

WILLIAMS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes

President Matthew Kennedy * Vice President Josh Mercer

June 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by Microsoft Teams

- I. President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
- II. **Roll Call** – 14 Present, 0 Absent, 3 Excused
Auxiliary Directors: 2 Present, 1 Absent, 0 Excused
Summer Owens is in attendance, which makes her 3rd meeting this year
- III. **Requests for the Floor:** We did not have any requests for the floor
- IV. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept the May 21, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed
- V. **Treasurers Report** – A motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept May 2020 Treasurer Report as presented. Motion passed.
- VI. **Committee Reports - Matt** / We have not received the signed copy from ODA for the Grant but should be in any time. Poultry Barn is still waiting for State approval. Fairbook – he has only received information from Scott Carroll, the person doing baking & crafts & Dave Page for the Free Stage. Not receiving information is what is stalling the completion of the book. Would like to use a picture from Fair last year to use on the cover for this year. / Josh: Reaching out to the person doing Cheer Competition to see what is going on with that. Reaching out to people for gates that worked last year to see if they're interested in helping again this year. Having heard back from Defiance County about switching help with gates. There is a possibility that we will have to close gate #1 by the Maintenance Building. Tim let us know that everything is all set for bike giveaway and we are looking at giving gift cards instead of an actual bike. / Dave: Maintenance – Zero turn is being put back together. We are at \$3200 in sponsorship for the Free Stage, the original cost for the Free Stage is around \$15,000. / Danyel: Royalty Competition the judges are set up and the interviews are August 8th in the office. The 4th of July parade is still on in Kunkle so we are planning on do that parade. Not sure on what we are doing with the Dog show right now, Stacy is looking for a judge that will be cheaper so we can have the Dog show this year. We would like Sr. Fairboard to vote on what t-shirt Jr. Fairboard will be ordering this year. / Ric: A lot of calls on the Demo Derby, had someone call from Canada that is interested in bringing cars. Matt reminded that we may have to do a 50% reduction in Grandstand seating. After the meeting Matt will be putting the

plan together for the Health Department and will be asking Jim from the Health Dept to come to the July meeting. We do have insurance that will cover us if someone does try to say they got Coronavirus from the Fair. / Pam: Livestock – We will not be having Rate of Gain except for Steers because they weighed the beginning of January. Skill a thon will be done virtually. We will not be doing Livestock Interviews, the 4-H advisors will be collecting the books and reviewing them. The paperwork will then come into the Livestock office for review. We will not be doing Animal & Me. Animals will still be staying at the Fair like normal and we have spots with the Processing plants in the area. We are looking at getting WiFi for the Sale, I may have someone that will sponsor the WiFi. The kids will be able to take their animal through the sale like usual. Matt talked about getting a wireless MIC for the judges and then we can clean the MIC between each show. / Joe – Jr Fairboard can meet after July 6th and we will be a couple months behind. If anyone from the Sr Fairboard can come during Jr. Fairboard work nights it would be greatly appreciated.

VII. Adoption of the Agenda: A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion made by Director Page and seconded by Director T. Fry. Motion passed

VIII. Old Business:

- a.) Committee Budgets – we will review as we go through the events at the Fair.
- b.) Fair Service Bid Review: Motion was made by Director Winebernner and seconded by Director Page to table the Bid reviews till the July meeting since we have not received many in. Motion passed

IX. New Business:

2020 Williams County Fair Discussion:

- a.) Compliance with latest health order. The Health Departments biggest concern is the reduction in seating. He thinks that it will not pertain to the bleachers just the Grandstands but he wants to check on that to make sure. Spacing out the concessioners is another thing and the hand sanitizer stations are just as acceptable as the hand washing stations. To rent the hand washing stations and have them serviced during fair it is approximately \$1,500. We will need the hand sanitizer stations at the entrances of the barns and at the gates plus around the food vendors.
- b.) Events at the fair: Cheer Competition - \$1500 budget and we get back 80 % of entry fees. Last year it broke even. A lot depends on if the people that help put it on wants to do it. Motion was made by Director Baker and seconded by Director Page to table the Cheer Competition pending further review. Motion passed / Jr Fair shows - most judges are in the \$300 range, do we just want to ok all of the Jr Fair budgets. Motion was made by Director Gull and seconded by Director Winebernner to have a Jr. Fair with State Required modifications. Motion passed / Combine Derby – Budget is \$6,000 plus bleachers so it will be \$8,000. Can we get this fully sponsored by August 1st, tickets are \$10 each and we have sold roughly 100 tickets. We possibly could get \$17,500 with ticket sales. Motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director Bake to have the Combine Derby if not sponsored by August 1st will be reviewed at the August meeting to be cancelled. Motion passed by a vote of 12 to 1 / Car demo derby – Budget of \$28,000 worst case scenario is 50% seating = \$18,750, bleachers \$8500 and 130 cars \$6500 which is a total of \$33,750 leaves you to a positive \$5,750. Motion was made by Director Henricks and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept the budget for the Car Demo Derby. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 6. / Open Goat Show – budget is \$550 and does not include payouts, it usually breaks even. We do have some sponsors pending. Motion was made by Director Joice and seconded by Director Carroll to accept the budget. Motion passed. Camping – Budget of \$1000, income is usually around \$15,000. Motion was made by

