

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 7pm

Maple Grove Church - Zoom Online App

Called to Order: J Olds, Interim President called the meeting to order at 7pm

Roll Call: H Horton, Interim Secretary took roll. Present: J Olds, S Benham, D Wildt, S Swafford, L Sands, H Horton, C Riddle, T Letts. All board members present.

Approval of the Agenda: H Horton motioned to amend the agenda, adding the board vacancies and special meeting minute request. 2nd by J Olds. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report: The Oct 20, 2020 minutes were received from S Baldwin and sent to the Board for review. H Horton motioned to accept them as written, 2nd by T Letts, All in favor, motion carried. A written statement regarding the board vacancy seat with a 2 year remaining term will be mailed/mailed to the membership. Letters of interest are due by 5pm February 15, 2021. A statement concerning special meeting minutes was received by D Keissling. Prior to December 1, 2020 the minutes were not provided to the board or the membership. The board met to discuss. H Horton motioned that special meeting minutes will be available to the membership upon request of the board secretary after they have been approved by the board. 2nd D Wildt. All in favor, motion carried. H Horton stated This isn't something that has ever been done before. We appreciate your patience as we worked through this.

Treasurers Report: C Riddle explained they are working on transferring information to the new computer system. The Finance Committee, bookkeeper and accountant are working together. Defer the treasurers report until next month. C Riddle, noted Cynthia Newsome was hired as an outside contractor to audit our books. Heather Dezatell has been hired as an outside contractor to be the bookkeeper. H Dezatell will be paid for billable hours. She will be doing our purchase orders, check writing and bills. Both will be overseen by the Treasurer and the Finance Committee. C Thomas will assist Chip as the Treasurer. C Riddle stated C Smith will continue as CPA, we need to be committed to having our CPA in the budget.

Manager's Report: J Rice has been working on vendor forms and registrations, event scheduling, sponsor packets have gone out in the mail, Jen is working with C Thomas on grant writing. J Rice stated the CCAIS won the communication award for Large Fair Sponsorship packets at the MAFE convention.

Members of the Audience Comments on Agenda Items: none

Action Items:

- a. 2019 Election Ballots L Sands made the motion to destroy the 2019 Election Ballots, 2nd C Riddle. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- a. Operations: J Olds, Tree Trimming, Barron's will trim a couple trees for us. One near the Church, the other east of the Boys & Girls Building. Racehorse Barns, working on getting those cleaned out, use for Merry Mile storage. C Thomas is working on grants for roofing some of our barns.
- b. Granary: J Olds, concrete walls and foundation are poured, the mover is setting up. D Wildt, stated he is working with C Thomas and C Boring on a grant to refurbish the granary.
- c. Bylaws Committee: C Thomas, reminder to put in the election packet. C Thomas and K Fischer will discuss the proposed changes at the Annual Meeting.
- d. Nominating Committee: D Keissling, currently there are no board members on the committee, waiting until the vacancies are filled.
- e. Employee Committee: Contracted Labor, H Deztell as bookkeeper & C Newsome transfer computer programs, audit books
- f. Volunteer Appreciation Committee: K Miller, nothing
- g. Livestock Committee: H Horton, chairman has not called a meeting.
- h. Livestock Auction Committee: S Benham, nothing
- i. Livestock Judging Committee: K Love, nothing
- j. Non Livestock Committee: J Rice, meeting next week
- k. Non Livestock Auction Committee: M Albrecht, nothing
- l. Non Livestock Judging Committee: J Rice, nothing
- m. Fair King & Queen Committee: T Letts, nothing
- n. Grandstand Committee: J Rice, the committee met and the schedule is:
 - 15th TBA
 - 16th Rodeo
 - 17th KOI Drag Racing
 - 18th Truck Pulls
 - 19th Combine Derby
 - 20th Concert TBA
 - 21st Demo Derby
- o. Membership Committee: L Sands, nothing. D Wildt inquired about the membership newsletter.
- p. Cruise at the Fountain Committee: J Rice, July 4th Weekend (Sat & Sun)
- q. Golf Outing Committee: J Rice, July 24th at the Medalist Golf Course
- r. Halloween Camping Committee: J Rice, scheduled Oct 8-10th
- s. Merry Mile Committee: C Thomas & H Dawson, Over \$50,000 was raised. The BC Foundation donated light displays, D Wildt picked those up. A grant from the Homer Community Foundation was received to refurbish those. Meeting with Bonners Commercial in February to discuss refurbishing some of our displays. H Dawson request that Nov & Dec the fairgrounds be reserved for Merry Mile, they need to function without other events going on. The committee will meet in March to plan 2021, discuss sponsorship packages. The racehorse barn will be cleaned out for storage. Huffman Tire is donating another semi-trailer for storage. Working on getting the final expenses, electrical cost etc. (deduct the Farmers Market expenses) before announcing the total amount raised. The Merry Mile was a hit in 2020 with Covid and the partnership with the parade and will be expanding in 2021.

