000)
7. Dustin brought up adding a Carcass Class separate from the Beef Show. Similar to the Beef to Merit show at the state fair, a no fit class. Would need to add judges, awards, and find a time the show arena would be available.

Motion made by Dustin to adjourn. Seconded by Amy, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the YEC.

Minutes were submitted by Jen Schmitt and Melissa Merriss