Valley County Fair Commission Regular Meeting

April 11th, 2016

501 Court Sq. #17 Glasgow, MT 59230

Members in Attendance: Kevin Ross, Tasha Mix, Bob Hanson, Jerry Arnold, Adam Powell and Smiley Johnson.

Guest in Attendance: Paul Tweten, Shelley Mills, Gwen Cornwell, Rob Brunelle, Macie Anderson, Tori & Gus Kaufman, Hailey Shipp, Chelsea Sams, Sue & Larry Sather, Jim, Stacey & Josie Uphaus, Shiela & Don Nelson, Jodi Dix, Toby & Macy Klind, Deb Wixson, Rod Karst, Lori Westby.

Chairman Kevin Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Public comment: none at this time.

Commissioners Report: Nothing at this time

4-H: Nothing at this time

Extension: Shelley will be offering a class on “Successful Gardening in Valley County”. She would like to do this to help the public prepare for fair, planting, growing and picking the best produce/flowers to enter at fair level. She will also help with filling out tags and entries. The board was excited to have Shelley put this program together.

MRM: working on the pits getting them ready for the season.

Rodeo: No one in attendance

Concert:

Relay for Life: planning to be at the fairgrounds again this year providing that the concrete sidewalks are in place. Asked the fair board to consider pouring concrete to connect the sidewalks to make a u-shaped path.

Minutes of the March 14th, 2016 meeting Jerry moved to accept the minutes as presented, Bob 2nd; motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Swine Barn: Tasha moved to purchase the materials to build the barn with the electric included in the 2016 fiscal year, and build the barn after the 2016 fair and pay for the labor of building the barn in the 2017 fiscal year. Adam 2nd; in favor Jerry, Adam, Bob, and Tasha; opposed Smiley; motion passed.

4-H Horse Show: 4-H Executive Council presented a proposal to the board that the 2016 horse show be held at KD Arena and the 2017 at the Fairgrounds. Bob moved to except the 4-H Executive Councils proposal. Smiley 2nd; in favor Smiley, Bob; opposed Jerry, Adam; abstained Tasha, Kevin; motion failed

Adam moved to have the 2016 horse show at the Fairgrounds; Jerry 2nd; in favor Jerry, Adam; opposed Smiley, Bob; abstained Tasha, Kevin.

Jerry moved to have 4-H project classes at the Fairgrounds and all other classes at KD Arena. No 2nd motion failed.

Jerry moved to have the 2016 4-H Horse Show at the Fairgrounds and they can run classes on Sunday Mornings. Adam 2nd; in favor Adam, Jerry, Tasha; opposed Bob, Smiley; Motion passed.

Bathrooms: Kevin got a bid to roof the concrete bathrooms. $1500 for 3 tab shingles. Discussion was had and decided to get more bids and look at metal roofing materials.

 Carnival: $15K for the rides that Jeff has on hand and as he adds larger rides he will present a price. No official contract has been sent at this time.

 Rodeo Contract: No representative from the Rodeo Committee so we will look at this at the May meeting.

Bob moved to use ThunderTix as our ticketing software it will cost $39/month that it is in active use and $10/month for non active use. Jerry 2nd; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jerry moved to accept the beer garden bid packet as presented, Smiley 2nd; motion passed

Jerry moved to accept the motorsport bid packet as presented, Bob 2nd; motion passed.

Food vendor agreement will be looked at, at the May meeting.

Hailey Shipp with KLTZ will start advertising that the commercial booths under the grandstands will be available at no cost this year to vendors.

Smiley moved to keep the office staff wages at the same as last year Kerry $11.00/hr and Katie $8.75/hour. No 2nd; motion failed

Bob moved to raise Kerry’s wages to $12.50/hr and Katie’s wages to $10.00/hr. Jerry 2nd; in favor Jerry, Adam, Bob, Tasha; opposed Smiley; motion passed.

Public Comment:

Gwen Cornwell asked about the counties use of the VEC. Commissioner Tweten said that the county has 2 weeks of use of the VEC. One week at fair time and one other week.

There will be a Fair Commission Strategic planning meeting May 3rd at 6pm at the courthouse.

Next meeting is May 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Chairman Signature: