

On Monday, September 27th at 6:30 pm Scott Lake called the Albany County Fair Board meeting to order. Members present were Katie Ogden, Andrea Senior, Mark Wade and Brett Moline.

Public Comment:

Ellie Riskie updated the board on how the 7220 Poultry Show went. Mrs. Riskie thanked the board for the donation of the facilities and awarded them with a certificate of appreciation.

Mary Louise asked questions about the camper storage and how that process was working. She was updated from Katie and her concerns were addressed.

Joe Wolf presented questions about the horsemanship portion of the Albany County Fair. He was directed by the board to attend the special meeting and present his ideas/concerns in email form.

Sanders Family discussed that they thought the Food Preservation/Nutrition judge this year at fair was not good. Mrs. Sanders talked through numerous scenario that proved she did not approve of the judge and her judging tactics.

Consideration of changes on the agenda.

There were none.

Review & Approve Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2021 Meeting.

Motion to approve, Andrea as written the second came from Katie, no discussion and they were approved.

Review & Approve Meeting Minutes from August 31, 2021 Special Meeting

Motion to approve, Mark as written the second came from Andrea, no discussion and they were approved.

Review & Approve Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2021 Special Meeting

Motion to approve, Andrea as written the second came from Mark, no discussion and they were approved.

Guests, Committee Reports:

4-H Council, Mary Louise Wood reported that it is National 4-H week, Record books are due 10/1 and to be judged in a few weeks. Mrs. Wood announced there will be a talent show, achievement night and a senior night in November.

Snowy Range FFA, Katie Ogden reported that they are preparing for Nationals at the end of October. There is a raffle going on now for a hog that is processed and ready.

Rock Creek FFA, N/A

Sale Committee, Heather Alexander, Sale Committee Chair, reported the JLS total exceeded 750K, had a amazing crew and is looking forward to correcting things that did not go as planned. Mrs. Alexander was approached by a local buyer who would like to provide visual screen for the sale and donate to a upgrade to the sound system. Mrs. Alexander describe problems during the sale in the barns with people taking animals from the barn even though the rules clearly state that is forbidden.

Fair Grounds Report, Chris Baty reported that barns are ready for storage. Mr. Baty will be soliciting bids for tree removal as some of the trees have become problematic. Mr. Baty will solicit proposals to fix Rodeo office. Last years water line freeze cause damage and mold. Mr. Baty announces that the crows nest amp is not operational, and he has sent for parts to fix.

Old Business:

Overflow Device, Andrea announced that the device that the board approved to purchase at the August meeting had infact gone up in price. This and a current credit card problem had delayed the purchase of the overflow device to this point. Andrea moved that we purchase overflow device for said amount and it was seconded by Mark. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Status of Dump Trailer Bid, Jen Curran, Chris. Action is for Jen and Chris to work together on getting a RFI set up.

Drag-funding provided, The commissioners approved drag purchase and we need to find process to purchase the drag.

New Business:

Whit Stuart-UW Sheeo Project, Mr. Whit proposed a production-based sheep project for kids interested in the production side of the sheep industry and less on the show side of the sheep industry. Possibilities included a working class, a 10 meeting series, showmanship classes, work sessions and he would put forth the people to run the program and determine its unique awards.

Mr. Whit also requested the use of the activities building for the January National Contest. Board granted permission.

Stephanie Van Buren-Family Night Coordinator, Katie nominated Stephanie to be the Family night Coordinator. Andrea seconded the motion. Short discussion followed and the vote was unanimous.

Francesca Cocco-grounds rental for Herefords the winter, Mrs Cocco requested the grounds for winter use, requesting the terms from last year. Scott voiced he concern that the grounds are a temporary facility and we did not want to be a long term solution to avoid to much capacity through the winter. Andrea moved to not allow Mrs. Cocco the grounds for the winter. Mark seconded the motion and there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous.

Marty Aanonsen-bid for bookkeeping assistance, Andrea moved that the board hire Mrs. Aanonsen for help with reconciling books. Katie seconded the motion and discussion followed. Brett stated the he was not comfortable with this because Andrea approached Marty about this. He felt that if we needed help it would have to go through the bid process. The vote was called for and it passed 3 to 1.

ACJLS Commission Approval-Heather Alexander, Mrs Alexander moved that the 2021 livestock sale commission would be 4%. Motion was made by Andrea, the second by Mark, there was no discussion and the motion passed.

Sexton-Items taken from Range Arena, No action was taken due to the fact the ACFB is not liable. Legal was asked to write letter to Mrs. Sexton and deny her request of any payment.

Facility Rentals while office is vacant-Andrea requested help from, Chris Baty with the rental storage while the position of fair director was being filled.

Set work session on 2022 Fair Regulations and Board Training-Jen Curran, Meeting set for 5:30 Monday the 18th of October.

Approval of Vouchers-WDS, Foster White and City of Laramie, Motion to approve by Katie, second by Mark, no discussion and the motion passed.

Executive Session pursuant to W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii), Moved by Brett seconded by Mark.

Return to regular session, moved by Brett seconded by Andrea.

Action, if needed, regarding Executive Session, Brett moved to offer position to board's decision.

Adjourn