

Judith Basin County Fairboard Minutes

4-20-2020

Call to order by Janet Wertheimer at 6:05 pm via Webex conference call. Present were Janet W., Powell Becker, Dawnita Sampsel, Jason Oltrogge, Sigrid Deegan, Katie Hatlelid, and Don Hajenga.

The minutes from the January 13th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report - \$8,076.84 in the supply line, and \$3,858.52 in the sale account.

No announcements

No public comment

Old Business

Fair

- Dedication – still in process
- Wood shavings – Katie will schedule with Roger to have several loads brought up from the Amish in Moore.
- Sale – Katie will contact Shobe's to investigate online sale options to be ready for contingency
- Trucking and meat delivery – Dawnita is coordinating with Polzins.

Fairgrounds improvements

- Long range building plan
 - o Beef barn is next on the list. At minimum we will look into more exhaust fans for the beef and swine barns this summer. There may not be much progress this year due to Covid-19
- Stall clean out pile – Jason and Powell have an idea on where we can put the clean out pile for easy access with a bobcat to clean it up after fair. We will investigate more and make a decision at the June meeting.
- Water line – will wait until the swine barn is upgraded to make this permanent.
- Tree trimming and mowing – the board has inherited the old mower from the courthouse. It runs well and will do fine. Katie can help mow. We will look at trimming some of the shelterbelt selectively as well this summer.
- Bird net – Stampede club will attempt to install this again this summer.

New Business

Fair Date – discussion around moving the fair date has been brought up in the last several months. The first thing to consider is whether Stillwater Packing has any other dates available to process that number of animals. Katie will put together a couple possible schedule configurations to discuss. The 4-H Council is also discussing ideas for different dates. More thought and discussion will continue. It was the consensus of the board that the decision should be made as soon as possible this year to allow for more time to plan for market animals to be finished by the right time.

Covid-19 contingencies – due to the ongoing pandemic, other options for the livestock show and sale are being investigated. Shobe's will build a couple different remote sale options for our sale. There are also more "virtual" stock show's being done around the country. Katie will investigate this possibility as well.

Next meeting – June 1st, 7 pm at the fairgrounds weather permitting

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm