

Floyd County Fair Board Meeting
February 21, 2024

Called to order at 6:04 PM by Kelsey

Members present were: Matthew Stille, Kelsey Uetz, Jeff Harris, Drew Mitchell, Ron Hillegas, Mike Quade, Dustin Howe, Kurt Thorson, Melissa Merriss, and Jen Schmitt

Secretary Report: Minutes of the January meeting were read. Melissa made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report was given by Melissa. Matt made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Kurt, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

1. Extension and 4-H-Michelle shared the MOU and fair book updates. Most judges have been secured and YQCA will be happening after spring break.
2. FFA CCFFA working with the Snell/Pendington Family on the fair entrance with memorial funding from their dad. Leadership Day will be happening this spring and there will be a National Officer and State Officers present. Michelle Dohman would like to bring the kids out for landscaping projects this year. Dallas is set for swine scanning.
3. Rentals-Rentals will come out of the community center beginning on April 15th.
4. Auction-Elma, Riceville, and Ionia locker spots are reserved for 2024.
5. Building & Grounds:
 - a. Mike reported that he started working on finding the tile problem in the horse arena. No one knows where the tile maps are and there is trouble finding how the tile runs. Bill Schultz and Scott Heintz were assisting him, but they have not been able to find how it runs at this point. There will probably be a point this spring where we will need to have the arena off limits while work is being completed. We may need to run new tile.
 - b. Board discussed the need for a tractor to have available to work on things around the grounds, rather than hauling equipment or borrowing from FFA.
6. Entertainment: Committee working to get a date set to meet.
7. Vendors- Melissa has been getting forms in, Sushi truck wants in. Melissa will reach out to past people to see if they are coming back. We know a few have sold their trucks.
8. Fundraising: Please continue to work on the donations spreadsheet and keep selling tickets. Spring Fling is March 2nd and the spreadsheet was shared for board members to help obtain auction items and sell tickets. Cattlemen will be grilling ribeye sandwiches and burgers, Ginger's Top Shelf will do the sides and we will have a soft serve ice cream bar. Board members are asked to be there by 5:15pm that night. Board discussed those that are still around at the end can start cleaning up if they want and others will come in on Sunday to finish up.
9. Off fair events - June 14th will be the Figure 8 races
10. YEC- Rentals coming in for 2025
11. Volunteer Coordinator- Kelsey asked the board for volunteer groups or ideas for the Little Hands Barn as it is the hardest to fill.

Correspondence

1. Thank you from Jim Lundberg was shared.

Old Business:

1. Renee and Melissa will be attending the district meeting in March.

2. Matt made a motion to approve the MOU as presented by Michelle from Extension. Seconded by Mike. Motion passed.
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New Business:

1. Hotel Motel Grant was approved for \$7, 500 to finish sidewalks.
2. Floyd County Farm Bureau reached out about purchasing tvs for the Swartrock Community Center to display champions, etc. during fair. They are also interested in an agricultural display. Amy and Kelsey will communicate with them. Board agreed this is a great idea.

Other Business:

- a. Fair dates for 2025 we set via group text message, fair will begin July 16, 2025
- b. A producer from another horse club reached out to see if the \$400 horse are rental was negotiable. Board discussed, but at this time with the tiling issues in the arena we will not be adjusting the fee.

Motion made by Matt to adjourn. Seconded by Ron, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Next Meeting: is set for Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30pm at the YEC

Minutes submitted by Jen Schmitt