

**Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 21, 2021 7pm**  
**Calhoun County Fairgrounds – Covered Arena**

**Called to order:** President J Olds called the meeting to order at 7:02

**Roll call:** Secretary H Horton called the roll. Present; J Olds, D Wildt, C Newsome, H Horton, M Burkwal, H Dawson, L Sands, T Letts, T Landis. Excused; T Miller

**The Pledge of Allegiance** – led by D Wildt

**Approval of the Agenda** – L Sands moved to amend the agenda, adding an action item for fair clean up. Supported by J Olds. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Secretaries Report** – H Horton motioned to approve the July 14, 2021 minutes with the correction of striking the word “vice” from person who led the pledge. Supported by M Burkwal. Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report** – C Newsome gave the treasures report, with expenses coming out for fair and livestock ribbons and awards. Merry Mile update. We Will Sustain, looking to promote with membership and press release. Auditor adjustment of assets, taxes filed. Motion made by C Newsome to accept, supported by D Wildt. Vote, all in favor. Motion approved

**Interim Managers report** – C Combs gave update of fair preparations, entries, ribbons, passes, code of conducts. Golf outing is this Saturday. Things are getting accomplished, obtained 30 bikes for kids day, 14 more coming. Fire extinguishers complete Thursday. Plumbing is being worked on after dog show. Bluegrass Festival has offered golf carts to help us. Lead on more through Quincy. Gate/parking volunteers the Hansen’s have offered to help. Volunteers needed for fair week – frog jumping, bike give away, kids day.

**Members of the Audience Comments** (agenda items only, limit 3 minutes) none.

**Action Items –**

**Livestock Committee** – M Burkwal welcomed new committee members: Doug Hunt and Rebecca Fry. M Burkwal asked that the board support the recommendation of the committee to amend the livestock early release form. Allowing non commercial trucking of animals after 2am. This allows the commercial haulers to load at midnight and leave before exhibitors that are taking animals home are able to load and leave. Supported by H Dawson. Discussion, pleasure horse leaving for state competition, getting early release forms signed appropriately and giving commercial haulers enough time to load. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Golf Carts** – Golf Carts are difficult to find. Need a minimum of 18. Purchased two carts for the fair. Have a lead on 2 limo carts and 2-4 carts fair week from J Cole.

**Grandstand Mega Pass**- H Newcomb asked that the board consider a mega pass to entice people to purchase, increasing gate and parking revenue. Discussion, \$90 value for \$75. Only for sale until Aug 15. J Olds motioned to offer the mega pass for grandstand events at the price of \$75, supported by H Horton. Vote, all in favor Motion Carried.

**Fair Clean Up**- L Sands motioned to hold a fair clean up day Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Supported by J Olds. Discussion, have 2 businesses have offered clean up days, have worked on cleaning up nails between barns. Vote, all in favor, motioned carried.

**Superintendent Reports:**

Dairy, Beth Letts -na

Dairy Starter, Kristin Murphy – 4 clubs, 56 exhibitors. Barns need work, is the front being fixed. H Dawson will follow up. Dairy starter trailer, needs to be fixed, moved and stored closer to the barns

