

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Board Meeting – BE Henry Building

March 16, 2022 – 7pm

**Call to order:** D Wildt called the meeting to order at 7pm

**Roll Call-** Secretary H Horton called the roll. Present: Doug Wildt, Steve Benham, Harmony Dawson, Cynthia Newsome, Hope Horton, Lisa Sands, Dewey Murphy, Tyler Avery, Tommy Miller and Todd Landis. Arriving Late: Teri Letts.

**Pledge:** Led by V President S Benham

**Approval of the Agenda:** H Horton moved to amend the agenda, adding Comfort Center to action items. Changes noted by D Wildt supported by T Miller. Vote was taken, motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were presented for January 19, 2022 motion made by H Horton to approve, supported by C Newsome, voted and approved. Minutes for February 16, 2022 were presented by H Horton, motion made by H Horton, supported by C Newsome voted and approved. H Horton also stated the following Superintendent positions were available: Dept 49 Group Exhibits, Dept 50 Pee Wee, and Dept 53, Barrel Decorating.

**Treasurer's Report:** C Newsome presented the balance sheet, profit & loss statement, account balances and revenue coming in will pick up with events and sponsorships.

**Manager's Report:** C Combs reported the Cruise planning is going well, adding Santa's Bag Craft show, live music and food vendors. The motorcycle rally May 21, will benefit youth premiums, volunteers are needed. This years spring clean up April 15-June 15, volunteers will pick a day, a project and schedule their group with the fair office. Golf carts for fair week have been secured. A Sponsorship Coordinator has been interviewed, excited to bring her in. Working on ideas for new thing at fair; a wood carver, ax throwing, with more to come. Working with Jason at Party Time Tents for fair week. Volunteers are needed for all events.

**Audience Comment:** J Olds, a quote was received from Rino for the comfort center, includes water heaters, water softeners, and showers.

**Action Items –**

- A. **Comfort Center-** GLGC Justin & Austin – reported of the comfort center inspection on what was needed to repair/replace. Discussed water quality, water blow off, filters, valves, heaters, softeners, contacted the manufacture (Sterling) on installing light commercial. The operations committee asked questions pertaining to the bid, didn't list shower valves or know the water quality . Board discussion also stated missing the cost of supplies on the bid and not knowing the showers needed new h/c lines and valves. C Newsome requested it move to closed session at end of meeting to not hold the meeting up. D Wildt agreed. Voted and approved.
- B. **Livestock Judging Committee** – K Love & C Boring discussed the proposal presented in February, increase judges pay. H Horton motioned to accept changes as presented. Supported by T Miller. Voted and approved.
- C. **Non Livestock Superintendents** – K Fischer 5 superintendents recommended for the vacancies in General Market (L Mcfadden), Ceramics (B Hagaman), Fine & Folk Art (Fischhaber), Booth & Barn Decorating (M Hautau), Youth Education, leadership & Family (S Christie) Motion made by L Sands to accept all 5 superintendents recommended. Supported by T Letts. Voted and approved.
- D. **Sponsorship Committee** – L Sands presented the outlined sponsorship packet. Discussion on standardization, king and queen sponsorship isn't enough to cover the expense. Finance committee stated in 2018 the concern and for the committee to get sponsors. If money doesn't come it, it can't be paid out. Motion made by H Horton to accept the sponsorship opportunities, excluding the King & Queen, supported by C Newsome. Discussion on lack of funding in account, money moved, not received. Voted and approved.

## **Committee Reports:**

- a. Operations Committee – D Wildt, Getting bids on roofing.
- b. Granary Project Committee– D Wildt, work will begin in the spring.
- c. Finance Committee – C Newsome, profit/loss, not in danger. Sponsorship person interviewed. CPA recommendation Taylor Plant Watkins PC, plan to hire, train staff, go over accounts with treasurer.
- d. Livestock Committee – Beef Weigh in 8:30-noon Saturday March 19.
- e. Livestock Auction Committee – Nothing at this time.
- f. Livestock Judging Committee – Nothing further at this time.
- g. Non livestock Committee – K Fisher, meeting planned, working with office to get contact information.
- h. Non livestock Auction Committee – L McFadden -na
- i. Non livestock Judging Committee –na
- j. Fair King & Queen Committee – V Hatke Application update, deadline will match. Spoke with Marshall Community Foundation on non endowed fund, pass through account. Concern on start up money, allocations through the foundation, but paid through the office. Premiums, community support.
- k. Grandstand Committee – H Newcomb, Lawnmower races Sunday, Rodeo Monday, KOI Tuesday, Truck Pulls Wednesday, Big Machine Soccer Thursday, Night of Destruction Friday, Demo Saturday. TJ Schmidt has offered to sponsor fireworks Saturday. Rocom looking to donate/sponsor again this year.
- l. Membership Committee – H Horton, memberships available in the office, \$25. Reminder all board members must be paid CCAIS members. Reduced rate for fair pass with membership.
- m. Cruise at the Fountain – C Combs, working on getting things ready
- n. Golf Outing Committee – L Sands, na
- o. Merry Mile Committee- na
- p. Fair Week Camping Committee – Working on Warren St and Infield camping. Main camping and Racehorse camping contracts have been sent.

## **Events & Community Reports:**

- a. 4-H Council – K Fischer, rock n rolling, ice skating, hit em here, cookie and canvas, scavenger hunt. 75 new members enrolled.
- b. FFA Report – State Convention, lots of awards earned
- c. Floral Hall - na
- d. Houston School – na
- e. Old Maple Grove Church – na
- f. Fair Museum – na

## **Public Comment:**

V Potter – Finance Committee discussed the MDARD grant, felt it should have went towards a different project. C Newsome stated it was a matching grant, needed to have a project bid.

J Behling – questioning the contract for porta potty's, C Newsome stated anything over \$10,000 has to have bid.

J Wilson – Horse shows put on by youth clubs being charged for grounds rental, they are raising money for box stall rental.

V Hetke – Grant writing, looking for volunteers or paid position.

**Board Member Comment:** none

**Adjourned-** D Wildt, supported by S Benham 8:56

Respectfully,

Hope Horton, Secretary.