

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Roger Guthrie. Present in addition to Guthrie were John Patcle, Mark Stead, Mike Lieurance, Gary Northouse, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Amanda Cauffman and Judy Hazen.

The meeting notice was posted at the Extension Office, Youth & Agriculture Center and mailed to media and Administration Building by Lori Vesperman and posted on the website by the Grant County Clerk's Office.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to approve minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2020, with corrections. Motion carried.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

An offer for racetrack repairs was received from one company, Baus Electric. Labor cost with renting a lift is \$22,000. Cost of supplies from Crescent Electric is \$50,838, with a lead time of 6-8 weeks. Total cost of the project is \$72,838.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse to accept the bid from Baus Electric for labor on racetrack repairs. Motion carried.

Steve Weigel contacted Amy about holding a bean bag tournament at the fair. He has boards and all supplies. He would need 50 feet of space. There would be no cost to the fair.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded Gary Northouse, to amend Mike's motion made at the November 18, 2019, meeting: to raise pit passes to \$20 and allow all event wristbands in the pits for no additional cost; amend to: add \$5 for all event wristbands entering the pits. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to approve rabbit and dairy changes to the fairbook. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to require all swine entered in the Grant County Fair to be ractopamine free. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse, to sign the contract with Kindschi for the Pedal Tractor Pull (\$663.50) and ECI Pullers Association for the Saturday night tractor pull (\$4,000). Motion carried.

The Zone 4 District Meeting has been cancelled and is not being rescheduled.

The grandstand will open at 1:00 p.m. for the June event.

The Saturday night tractor pull will start at 6:30 p.m. with antique pullers starting closer to 7:00 p.m.

Crab races/show will be held on Thursday at 3:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the kids tent.

It was decided not to have cookie decorating with Blue Boy Bakery this year.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Grant County Extension and Youth & Agriculture Center business was presented.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by John Patcle, to approve Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve the livestock claim in the amount of \$310 to the Grant County Humane Society and send on to the full county board for approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse, to adjourn. The next regular scheduled meeting will be April 20, 2020.

Adjourned at 9:55 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stead
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary