

On Monday, June 14, 2021, Brett Moline called the Albany County Fair Board meeting to order at 6:30. In attendance was Andrea Senior, Katie Ogden, Mark Wade. Scott Lake attended via phone call.

Public Comment:

Freda Dixon submitted a letter to Josey for an update to the board. Attached at the bottom.

Katie moved to accept the agenda. Andrea seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed.

Katie moved to approve the meeting minutes from the May Meeting. Mark seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

### **Guest, Committee Reports**

The 4-H Council - Mary Louise Wood - Many kids are going to livestock judgments and jackpots. Super 4-H Saturday went well, 5K, pancake breakfast, garage sale and carnival all went good. Chris said that there was a hydrant bent and so the 4-H will get a new one. 65 people at fair grounds cleaned up, Harmony Hustlers planted flower beds, Stompin Steamboats cleaned up around the shooting range/Talbott Barn.

Snowy Range FFA Chapter - None

Rock Creek FFA Chapter - Heather Alexander - Nothing to Report

The Fairgrounds Foundation- Josey Bailey - There will be a Jackpot show, there was a meeting last week on brand boards and there will be a Brand Opening next week. They did not have any new or old business at their meeting in May. The next meeting is on June 15, 2021.

Sale Committee report - Heather Alexander - She reported the sale meal is set, and the deposit will be paid. 88 surveys were received, and 53% of those want the sale to be at 1pm. 61% said email communication was best. Sale time will stand at 2. The committee is still waiting on consignment forms, she will move forward with ordering the ones we currently have. Business After Hours will be on Thursday. They will be purchasing tea and cookies for refreshments. The committee has arrangements on who will be here after state fair for those animals. The committee received a letter from 307 Meat Company. Attached at the end. Andrea and Katie expressed concern about the slaughter fees and the shipping fees.

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

Fairgrounds Report - Chris Baty - Barn leaks are getting sealed, they are about 80% set up for the jackpot, the sprinklers are working manually.

Judges Committee Report - Myron Hales - Reported that as far as he knows they are good on judges. Josey reported that she would be booking hotel rooms this week.

Range Arena - Josey Bailey - She reported that there is one pen available that could be converted into a project pen. The pens in the back would likely be filled by next month. All the indoor stalls are full.

Chris Baty - Reported that the ground was getting watered every week, twice, to keep the dust down. The leaking problems over there had been fixed.

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

### **Office and Staff Reports**

Josey Bailey reported online entry will open on Wednesday. The office help has been very efficient in completing their assigned tasks, they have additionally relieved a lot of stress of getting everything completed. I presented the budget last week, and will know the verdict on the Commissioners decision by the end of the month. There has been 2% increase in income even with COVID. 25% decrease in expenses, and \$16,000 increase in Net Income. Tagging went well. 145 hogs, 61 sheep, 51 goats, 163 poultry, consisting of 79 chickens, 16 ducks, 23 geese, and 45 turkeys, this will total a max of 210 sale lots. Event bookings are on an upward trend and are already having spring of 2022 bookings in multiple buildings. Fair orders will be finalized this week. MOU for Feeding Laramie Valley is on the Commissioners agenda.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Old Business**

**Approve** Sarah Dalles as Consignment Photographer for 2021 Albany County Fair - Katie made the motion to approve Sarah Dalles as the 2021 Consignment Photographer. Andrea seconded the motion, no discussion and motion passed.

**Discussion** on Pickup and Trailer to replace Dump Truck - Katie moved to publish requests for proposals for the purchase of a pickup and trailer. Andrea seconded the motion. There was no discussion and passes.

Special Project Reports - Andrea Senior - Mark Wade

Archery Meeting - Andrea - The group is moving forward with the planning and getting the ball rolling for the Archery Complex by tasking members of this committee with various things

Lighting Upgrade - Mark - Reported he will wait to see if we receive the 1% request and then will go back to the ROI salesmen to develop a plan.

## **New Business**

**Discuss & Action** on Johnson Service Rental Fee - Mark moved to waive the fees for the services, Katie seconded the motion. No discussion and motion passed.

**Approval** on Sanitation Service Provider - Handwashing Stations and Portable Toilets for Fair - Josey presented the numbers for each service provider of 4 portable toilets and 6 handwashing stations. Mark moved to accept Honeywagon as the service provider. Andrea seconded the motion. No discussion and motion passed.

**Discussion & Action** on Dishwasher Purchase for Range Arena Mobile Home - Mark moved to purchase a new dishwasher for the trailer house. Kaite seconded the motion and there was no discussion. Motion passed.

**Discussion** on receiving a presentation from Ayers - Katie Ogden - Katie explained what this firm provided. Brett asked if they should present to us or to the foundation. The decision was made that they would invite in the fall, in september.

**Discussion** on Organization and Last Minute Communication from 4-H Events - Chris - Chris expressed his concerns about not knowing about the events that had taken place. Josey said there was no official communication about the other venues that would be used.

