

Judith Basin County Fairboard Minutes

9-21-2020

Call to Order by Janet Wertheimer at 7:13 pm at the courthouse. Present were Bruce Neumann, Jason Oltrogge, Sigrid Deegan, Janet Wertheimer, Dawnita Sampsel, Don Hajenga, and Katie Hatlelid.

The minutes from July 13th were read. Sigrid moved (Dawnita) to approve as presented. Motion passed.

Dawnita reported that the sale account had changed in value but did not have the numbers to present.

No announcements or public comment

Old Business

Fair Recap

- COVID changes (minus the sneeze shield in the food booth) were fairly well received, and the different in and out gates and alleys for the animal shows will be used again next year.
- Sale/Online platform – Katie will check with Sam Fraser on price and availability for next year, and report back next meeting.
- Meat delivery – went well, Dawnita has the timeline written down for next year

Fairgrounds Improvements

- Barn upgrades
 - o Fans and new wiring were welcome additions
 - o There is a bad wire from beef barn to show pavilion, will need to get that fixed before next years' busy season
- Grounds maintenance
 - o Katie had time this summer to mow fairly regularly, but on a normal year would not.
 - o Need to finish shaving pile project, and rearrange the fence to provide even more tie-out space
 - o Look at fixing or replacing the yellow gates on the east entrance, they've been run into and are very hard to open and close.
- Loading out animals
 - o Need someone else to help Powell keep track of what animals are getting on the truck, and which are not.
 - Maybe mark with colored grease pens for easy ID.
 - o May have to ask(require) no one take animals before the truck is loaded and gone.

New Business

Groundskeeper- the idea of a groundskeeper or manager for the fairgrounds was brought up. More events being held than in the past, and the potential for more to be added each year with the continued upgrades to the facilities would lend itself to a paid position. Maybe something like a camp host, similar to a Forest Service campground job, might work.

Ultrasounding for carcass contest – Many animals do not get on the truck to Stillwater and therefore do not get included in the carcass contest. Ultrasounding market animals would be a way to include all the

animals. Katie will get in touch with other agents that use the ultrasound process and report back in January.

Stampede Club Improvements – the Stampede Club has raised funds and would like to pursue some sort of shade cover for the aluminum bleachers.

Next meeting date – January 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the Courthouse

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm