May 8th Minutes

Curry County Fair Board

Members present – Patrick Hollinger, Lynne DeWald, Ida Swank, Zeke Harms, Shala Kudlac, Fair Manager, Teresa Hughes

Called to order at 5:31

Amendment and approval of agenda: Dewald moved Swank 2nd - unanimous

Minutes Approved for April 3, 2025 – Motion to approve by Dewald 2nd by Swank, approved by Lynn, Zeke and Ida

Public Comment:

Monica Thompson – question regarding raising the rates for camping. Harms answered by saying that we aligned them with rates consistent with other fairs of similar size.

Anderson - 4H parent comment regarding expense of the camping at the fair. Hughes responded by commenting on what the campers receive for the cost.

4H Program coordinator – comment regarding who the dorms belong to, built and funded by 4H and they are supposed to be 4H use only. Question regarding who has access during the fair. Kelli Wrath – comments regarding what is included with the dorms and camping and the amenities that were included.

Matt Thompson – comment regarding camping fees that price is out of line because there are no hookups. Would like to see the fees more reasonable.

Public question regarding administration of camping and policies, deposits.

Comments by Swank regarding reason for camping costs, costs associated with fair are large to the point where Fair does not break even.

Kelli Wrath – comment regarding what the numbers are as to who the campers are, 4H vs. others.

Mike Fitzhugh – comments whether 4H can come up and clean up to help reduce some of the costs. Discussion regarding having 4H kids work in return for fair entry. Per Zeke, volunteers cannot use power equipment but can do minor type work.

Nancy O’Dwyer from GB main street – comments regarding festival in September with stage issues. Request for another set of stairs on the other side of the stage. Hoping for functional bathrooms for the fall festival as well.

**Discussion Items/Action Items**

Projects update/approvals: Discussion on roofing pavilion and lighting for arena and pavilion. Motion made by Harms to approve PQR for roofing pavilion, 2nd by Hollinger. Discussion regarding replacing doors before the fair. Ventilation discussion.

Discussion regarding lighting, Harms would like to see an easier way to turn the lights on and off. Harms will call electricians and meet them on side for more information.

Do not have fence bids back yet.

Sandblasters looked at panels – bid came in at $122,000. Discussion on panel replacement vs. repair.

Livestock auction/fairgrounds chair agreement: Teresa with draft an agreement and bring it back.

Workshop date for fairground rentals: Harms would like to have a workshop to discuss rental rates. Scheduled for June 9th at 1:00 pm.

GBHS Safe and Sober project: letter from GB high school read aloud by Teresa requesting a discount on fee for rental of Docia for the night of June 6th, 2025 for Safe and Sober party for senior class. Swank made motion to donate the use of the Docia hall in lieu of rent, Deward 2nd. Unanimously approved.

Fair manager yearly evaluation – Evaluation form included in board packet required by the county for the Board to fill out.

**Reports**

Commissioner liaison report – make sure that roofing contract gets to county counsel and BOC for final approval per Hollinger for proper channels.

Superintendent report – N/A

Fair manager report by Hughes – Book almost finalized, just need floral superintendent. Comment by Harms to put the fair book on the website. Looking at LP regarding footings. Closed out the roof grant with Oregon Business and they are pleased. 5 large events last 6 weeks. Spring bazaar was not as successful as it could have been, maybe due to advertising. Wine festival is cancelled due to lack of interest but will still have the Brother’s Reed performing this weekend (Mother’s Day). Hughes needs more hands on for festivals from fair board. Thank you to Harms for the flower donations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08