**Wayne County Agricultural Society**

**Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting**

**July 9, 2020 8:00 pm**

**301 Pheasant Run, Wayne, NE 68787**

Call to Order by Dave Jager, President

**Roll Call**

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| P | Kevin Davis | P | Jeff Farran | P | Merlin Felt |
| P | Rod Gilliland | A | Trever Hartmann | P | Jared Heithold |
| P | Dave Jaeger | P | Doug Temme | P | Shelli Keiser |
| P | Andy Nelsen | P | Dave Owens | P | Todd Greunke |
| A | Cody Henderson | P | Jim Fernau | P | Matt Haschke |
| P | David Ley, Treasurer | A | Cutter Haberman, Jr. Member | A | Brady Henderson, Jr. Member |

**Minutes**

Rod Gilliland made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Matt Haschke second the motion. The motion was voted unanimously and carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer reported checking account balance of $6,298.54 and savings account balance of $82,065.28 and ATM balance of $2,100.00 for a total of $90,463.82. Dave noted we are at a good level with 4-H/FFA only fair expenses. Jared Heithold made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Matt Haschke seconded the motion. The motion was voted unanimously and carried.

**Vouchers Paid**

Vouchers paid since the last meeting totaled $3,406.74. A detailed list was emailed to each Director. Todd Greunke made a motion to approve the vouchers. Jim Fernau seconded the motion. The motion was voted unanimously and carried.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

