

Judith Basin County Fairboard Minutes

6-1-2020

Call to order by Powell Becker at 7:06 pm. Present were Powell Becker, Sigrid Deegan, Billie Jo Holzer, Bruce Neumann, Dawnita Sampsel, Jason Oltrogge, Sherry Berg, Megan Spry and Katie Hatlelid.

The minutes from April 20th were read. Jason moved (Billie Jo) to approve. Motion passed

Treasurers Report – \$8,029.16 in supply line, \$3,858.52 in sale account

No announcements

Sherry Berg was present for comment on the Central MT Little Wrangler events.

Old Business

CMLW events – following discussion with Megan Spry, the Central MT Health District Sanitarian, Jason moved (Dawnita) to approve the event provided the CMLW group follows the current guidelines and submits a CMHD approved plan to the Fairboard prior to the events. Motion passed.

Other possible events – will be approved as applied for on a case by case basis, by special meeting when necessary.

Fair

- Discussion with Megan on interpreting Phase 1 and 2 guidelines led to the group consensus that the Judith Basin County Fair can indeed happen in August 2020. If in Phase 2, minor adjustments will allow the schedule to run very near normal. If in Phase 1, more adjustments will need to be made, but the show and sale will still function. If in Phase 3, everything will proceed as normal. Plans for Phase 1 and 2 are attached to these minutes.

Fair Sale – Sigrid moved (Jason) to add an online portion to the live auction, using Frontier Live Sale's services. Motion Passed.

Schedule – 2020 schedule contingencies will be in the Phase 1 & 2 plans.

Fair Dates 2021 & beyond – Dawnita will investigate more options for dates in July with other packing facilities and report back in July.

Fairgrounds Improvements

- Barn upgrades
 - o Fans – Dawnita moved (Bruce) to purchase and install 4 exhaust fans for the beef & swine barns, including the necessary electrical wiring for each barn. Motion Passed. Jason will follow up on fans, and electric.
 - o Beef barn upgrade – the board will pursue bids on renovating the beef barn to be ready for the upcoming budget and grant cycle.
- Food booth pavilion
 - o Dawnita moved (Billie Jo) to install a tin ceiling and wire in lights and outlets for the food booth pavilion. Motion Passed. Jason will follow up on tin, and electric.

- Shavings clean out pile
 - o The board will investigate changing the fence in the south west corner behind the beef barn to accommodate a clean out pile. A gate could be added in the perimeter fence to access with a skid steer loader from the west side of the grounds.
- Grounds maintenance
 - o Powell suggested asking the road department to mow with the big rotary mowers to cut down on time requirements.
 - o Jim Sparks sprayed weeds at the fairgrounds, they are dying!

New Business

- Budget 2021 – the board will pursue the previously discussed project bids by mid-June to help plan for FY21 budget requests.

Next meeting date – July 13th, 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm