

Floyd County Fair Board Meeting  
November 18, 2020

Call to Order: By President Elect Kelsey at 6:59 PM

Members Present: Drew Mitchell, Craig Anderson, Jen Schmitt, Matthew Stille, Amy Staudt, Kelsey Uetz, Mike Quade, Matt Ross, Kerry Crooks, and Melissa Merriss.

Secretary Report: Read by Jen, motion made by Matt Ross to accept as read, seconded by Mike.

Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Report was sent out via email, Craig gave a recap and a motion was made by Mike to accept the report. Seconded by Matt Ross. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

1. FFA Instructor's: Bret reported that CCFFA is doing a Thanksgiving with Comet Cafe for 20 families, the students raised broilers this year and they will be doing something similar for a meal at Christmas. Fruit sales are wrapping up. They mulched trees at fairgrounds today and did other work around the grounds.

2. Extension/4-H County Committee: Annual awards night was held virtually, working on things for kids to be able to pick up fun activities, virtual 4-h workshops being planned. Fundraising efforts are still on hold due to Covid-19. \$164 made from a pizza fundraiser on Nov. 3.

3. Rentals: Campers are in, 1 boat still needs to come in

4. Buildings & Grounds: Matt said the fans were already gone by the time he was able to contact the seller. Pipe burst in the Little Hands building, when Mick Gage turns water back on in the spring they will check the connections to make sure they look good. Normally about the end of October is when things are shut down, we will just have to watch the weather and event calendar in the future.

5. Entertainment: Amy is working on some grants. Amy is going to Des Moines to explore some entertainment options in December.

6. Endowment: Community Foundation meeting was just held and we have had some donations into our endowment. \$30,668.44 Quasi fund \$20,526

7. Fundraising: reminder Spring Fling date is set for Friday, April 9th, this is a change from our previous date.

8. YEC: Remainder of the events for the year have been cancelled. There is a baptism that will still be held and the numbers will be ok for the current health proclamation. Darci is not going to have set office hours for the remainder of the year.

9. Superintendents: Chuck and Rod shared info on the swine show, there will be no buyer for pigs this year. Pigs will not go through the auction, the kids will need to market their own animal for someone to purchase. Locker spaces are reserved at local lockers. Lesley will put this information out in the newsletter for December so that families are aware of the change. Bruce and Joe shared info on Beef- Weigh-ins which will be at Lynch Livestock, no one gets out unless the trailer is backed up as a safety measure for Covid-19. Families wear a mask when they are there and will only be required to weigh beef if they want to participate in the state fair or the county rate of gain contest.

**Correspondence:** none

**Old Business:**

1. Concrete pile-nothing new to report, waiting for bids for the costs.

**New Business:**

1. Committee elections and descriptions-can join a committee, best to have a person on each committee. Kelsey will work on descriptions.

2. New building update-Kisch will get the ground ready next week, we are currently \$85,000 short and it does include tables, chairs, etc for the building. Justin gave labor only bids of \$5,254 for the sidewalk, \$16,992 for the parking where the old dairy barn was located, and \$4,492 for the maintenance shed. Discussion was held on the waterways again. Mike suggested that if Kisch was working at the fairgrounds next week it would be a good time to get that done. Amy made a motion to allow Mike the discretion to work with Kisch on dozer

dirt work, but to not go over the \$7,500 amount without further approval from the board.

Seconded by Matt Ross, motion passed.

3. Discussions with CC School Board-NIACC will be working with local communities to build a regional classroom to support their work with local school districts and some discussions have occurred around a possible location of the fairgrounds. This is in the brainstorming/ discussion stage at this point.
4. President, President-Elect, Past President-Discussion was held on using a 3 year process for the office of president, if we do something like this it would need to be a bylaw change. This would be a way to help with succession. This will be discussed at a later meeting.
5. Fair Conference Sunday December 13, 2020 in Des Moines at 10:00 am for state aid Amy and possibly Kerry are attending.
6. Grant relief update-Amy completed our application for the fairgrounds grant program due to Covid-19. We will hear more after the first of the year if we received a grant.

**Other Business:**

Next meeting is December 16 at 6:00 PM we will decide whether it will be in person or via zoom as it gets closer.

Motion by Matt Ross and seconded by Melissa Meriss to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:27 PM