* Israel Rodriguez attended the meeting to apologize for driving on the fairgrounds and causing damage to the ABC Storage container when he ran into it. He said he will pay for the damages caused. ABC Storage is to be out this week and repair the damages and send a bill to Israel and a copy to The Wayne Co. Ag. Society.
* Morgan Carson and Kody Frahm asked to rent The Expo Center for their October 16, 2021 wedding reception. They would like to have The Expo Center on October 14-17th for set up & tear down. Rod Gilliland made a motion to allow them to rent The Expo Center and Dave Owens seconded the motion. The motion was voted unanimously and carried.
* Brandon Watters and Alex Bargstadt were unable to attend the meeting. Dave Jaeger asked on their behalf in they could rent The Expo Center for their wedding reception on May 22, 2021. They would also like to set up on May 21, 2021. Doug Temme made a motion to allow them to rent The Expo Center and Andy Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was voted unanimously and carried.
* Preliminary Budget Request - Jeff Farren made a motion to accept to 2020 1% for $62,328.07. Todd Greunke seconded the motion. Board members voting in favor of the motion included: Kevin Davis, Jeff Farran, Merlin Felt, Rod Gilliland, Jared Heithold, Dave Jaeger, Doug Temme, Shelli Keiser, Andy Nelson, Dave Owens, Todd Greunke, Jim Fernau and Matt Haschke, Two voting members were absent: Trever Hartman and Cody Henderson, The motion was voted unanimously and carried.
* 2020 Allocated Request – Doug Temme made a motion to ask for an additional $27,671.93 capital improvement in the Restricted Funds, Subject to Limitation. Jeff Farren seconded the motion. Board members voting in favor of the motion included: Kevin Davis, Jeff Farran, Merlin Felt, Rod Gilliland, Jared Heithold, Dave Jaeger, Doug Temme, Shelli Keiser, Andy Nelson, Dave Owens, Todd Greunke, Jim Fernau and Matt Haschke, Two voting members were absent: Trever Hartman and Cody Henderson, The motion was voted unanimously and carried.
* Audit Waiver – Andy Nelson made a motion to accept the 2020 audit waiver. Matt Haschke seconded the motion. Board members voting in favor of the motion included: Kevin Davis, Jeff Farran, Merlin Felt, Rod Gilliland, Jared Heithold, Dave Jaeger, Doug Temme, Shelli Keiser, Andy Nelson, Dave Owens, Todd Greunke, Jim Fernau and Matt Haschke, Two voting members were absent: Trever Hartman and Cody Henderson, The motion was voted unanimously and carried.
* When we go to ask for money, we need a plan. Suggestions below:
  + Kevin is looking into a permanent grandstand. $1,000,000 for cement and $30,000 each section holds 300 people.
  + Walking trail was addressed – will it be built heavy enough to drive on it and what is the path for the trail? They will resume construction after the fair.
  + The Expo Center- internal and external remodeling.
  + Upgrade water lines.
* Amy Topp presented an update on COVID-19 procedures for the 2020 4-H/FFA shows.
  + An Event Schedule of the show days was presented.
  + Amy is contacting the Superintendents to have them come out on July 13, 2020 for fair cleanup.
  + Amy said the Extension Office will be moving out to The Expo Center on July 15, 2020.
  + Porta pots (4) 1 being handicapped accessible and 3 handwashing stations will be ordered from Pollard Pumping by Dave Jaeger. The Leland Herman bathrooms and Horse Arena bathrooms will not be used this year.
  + The 4-H bathrooms will be open along with the use of the porta pots & hand washing stations.
  + Kristin Niemann is hired & scheduled to clean the 4-H restrooms and porta pots during the entirety of the fair.
  + Amy asked if it is possible to have a food vendor available, to serve out of their trailer, for the larger shows on Tues, 7/21/2020, Thurs, 7/23/2020, & Sun, 7/26/2020. Shelli Keiser will check with Tacos & More and Jared Heithold will check with Todd Beiermann.
  + Merlin Felt said he would bring his manure spreader to use.
* The Majestic Theater – Jared Heithold spoke on behalf of the Majestic Theater. They would like to continue to have a Drive-In Theater movie once a month through the rest of the summer if the weather permits. There was a lot of positive feedback about the movie except the concern was brought up that underage drinking seems to be an issue. This issue will be to be brought to the attention of the Majestic Theater group. The Fair Board would like to find out if the Theater has liability insurance. Kristin Niemann gets paid $15.00/hour to clean the restrooms - the board pays for the supplies. In the future the Theater, at their cost, may need to look at hiring Kristin to clean the restrooms or they clean them. Jared will ask about our questions and report back. Rod Gilliland made a motion to allow them to use the fairgrounds for the 2020 year at no cost. Matt Haschke seconded the motion. The motion was voted unanimously and carried.
* Rod Gilliland asked to use The Expo Center for his daughter Danielle’s wedding reception June 12, 2021. They would like to use the building from June 10-13, 2021 for set up & tear down. The board unanimously agreed to allow his family to use The Expo Center.
* BB Balloons is asking for help with working with the local school to set up something for her to come in with her balloons. Dave Jaeger is going to contact her and let her know we would prefer not to pursue this with her at this time and we’ll try to have her back at the 2021 fair.
* Fair Ads – Diane Roeber asked about a Thank you to be put in the Wayne Herald for those who submitted their sponsorships this year. It was recommended to put one Thank you in the paper after the fair. The ad signs should be put up during the fair. Diane will contact Derick Anderson to get the new or changed ad signs made. Diane also reported that $5,950.00 of the 2020 sponsorships have been donated to the new 4-H/FFA Building Fund.
* Pierce Co. Fair Board had requested the Wayne Co. Fair Board Directors to work either the beer garden or take tickets. If anyone is interested, please let their fair board know.
* Shelli Keiser will contact Steve Avery to see if he would donate ice cream coupons to the

4-H/FFA kids as a gesture from the Fair Board Directors.