**Approve** May Expenditures - mark katie no discussion passes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41.

To Josie and the Albany County Fair Board:

I am unable to attend the Fair Board meeting as I will be out of town. There has been a report of 3 more wild rabbits testing positive for RHDV2 in West Laramie the last part of May. ARBA rules will not allow a sanctioned show within 30 miles of a report of a wild rabbit testing positive. We have had a positive test each month since December so I am afraid this will continue. Therefore I recommend

the Open Show be canceled. I will do the paperwork to reschedule the current sanctions for 2022 when I'm back in town.

The 4-H show is looking very promising. I have 24 youth who have turned in their rabbit IDs with the intent to show their rabbits. Almost all of the youth had their rabbits vaccinated on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There are a few that have reserved a spot at the July 24<sup>th</sup> vaccination clinic which will allow them to show at fair also. One youth has indicated wanting to do showmanship virtually as he is not vaccinating his rabbits. We should have between 75 and 100 rabbits for a one day rabbit show on Monday. I have secured two judges which should be sufficient for this year.

We have also started rabbit hopping and agility classes with vaccinated rabbits and so we will also have this competition at fair.

The 4-H rabbit project has been the recipient of 40 rabbit cages from Joe Willowby from Evanston. He was very specific about the cages being given to 4-H not the fair. We want to honor his request, however we want you to know we intend to use the cages to house the rabbits at County Fairs in the future. We thank Meaghan Stinson for transporting the cages from Evanston to Laramie.

Freda Dixon

## **Nutrition and Storage**

### **Pigs**

- Begin Slaughter Sunday Morning
- Pigs will all be transported to 307 Meat Company Saturday Night (by 307 meat company staff)
- Sale Committee to supply 100 lbs of corn (Steam Flaked, Cracked, Whole, or unused pig feed) Sale Committee to provide.

### **Lambs**

- Lambs need to be all penned together in a pen that has little to no alley run to get them loaded. We chased those damn things around a lot last year. Sale arena is preferred
- 307 Meat Company will supply a water trough
- Lambs need to have 3-4 bales of plain grass hay in good condition. Sale Committee to provide.
- Lambs need 2 bags of steam flaked corn, Sale Committee to provide.
- Lambs will be transported to 307 Meat Company Tuesday evening or Wednesday evening (by 307 Meat Company Staff)

### **Goats**

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### **Beef**

- Beef need to be penned all together in the pens at the area
- Beef need to have 2-3 large 3x3 or 4x4 square bales of plain grass hay in good condition, Sale Committee to provide.
- No Corn or show feed will be fed to the steers after the sale. I can assure you under the direction of a ruminant nutritionist that to avoid bloat, no grain or show feed shall be fed, and diet changed to plain grass hay.
- Beef will begin being transported to 307 Meat Company on Wednesday or Thursday evening.

## **Slaughter Charges**

### **Slaughter Charges Butcher Block Animals**

- Beef per head
  - \$125 Slaughter only charge (normally \$150)
  - \$65 Shipping Charge (normally \$125) (cost of materials, labor donated)
    - Breaking, Bagging, Boxing, Palletizing (we were criticized heavily by the community and USDA for the way the carcasses were transported last year to the Butcher Block. This year the carcass will be placed in a bag, placed in a box and placed on a pallet. The bags will be sealed and labeled with a stamp of inspection. This was a much lengthier process last year than anticipated in the time it took to break the carcasses and cleaning the containers that they were transported in, and just cost a lot more in payroll than I had anticipated. It will be the Butcher Blocks option to have the carcasses in to 1/4's or 1/8's, price will be the same.

The carcasses will be broke the day before they Butcher Block wants to pick them up. So if they want to pick up for each day of cutting and not have to re-hang in their cooler that is perfectly fine. I will give the Butcher Block up to 21 days from the date of slaughter to pick up the carcasses. After which a \$5/day/beef charge will be assessed to the sale committee.

- Lambs per head
  - \$31.50 Slaughter only charge (normally \$40)
  - \$65 per 15 head (cost of materials, labor donated)
    - Whole carcasses will be bagged, boxed, and palletized 15 head per box. Carcasses will be packaged day before butcher block wants to pick them up. Carcasses will be chilled for at least 48 hours before transport. Heads will be removed per Butcher Block Request.
- Goats per head
  - \$31.50 Slaughter only charge (normally \$40)
  - \$65 per 20 head (cost of materials, labor donated)
    - Whole carcasses will be bagged, boxed, and palletized 20 head per box. Carcasses will be packaged day before butcher block wants to pick them up. Carcasses will be chilled for at least 48 hours before transport. Heads will be removed per Butcher Block Request.
- Hogs per head
  - \$ 62.50 Slaughter only charge (normally \$75)
  - \$65 per 8 head (cost of materials, labor donated)
    - Whole carcasses will be bagged, boxed, and palletized 8 head per box. Carcasses will be packaged day before butcher block wants to pick them up. Carcasses will be chilled for at least 48 hours before transport. Heads will be removed per Butcher Block Request.

#### Slaughter Charges 307 Meat Company

- Beef per head
  - \$125 Slaughter only charge (normally \$150)
  - Slaughter fee will be deducted from customers processing bill.
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- Hogs per head
  - \$ 62.50 Slaughter only charge (normally \$75)
  - Slaughter fee will be deducted from customers processing bill.

Kelcey Christensen