Beef Breeding, Kim Mowry - na

Market Beef, Todd Landis – leaders meeting scheduled

Sheep, Ashley Adams - na

Goats, Josh Darrow - na

Swine, Danielle Swafford – 56 exhibitors, barn clean up Aug 6th

Poultry, Kassie Hamaker – (sent message) scheduling a barn clean up and questioned the size of tent.  
Rabbit, Ann Locke – (sent message) good to go, roof needs fixed. M Burkwalt will follow up.  
Mini horse & donkey, Johanna Wilson – Clean up Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, looking for the Mini Whinnie sign. H Dawson will look for it  
Open Draft Horse, Amy Cobb – 43 entered, ribbons and trophies are ordered  
Youth Draft Horse, Randy Combs – small but mighty, have everything ordered  
Youth Pleasure Horses, Tracey Wilson – 5 clubs, 21 horses, will have clubs present the colors daily during fair.  
Youth Dog, Nancy Gallant - na  
Open Class Needlework, Jessica Ashby – nothing yet  
Open Class Culinary Arts, Jaimee Wudy - na  
Open Class Fine & Folk Art, Laura Volkmann - na  
Open Class Photography, Karen Dean - na  
Open Class Antiques, Denise Banfield - na  
Open Class Agricultural, Melanie Piepkow - na  
Open Class Floriculture, Melvin Banfield - na  
Open Class Horticulture, Suzette Little - na  
Youth Needlework, Andrea Boughton -na  
Youth Culinary Arts, Amy Jones – looking for data, judges set  
Youth Fine Arts, TBD  
Youth Folk Arts, TBD  
Youth Ceramics, TBD  
Youth Photography, Nancy Sutherland - na  
Youth Agriculture, Amanda Shreve - na  
Youth Floriculture, Amanda Shreve -na  
Youth Horticulture, Amanda Shreve -na  
Youth Industrial Arts, Ted Densmore -na  
Youth Safety, Ted Densmore - na  
Youth Education, Leadership & family, TBD  
Youth General Market, TBD  
Youth Demonstration, Donna Zenker – nothing yet, entries close Friday.  
Youth Clowning, Sandi Christie – nothing yet, Red Cross Clowns will be there Tuesday for Kids day.  
Youth Natural Resources & Entomology, Suzette Little - na

#### **Committee Reports –**

Operations Committee – J Olds – trouble in maintenance building bathrooms, not winterized. It's a mess.  
Granary Project Committee – D Wildt – sealed the building, will put the copula on before fair.  
Bylaws Committee – C Thomas – nothing at this time  
Finance Committee- C Newsome – expenses for fair, meeting with the county commissioners  
Livestock Committee – Josh Darrow – already covered  
Livestock Auction Committee – Steve Benham – meal will be provided by Cornwell's Thursday and by Grand River on Friday. Greenstone Farm Credit offering support.  
Livestock Judging Committee – K Love – missing a few, questions on carcass and notebooks.  
Non livestock Committee – Terri Letts – need office to help send contracts  
Non livestock Auction Committee – T Letts – working on that  
Non livestock Judging Committee T Letts – looking for support  
Fair King & Queen Committee – T Letts – getting things worked out  
Sponsorship Committee – H Dawson – working on getting more. Updated the sponsor form. Have 4-5 Gold sponsors, 35 bike sponsors. TJ Schmidt is sponsoring fireworks. Golf Outing 20 teams, 25 hole sponsors.  
Grandstand Committee – H Newcomb – Ticket leap for online sales, mega pass, Facebook post, roe comm update, equipment needed discussed, conflict with infield parking for events, big machine soccer discussed.  
Membership Committee – H Horton Membership newsletter being put together, please submit articles.  
Cruise at the Fountain Committee – na  
Golf Outing Committee – H – Newcomb – 8 am at the Medalist. Need volunteers

Merry Mile Committee – H Dawson - na

**Events & Community Reports -**

4-H Council – K Fischer reported Cloverbud camp went well. Purpose of Cloverbud program. Planning fair week events.

FFA Report – L Finch - na

Floral Hall - na

Houston School -na

Old Maple Grove Church – need a vacuum

Fair Museum – J McKeever – getting things set up, new display case. Volunteers are ready.

**Public Comment-** (3 minute time limit, one opportunity to speak)

K Day, concern with Saturday hitch show and the mower races.

H Newcomb, 2 trailers of sand coming in, will be spread when needed for horses.

L Wilson, Two fair themes, what do we use. Both are being honored.

R Fry, Fair ages need to be communicated better.

**Board Member Comment for which no action may be taken at this meeting**

H Horton, if anyone would like something posted on Facebook, please contact H Newcomb, the fair office or myself.

T Letts, will we spray for mosquitoes? Will the barns be disinfected? Looking into mosquitoes and barns are sprayed before each fair.

**Adjournment;** meeting adjourned by J Olds at 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, H Horton