

On Monday, March 8, 2021, Scott Lake called the Albany County Fair Board meeting to order at 6:30. In attendance was Andrea Senior, Katie Ogden, Mark Wade.

**Public Comment:**

Freda Dixon submitted information in writing. Attached at the end of this document.  
Andrea volunteered to talk with Dr. Dana Peterson about how we move forward with having rabbits on the grounds at fair.

No additions or deletions to the agenda were made.

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

**Guest, Committee Reports**

The 4-H Council - Mary Louise Wood - She reported that the council is super busy and are having meetings every day in the week.

Snowy Range FFA Chapter - Mrs. Kunkel - She reported that they are super busy, the first round of state contests were completed today, Ag Mechanics and Vet Science. Results will be given at state convention that is happening in April. They are working on a website for an apparel fundraiser. The students will all go back to school full time after spring break.

Rock Creek FFA Chapter - Heather Alexander reported that Mr. Vallier said they also just finished with the first round of state convention contests.

The Fairgrounds Foundation- Josey Bailey- She reported the Foundation is going to be moving forward with the dirt bit from Hamaker Excavation. They were also working on their brand boards and fundraising in that way.

Sale Committee report - Heather Alexander - She reported the sale committee met last week, they will be getting survey cards, save the dates, and thank you mugs out to all the buyers in April. They will be asking 4-H and FFA members to participate in boots on the ground this year.

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

Fairgrounds Report - Josey Bailey - In the process of getting the new candidate hired is going well. The crew is doing the little tasks that are able to be done around the grounds, water problems, barn doors. The west end bathrooms had been taken care of but the contractors had not gotten back to us on the use of the sink in the extension side.

Judges Committee Report - Myron Hales - Met last month, a large percentage of judges have been contacted and agreed to judge at the upcoming fair. Josey is contacting them.

Range Arena - Josey Bailey - She reported on these matters in the Fairgrounds Report.

Treasurer's Report - Andrea moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Mark seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

### **Office and Staff Reports**

Josey Bailey reported that we are business as usual and people are booking more.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Old Business**

Elect ACFB Secretary/Treasurer Katie moved to elect Mark to the position, and remove Andrea because of the bonding process and her financial license. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Discussion on the fairgrounds being used as a vaccination site. Andrea moved to not allow the UW Vaccination Planning Working Group to use the activities building each Tuesday and Thursday for April, May and June at no cost. Katie seconded the motion. Katie suggested sending a list of other options for vaccination sites. Motion passed.

Approve the trade of the chairs from the New Life Church for use of the building. Katie moved to approve the trade for use of the building in July. Andrea seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Fair Out West Theme. Katie moved to approve the fair theme for the 2021 County Fair. Mark seconded the motion. Motion passes.

February Expenditures - Mark moved to approve the expenditures, Andrea seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Katie moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on April 12, 2021 at the Dining Room in the Activities Building at the Fairgrounds.

**Public Comment:**

**Freda Dixon**

To Josie and the Albany County Fair Board:

I am unable to attend the meeting Monday night due to a commitment to my 4-H Club. I wanted to share what I am thinking regarding the rabbit show at the fair this summer. It appears about 80 rabbits owned by our 4-h youth will be vaccinated sometime this month as soon as the vaccine is received from France. I have committed to the youth to reimburse \$10 per rabbit for up to 10 vaccinated rabbits from the \$800 fund that was donated last summer. What do you need from me and/or the youth to reimburse the youth?

I am asking the fair board if we require the breeding rabbits being shown at fair to be vaccinated, does this need to be put out to the public for the 45 day comment period? I am considering making it a one day carry in show on Monday and not keep the rabbits on grounds after the show. There would also be extra biosecurity measures taken during the time the rabbits are on grounds. The vaccine is about 94% effective.

I am unsure as to having market rabbits at fair as rabbits cannot be vaccinated until 10 weeks of age and then 7 days afterwards to take effect. Maximum age of market rabbits is 70 days which excludes them from receiving the vaccine if it was available at that time. The only other possible solution I have come up with is to bring the meat pens and single fryers in on Friday, judge them and then be part of the sale on Saturday. Then they would be butchered. The issue being finding a place that will process them. Do you have suggestions?

Please let me know what you decide and what you need me to do.

Freda Dixon