

Floyd County Fair Board Meeting

September 18, 2019

President Amy Staudt called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

Members present: Amy Staudt, Jen Schmitt, Ron Hillegas, Troy Jaeger, Ben Kisch, Matt Ross, Rod Schmidt, Mike Quade, Craig Anderson, Dennis Sonberg, Kurt Thorson, and Kelsey Uetz.

CCFFA presented at the tornado rebuild. Jim Lundberg will send the slideshow to Amy to email out to board members. FFA students have scheduled visits at other facilities for further ideas and suggestions.

Farm Bureau Insurance Agent Jay Jung presented on our coverage. Jay is still working on the debris removal gap. Replacement cost was discussed. Typically, insurance likes to see estimates for rebuilding within a 2-year timeframe. There was discussion on potentially increasing the coverage on the YEC. Farm Bureau has paid \$411,825.93 to date. Jay's slideshow included specific amounts and coverage for the entire fairgrounds.

Amy presented on grant updates:

1. Farm credit services planning on a structure/canopy top over brick building pad to be used as a picnic shelter, for entertainment, storage, etc. For storage, buildings/structures will need to be 14 foot tall.
2. Received \$1,000 on Hotel/Motel tax grant (heads in beds).
3. Received \$11,000 from MidAmerican Energy
4. Working with Farm Bureau - \$5,000 will be given for learning exhibits for Little Hands on the Farm. Applying for Valero Foundation grant to help with building cost. This exhibit will go on the Horticulture building pad.
5. Clean up funding exceeded what insurance will cover and will not be recovered until buildings are complete. Concrete pads still need to be removed.
6. Hort building replacement shed will be completed this fall by Countryside construction as they were the least expensive bid. Matt Ross will take the building and remove it – we will not charge him anything for the building.
7. Comp Systems is doing a bake sale Sept. 27 and all proceeds are being donated to us – please support if you can.

Secretary's report was read through – motion to approve by Matt Ross, second by Troy Jaeger.

Treasurer's report was discussed – fair wrap up, some discussion over Savings for Seniors feedback/comments, but overall complaints have been minimal. Motion to approve by Ben Kisch, second by Troy Jaeger.

Committee Reports: *Fair Board members need to decide what committee they want to be on*

FFA Instructors – Farm Safety Day next Thursday, Sept. 26. Rockford's banquet is scheduled for March 21 and Fair Board members are all invited to attend.

Extension/4-H County Committee – provided a wish list document. Various ideas and comments included.

Rentals – hopeful to get back the people we are losing this year due to the tornado. Two people had scheduled the brick building for 2020 graduations and will be allowed to use the YEC for the same cost as the brick building as a courtesy.

Auction – Jerry Hegtvedt, owner of Cedar Valley Iowa Realty and Auction Company, would like to take over the auction (billing, clerking, sponsorship) at no cost. He plans to use the same volunteers we are currently using. Motion to approve by Troy Jaeger, second by Mike Quade.

YEC – Profit of 48K for 2019 through September 18. Planning to purchase a generator for approximately 25K due to power issues that have occurred.

Correspondence: numerous thank you's from kids/community on a great fair

New business:

1. Tornado reconstruction:
 - a. priorities include Little Hands, Livestock (Dairy, Poultry, etc.), and restrooms/showers
 - b. discussion on having to bring dirt in, water issues, possible creek?
 - c. For 2020 fair, it is possible to run food stand, entertainment, and projects in YEC like 2019.
 - d. Discussion on building for graduation, reunions, weddings, and parking
 - e. Amy will get estimates on a 150 x 42 pole shed and a lean-to on the beef/swine – most we can get from insurance on this building is \$71,600
2. October is election of officers and committee assignments
3. Contracts – discussion on opening up the YEC for managing and cleaning and document responsibilities in these contracts. Contracts will be discussed in October.
4. Sealed bids on lawn mower with a \$3,000 floor “as is” due by 10/12 – motion to approve by Matt Ross, second by Ron Hillegas.

Next meeting October 16, 2019 at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm – motion by Matt Ross, second by Mike Quade