Events & Community Reports:

- a. 4H Council: K Fischer, still virtual at this time. Check the Facebook page or 4-H Newsletter for activities. Any questions contact Kathy Fischer. D Wildt, asked with no expo and in person activities are there concerns about 4-H participation. K Fischer, Don't know for , sure, just because one event is cancelled, don't expect them all to be. K Fischer, stated she's looking forward to being back to face to face.
- b. FFA Report: T Letts, contest will still be happening. D Keissling, they will be virtual.
- c. Floral Hall: J Taylor, nothing
- d. Houston School: B Rapp, nothing
- e. Old Maple Grove Church: M Taylor, nothing
- f. Fair Museum: J McKeever, nothing

Public Comment:

C Thomas: We Will Sustain Campaign, has raised \$4,500. Disappointed it's still not on the website or Facebook. It's not being promoted. B Hunt, BC Foundation suggest we self-promote. Hope people will support, thank you to those that have.

J Darrow: MLE Committee moving forward with plans, may not be at the Pavilion

T Chenney Hugett: Introduced herself, submitted a letter of intent for the board vacancy

H Dawson: While working at the fairground several areas need to be looked into: the sheep barn is infested with racoons; the Merchant's building roof leaks and the Bewitching Peddlers are looking for a location in Marshall. If we could fix that roof it would bring rental income. D Wildt, stated that was one of the roofs they are trying to get a grant to fix.

J Rice, Bewitching Peddlers will need a new rental contract. The original one was set lower than current rental rates and doesn't include tables or chairs.

D Keissling, asked H Horton to clarify the boards decision on Special Meeting Minutes.

K Fischer, questioned why appointing 1 member to the board and not all of them. J Olds, stated it's overwhelming, we will fill the 2 year term and then place the others.

H Horton, The Myers family has requested the board approve planting a tree in memory of Bonnie Rocco, the board thanked them for the kind jester and agreed.

Board Member Comment:

H Horton, I attended the MAFE Convention virtually, sat in round table discussions with State Vet G Goodrich regarding state requirements for tagging, testing, biosecurity and animal disease as well as, discussions on 4-H and Youth Fairs. I was a part of the community events, Insurance/liability where they explained the 4H coverage and the myths. The 2020 roundtable recap with LC Scramblin was my favorite, as we all faced many changes due to Covid with our youth, livestock and shows. Annuals meeting were held virtually in some locations and a drive through in others. I had the opportunity to discuss things with MDARD concerning Act 80 and our bylaws.

S Swafford, the board requested sponsorship information.

J Olds, Jen please add sponsorships to the agenda. A committee report, who's been contacted and what amount they are pledging.

C Riddle, Feb 9th Finance Committee, Jen line up your commitments and report to the finance committee.

Meeting Adjourned 7:49 by J Olds, 2nd S Benham

Minutes taken by H Horton, Interim Secretary.

Board Approves February 17, 2021