

## Tripp Co Fair Board Meeting

Meeting was held on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the 4-H Center.

Members present were: Laura, Barb, Rusty, Brad, Debbie, Tara, Joyce and Larry.

Jessica Jensen

Kim DeMers arrived at 7:25 pm

Secretary report was read and approved Debbie made the motion Brad 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor motion carried. There was a correction to the minutes. The County will take care of the repair/maintenance of the facility.

Treasure report was read and approved. Making the motion was Brad and Tara 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all were in favor motion carried. As of the meeting date the account was at \$2721.66. The City bill was \$ 720.63. The Demand was \$1.36 for the month.

Scale account has \$7751.37 Laura paid the tax for this it was \$18.61

Rodeo account \$35.46

There was some income also Darell Kemnitz for \$200.00 Barb will return the deposit.

Sherri Mayes for a function in June for \$200.00.

And the County for the meal \$ 810.00.

Larry asked if the demand had been removed from the facility. Laura said probably not because there was a \$1.36.

The bill from H&O that Laura had last month has been taken care of. The board discussed that maybe if anyone has anything done on the grounds that they bring a copy of the bill to the Fair Board just in case there is a mix up again. This would make it a lot easier to keep track of what is going on. Laura asked about the City water bill and it has been paid by the County.

Rusty has contacted Austin Moser, he has not gotten back to Rusty so he will contact L&D Construction and see what they can do for us about the gutters.

Rusty has gotten the shelves hung up and the stand one put together in the storage room.

Kim said that Jill had gotten the shelves organized.

Brad has talked to Mark Rhode to see if he had any ideas on the window situation for the Dairy Barn. He didn't really have any suggestions. The board talked about a few things for this project.

Joyce asked about the Appera bill if it is necessary to have them come every month?

Laura looked up what she had paid them in 2023 the total was \$630.00 which averaged out to \$49.60 a month. Jessica said that she thinks that they come the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month and possibly a second time if it is going to be really bad because of the weather.

Barb was asked to get a hold of Nicole and see how many times the facility had been rented out during the year. This is the report that Nicole sent

4-H Building Rented: 13 times

Chairs/Tables: 3 times

Youth Events: free 2 times (calf Show) plus Mid Dakota Fairgrounds

Rodeo Arena: rented 4 times

This is the message that was attached to the email "Hopefully this is correct. I see a couple before I started that were marked "Donation" and there were a few fundraisers at no charge." Board left it as is for now.

Rusty reported that he had talked to Dan Clark and he chose not to use the facility for his auction.

The board discussed the concrete bunker for the "stuff" from the barns and this will definitely be a spring project but the board did ask that the bunker face the west if at all possible that way it will be easier to get into. This should also be brought up to the animal committees so that they have a say in how it is put together also. Larry said that he would help out with this project.

The new rental agreement has been updated and as the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year it is in full force.

There was a Beef Fest that was scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of January at the Center it was postponed due to weather. But as of the meeting there had not been a rental signed or deposit or rental check made out for this event.

Brad said that the floor scrubber had been picked up. When they did pick it up they said they did not need the brush so they left it at the center. Brad received a call a couple weeks later and they need the brush to run the scrubber to see what is wrong with it. They did tell him that the battery may be an issue because it will not stay charged.

The board asked about a time frame on getting things fixed they said to go ahead and get things taken care of send the bill to the auditor and they will pay the bill after it has been submitted. So we asked for a list of things that would need approval : Welches Pest Control, Winner Plumbing and Heating, H&O Electric, Brunmeier Fire Extinguishers, and Schaeffer Oil for furnace and A/C repair.

Larry had a freezer for the Rodeo Concession Stand but it fell through he said that he would keep looking. Debbie and Tara may also have an idea on a freezer also.

Larry let the board know that the Commissioners had moved our board back to 7 members. Jeremy Schroeder and Katrin Van Zandbergen are not on the board as of the January meeting 2024 of the Commissioners. Rusty asked about elections since we were short a member but we did have a quorum so Election took place.

Rusty asked for nomination for President: Laura made the nomination for Brad as President Barb 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No other nominations were made. All were in favor. Motion carried Brad Watzel is the President.

Rusty asked for Vice President nomination: Tara nominated Rusty Laura 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. No other nominations were made. All were in favor . Motion carried Rusty Heenan is Vice President.

Rusty asked for nomination for Secretary : Debbie made the nomination for Barb Brad 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No other nominations were made. Motion carried all were in favor Barb Watzel is Secretary.

Rusty asked for nomination for Treasure Debbie made the nomination for Laura Barb 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. No other nominations were made. Motion carried all were in favor Laura Welker is Treasure.

The board then went on to the bids for mowing and janitor for the Center. We did not receive a bid for Cleaning. Although Jessica did say that she would stay and help out if need be until we find someone. She did say that she would need a raise to stay on. Larry and Joyce did say that this could be put on the County Hire website also. We did receive bid for mowing from Jeff Farner so again for the next 3 years he will be taking care of the grounds his 3 years start in 2024 and run until January of 2027. Laura made the motion to accept Jeff's bid Brad 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion all were in favor motion carried. Rusty will contact Jeff.

Kim DeMers said that the leaders had hired Community Connections to come in and clean during the fair. Jessica said that any help during the fair would be great. All she needs is just a couple of the kids to pull out chairs sweep and put them back under the table. Kim said that getting kids to help out with this may work but they are all very busy with Fair projects. This will be brought up to the Leaders to see if they would be willing to help out with this.

The front door also needs to be adjusted Brad also thought that it maybe sprung a bit it has been hard to shut and lock this winter.

Rusty attended the City Council meeting he asked for \$7500.00 this year. The City gave the Fair Board \$5000.00 but they did say that there could possibly be more coming in the future. Rusty was asked if we had raised out rental rates and we have as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they have gone up.

The board discussed the Internet at the facility and the advantages it gives the Center. Larry said that it is a good selling point. The cost of the WIFI per month is \$59.95 which is split between the Fair Board and the Leaders Association. The board agreed to leave the WIFI on all the time.

Laura received the Chamber of Commerce membership form for the year. The membership cost is \$200.00. Debbie made the motion to not sign up this year. Barb 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All were in favor motion carried.

Laura also has turned her audit into Barb at the Auditors Office for the 2023 year.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Debbie and Brad 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor motion carried.

Next meeting will be Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7 pm at the 4-H Center.

Barb Watzel Secretary

There is a detailed treasure report in the Secretary Book.