

On Monday, January 11, 2021, Mark Wade called the Albany County Fair Board meeting to order at 6:30. In attendance was Andrea Senior, Katie Ogden via phone, Scott Lake and Brett Moline.

Public Comment:

Freda Dixon reported on the RHDV2 and said that it has been the first case in Albany County, a rabbit was found on the north side of the county and tested positive for the virus. This is the first case in Wyoming. There is a vaccine available and two of the veterinarians in the county are looking into the vaccine. The vaccine is costly, Freda was unsure if the county has a large enough rabbit population to bring the cost down. There are veterinarians in Colorado that charge \$35 per vaccine plus an office visit charge. Mark asked if the vaccine is working. Freda replied that it is working in Europe. The vaccine takes about 3 months to import the vaccine, along with a very costly process. Mark asked for her to keep us posted.

No additions or deletions to the agenda were made.

Andrea moved to approve the meeting minutes from the December meeting as submitted. Scott seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passes.

Guest, Committee Reports

The 4-H Council submitted a report in writing. Attached at the bottom. Meaghan also reported they had officer training for the presidency of each club. Meaghan reported they will also host the Southeast Leadership Conference. They participated in the Christmas parade, and made Christmas cards for the senior citizens as a service project. Their goal is to fill all of their committees

No report from Snowy Range FFA Chapter. Mr. Coxbill reported that judging season has started they will set a schedule for judging practices Tuesday. The FFA State Convention will be spread out over many states and there may be a few sessions. Mr. Coxbill also reported that Mr. Montgomery donated \$10,000 to the FFA.

No report from Rock Creek FFA Chapter

The Fairgrounds Foundation report given by Brett Moline, he reported the Foundation was working on getting internet service to the range for the security cameras. Josey spoke about the slow process of getting something with the sewer moving forward. She said that she had submitted an application and had not heard back from the city on the matter.

Heather gave the Sale Committee report. There will be two new members Leah Churches, and Jarrod Edwards pending the board's approval. She thought they would be great additions to the group. Changing some things up, using tables for seating, a nice catered meal before the sale.

Look at the sale as more of an event. The committee has ordered mugs for all sale supporters, and is in the process of ordering save the date magnets. Then kids and sale committee members will take mugs and save the dates to the buyers with COVID precautions in place. They have set a date for Business after Hours - June 16, 2021. They have also been working with UW on getting a survey built for the research project they were tasked with. If UW cannot get it to them by the end of February they plan on making their own in March.

The Shooting Range report was submitted in writing by Roy. Explaining his hours

Fairgrounds Report - Josey gave this report due to Kirby's absence. She reported that we hired two new employees, all the steer tie outs cleaned out, they have the majority of the manure piles taken to the dump, they are building mini putt putt courses with materials found around the grounds. Some buildings are having plumbing issues and have flooded but they are getting that cleaned up. The building will be used for the wool judging contest and the meat judging reasons, and the building is getting more rentals.

There was no Judges Committee Report

Range Arena - Josey reported that it is status quo and the foundation had ordered water and cement and they will hopefully be putting that in on Wednesday. Once the waters are replaced the empty stalls will be filled.

Treasurer's Report - Andrea moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Scott seconded. Andrea asked about the returned check line item and the collection process. Scott asked about the line item of the Livestock Loan account and what it was used for. No further Motion passed.

Office and Staff Reports

Josey reported that the building is fairly well business as usual, building rental is picking up in February. She also reported that what we thought was the well is not a well and is a pressure tank to supply the campground and rodeo grounds with water. The "leak" that we have is actually the tank filling with water on occasion after it has been emptied.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Judges Committee Application Approval - There has been three applications submitted, Taylor Haley, Jannette Parker, and Curtis Doubet. Brett moved to approve all three applications, Andrea seconded the motion, there was no discussion, motion passed.

Katie explained what the Dressage Club was looking for from our facilities, they would like to have the Range Arena, the Grandstands Arena, and the Talbott barn for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They are looking for a large discount, the approximate cost would be around \$2500, and they would like to be about half of that. The group was supposed to look at the range and the round pen to see what they thought about both facilities, and what the group they would like to do. Katie explained that they are not an educational organization or a charitable organization, so she personally felt a problem with giving them a large discount. The board tasked Josey with calling to discuss the large outdoor round pen and if it could be widened to accommodate them for their warm up area, they also do not meet the discount requirements set forth at the previous meeting.

Andrea reported that she never heard back from Jodi to hear what the family would like to do for Ed Schott Memorial if anything.

Brett moved to approve the Fair Regulation Document, Andrea seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed.

New Business

There have been two applications for the Judges Committee submitted, Leah Churches and Jarrod Edwards. Andrea moved to approve both applications to be on the Sale Committee. Brett seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passes.

Katie moved to approve the public comment submitted in writing or limited to 5 minutes per person. Scott seconded. Brett stated that he had no problem limited them to 5 minutes of actual speaking and then they could be beyond 5 minutes for dialogue between the board and the person with the public comment. This would follow suit of the commissioners and parliamentary procedure. Discussion about the logistics of the new proposal was had. Katie stated that it did not limit public comment on agenda items it was more for the Public Comment section of the agenda. Andrea stated that her intent was to allow for the chair to have a place for the public comment to go. Andrea stated that another intent was because it was good for them to have it in writing and there has been past meetings that people acted with unbecoming behaviors and there needed to be organized conversations with people. Freda asked if you were not allowed to talk if it was not submitted in writing prior to the meeting. Heather asked why the public comment was not read in the meeting. Freda asked where the agendas were on the website. Josey showed her on the projector. Andrea pointed out that this change is new and the previous public comment was not published. Scott asked what the protocol for unacceptable or non productive behaviors, they can be asked to leave by the board pursuant to state statute. Katie pointed out that nobody has ever been thrown out when people should have been and she felt this protocol would set a precedent for the behavior and policy for the meetings to come. Andrea asked Mr. Coxbill a

question, that with public comment it was required for people to have recognition from the chairperson or are in direct conversation with another board member. Andrea stated she would like to change the atmosphere of the meetings and in turn make them more efficient and productive. Ms. Jennifer Curran read the state statute on disruptive behavior. Brett pointed out that the goal of this was to keep the goal in mind and stay focused on it. No further discussion. Motion passes.

Brett moved to approve the drafted 2021 Fair Schedule. Andrea seconded. Josey added Subject to Change to the document due to covid guidelines. Scott admitted that his comment was self sided and narrow minded, that the beef show was all on one day. He asked McKenzie and she said that she did not care either way. Mark asked the public at the meeting to go over the changes. Scott discussed breeding stock going home. Freda discussed that poultry check in would overlap the open rabbit show. Josey explained each day of the schedule and the rationale behind the changes that were made. Freda expressed concern about the check in process for the open exhibits. Freda informed us that she locks the rabbit barn. Andrea asked if the beef day would be made longer, but there still would be a different judge for showmanship. More discussion about beef show day and round robin.

New board member officers were elected by unanimous ballot and all votes were unanimous. Scott is the 2021 Chairman, Mark is the 2021 Vice Chairman, and Andrea is the 2021 Secretary Treasurer.

Brett moved to approve the December expenditures, Andrea seconded, no discussion and motion passed.

Katie moved to go into executive session pursuant to the state statute at 7:57 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm January 11, 2021

The next meeting will be held at the Fairgrounds on February 8, 2021 at 6:30pm