* A review of cancelled events was covered. Board members in charge of events confirmed their cancellations.
* Andy Nelson will get 50 bags of medium flake bedding for the fair.
* Jeff Farren is working on getting an ambulance for the horse show.
* Jeff Farren said the tractor is at Craig Evans’s and he is doing maintenance and service to it.
* Jeff Farren said he would get an address for Kyle Claussen who will be paying for the chain link fence he damaged this spring.
* Jeff Farren said the buckles for the roping had already been purchased and can be used in 2021 as there is not a date on them. The Ag. Society will need to pay Josh Sellin – Hoskins, NE $425.00.
* Kevin Davis talked about getting Black Hawk for the 2021 fair. The board would like him to pursue the band.
* Jim Fernau is working on a grant to be submitted.
* Luke Virgil from the Chamber reported on pursuing Chicken Days for Sept. 12, 2020 at the fairgrounds.
  + He asked if the Fair Board would run the beer garden, if we didn’t, they would not have one. Merlin Felt made a motion to have Matt Haschke run the beer garden and Andy Nelson seconded the motion. 5 yes and 7 no and 1 abstained. The motion was denied.
  + The Chicken Show will be at the fairgrounds from approximately 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm with the conclusion of fireworks at 7:45.
  + They would like to come out on Sept. 11, 2020 to set up.
  + The construction of the sidewalks through the fairgrounds will be placed on hold while the Chicken Show events are happening.
  + The City of Wayne & the Chamber will pay for porta pots to be used.
  + Okayed the Chamber & volunteers to use the Fair Office during Chicken Days.
  + They would also like to use the sunshades.
  + Luke will ask the City about using Wayne’s picnic tables from the parks.
  + Luke will contact Gill Hauling & Waste Management about garbage cans and pickup of trash.
  + Luke reported they hope to have a parade if allowed.
* Jeff Farren made a motion to recess the meeting until July 27, 2020 and Matt Haschke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

July meeting was reconvened on July 26, 2020 at 1:30 pm at the fair office.

**Roll Call**

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* David Ley presented a preliminary budget for the year ending October 15, 2020. He indicated that he would also bring this report along with a report of capital expenditures from the past 10 years to the commission meeting on August 4. He indicated that we would need to hold back at least $33,000 for the 2021 fair. He also indicated that a new savings account would be opened to deposit funds allocated to the new 4-H/FFA building.
* The Northeast Nebraska Cattlemen would like to hold their annual steak feed on Sunday, August 9th in the Expo Building. It was discussed and agreed to allow them the use of the building.
* The post-fair picnic is scheduled for August 3, at 7:00 pm at the Expo Building.
* Brent Pick donated a building previously located at 527 Brewhouse to the fair. He would like to store his boat under the building for the next two years. It was discussed how to make use of the building. Ideas of making it a building for the feeder calves and replacing the Roost II were discussed. Merlin Felt made a motion to move the building to the beer garden and replace the current structure. Matt Haschke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with a vote of 11 yes, 1 no and 3 absent. The motion carried. Further discussion was held regarding moving the electrical and concrete for the footings. An estimate of $2,000 was given for those improvements.
* The concrete work in front of the grandstand has been started and will be completed shortly. Ideas for the grandstand were brought up. The current row of trees is heaving the concrete in the grandstand and that issue will need to be addressed. Jared Heithold will get a bid from Hard Steel for a potential cover for the grandstand as the removal of the trees behind the grandstand may be one solution to the problem.
* Wayne State College is having a surplus sale and an ice machine is on the inventory. Andy Nelsen will check with Mary French on the condition of the machine and place a bid.
* The 2520 tractor needs more repairs. The idea of selling the tractor was brought up and Merlin Felt indicated that if we needed a tractor to park campers and boats, that he could bring his small tractor in. They estimated the potential selling price and have an interest buyer. Doug Temme made a motion to sell the tractor. Todd Greunke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with a vote of 12 yes and 3 absent.
* Camper parking will take place on October 3-4 and October 10-11, 2020.
* Chicken Day will be September 12th and the stage will need to be set up.
* Ideas were discussed for funds raisers for the 4-H/FFA building. Discussion of a free-will breakfast to be held after COVID-19 settles down.
* Kevin Davis is still working with Michelle Romeo to add Blackhawk to our concert lineup for the 2021 fair.
* Dave Jaeger thanked everyone involved in putting on the 4-H/FFA shows this year. Overall the shows ran smoothly and the Extension office did a great job following the DHHS guidelines.

Andy Nelsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rod Gilliland seconded the motion. The motion was voted unanimously and carried.

Submitted by Diane Roeber, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting September 10, 2020, 7:30 pm and Budget meeting at 8:00 pm at the Fair Office, 301 Pheasant Run, Wayne, Nebraska.