Director Henricks and seconded by Director T. Fry to pass the budget and have camping. Motion passed. / Truck Pulls – Budget is \$5700.00, income is dependent of Sponsors. Worse case bleachers would bring in \$5000.00. Are we allowing chairs, Pam said she figured we would use one track and have chairs on either side or the track. Motion was made by Director Carroll and seconded by Director Nickloy to accept the budget for the Truck Pulls. Motion passed 10 to 2. / Livestock Sale – Budget is \$4100.00, income unknown until sale. This is Jr Fairboard so it is already approved. / Open Haul-in Lamb show – Budget \$1,050.00 and the payouts are sponsored. Motion was made by Director Joice and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept the budget. Motion passed. / Open Haul-in Draft Horse show. Motion was made by Director Goll and seconded by Director Henricks to cancel the Open Haul-in Draft Horse show. Motion passed / Open Class Draft Mini Horse Hitch – Motion was made by Director Goll and seconded by Director Carroll to table till July do to not having the barn up yet. Motion passed / Grounds & Maintenance – Budget is \$20,000, just in fuel alone we are around \$2500 for the year. Motion was made by Director Joice and seconded by Director Carroll to accept the budget. Motion passed / Harness Racing – no spectators allowed, no blankets and no stahls. They will race right out of their trailer. Motion was made by Director Henricks and seconded by Director Goll to have Harness Racing with the modifications. Motion passed. / Midway Entertainment Petting Zoo will be scratched so we are looking around \$17,500. If it's not sponsored it won't happen, we have 3 acts on the Free Stage sponsored currently. Motion was made by Director Henricks and seconded by Director T. Fry to have the Free Stage provided it's sponsored. Motion passed. / Advertising - \$2000. Motion was made by Director Page and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept the budget for Advertising. Motion passed. / Equipment Rental – Budget of \$3000. Motion was made by Director Carroll and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept the budget. Motion passed. / Bicycle drawing – Expenses are around \$3,032 and \$3000 is sponsored. Motion was made by Director Henricks and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept the budget. Motion passed. / Shuttles – Budget is \$500 for fuel. Motion was made by Director Henricks and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept the budget for Shuttles. Motion passed. / Fairbook – will be printed in the office. The cost will be whatever we get in advertising money. / Veterans Day – Motion was made by Director Belding and seconded by T. Fry to proceed with Veterans Day with free entry for Veterans as originally planned – open to close. Motion passed / Senior & Disability awareness day with free entry for Seniors from 9:00 to 3:00. Activities are usually planned by the Senior Center so that would be up to them. Motion was made by Director Belding and seconded by Director Henricks to have the Senior & Disability Awareness Day. Motion passed. / Open Rabbit Show – No cost. Motion was made by Director Henricks and seconded by Director T. Fry to make it available if they decide to have the Open Rabbit show again this year. / Gillette Building exhibits – budget for craft and baking is around \$75 for the judge. Motion was made by Director J. Fry and seconded by Director Carroll to accept the \$75 budget for Crafts and Baking. Motion passed. / Arts & Photography – Budget of \$15 for table cloths. Motion was made by Director Carroll and seconded by Director Henricks to accept the budget of \$15.00. Motion passed. / Horiculture – Expenses \$200.00. Motion was made by Director Joice and seconded by Director Goll to accept the budget of \$200. Motion passed. / Flowers – Budget of \$400 which does not include the payouts. Motion was made by Director Joice and seconded by Director T. Fry to accept the budget. Motion passed. / Antiques – Budget of \$125. Motion was made by Director Joice and seconded by Director Nickloy to accept the budget of \$125. Motion passed.

When we look at Senior Fair premiums we look at around \$2,025.00, the judges cost \$750.00 and we get \$800.00 from the Commissioners. The entry fee is \$5.00 per exhibitor no matter how many items they exhibit. Motion was made by Director Page and seconded

by Director Winebernner to cancel the entry fee's and premiums for the Senior Fair exhibits. Motion did not pass 8 to 5

Motion was made by Director J. Fry and seconded by Director T. Fry to have a 2020 Fair with State Recommended Modifications. Motion passed

X. Announcements: .

- a.) District Zoom Meeting tomorrow night – Round Robin type of discussion
- b.) OFMA passes are in the Office, you can pick them up tonight.

XI. Adjournment:

Director T. Fry made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Director Henricks.