

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 20, 2020 – Virtual/Remote Meeting - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The May 20, 2020 Board meeting was called to order by CCAIS Board President, Bruce Rapp at 7:03 pm through Virtual/Remote means to comply with the state ordered Stay-at-home executive order due to COVID-19 situation.

Attendance with Roll Call was conducted by Susan Baldwin.

Present virtually: Bruce Rapp, Steve Benham, Jim Olds, Bill DeSmet, Susan Baldwin, Hope Horton, Teri Letts, Chip Riddle, Lisa Sands, Steve Swafford. Excused: Doug Wildt

Board Meeting

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Susan Baldwin, seconded by Steve Swafford, to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Secretary's Report of the April 15, 2020 minutes was given by Susan Baldwin. Motion was made by Bill DeSmet, seconded by Steve Benham, to file the minutes. Unanimous voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Bill DeSmet presented the Treasurer's report. DeSmet discussed April report – loss for the month was \$2632.61. Cash flow is substantially off due to Covid-19 situation. Balance available \$37,586.24 including PPP loan amount. Loan balance due is \$23,371.41. Hope Horton asked if the Youth Auction proceeds are a pass-through account? Bill indicated yes – the kids have all been paid, just need to reconcile records. Chip Riddle moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Lisa Sands seconded. Unanimous voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Fair Manager Report – Jen Rice provided the Fair Manager report. ShoWorks is up to date. Storage take out is complete. Working on the facility rental agreement. Thank you to Steve Swafford for fixing the leaks in the office roof. Working on fair food drive-thru event. The Dog show scheduled for July 31 – August 1 has been cancelled but Watson Diesel is looking at taking that weekend for their event.

Public Comment - requested for any agenda items.

None.

Discussion Items and Special Presentations

- A. Livestock Committee Vacancy** – Hope Horton reported that there is a vacancy on the Committee. Anyone interested in the position should send a letter of interest. The Committee will review the letters three weeks from today.

Action Items:

- A. Livestock – Youth Participation** – Hope Horton discussed the youth participation application forms they have received. Fourteen youth want to exhibit. All certify that they have not exhibited at Calhoun County or any other fair. stated that the fair book language has been updated with changes submitted. Horton moved to accept the 14 applications, seconded by Chip Riddle. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.

Committee Reports

- A. Operations Committee** – Jim Olds had no report at this time.
- B. Bylaws Committee** – Susan Baldwin stated there was no new report at this time.
- C. Nominating Committee** – Bill DeSmet stated that this committee would do its work closer to the fall.
- D. Employee Committee** – Bruce Rapp reported that there was nothing new at this time.
- E. Volunteer Appreciation Committee** – Kathy Miller. No report.
- F. Livestock Committee** – Hope Horton stated that the Committee was still moving ahead and working with the Auction Committee. Lining up judges. A question has been raised about processors and whether they will be available. In checking with companies in the area, Hope reported that there is a concern about trucking the animals.
- G. Livestock Auction Committee** – Steve Benham reported that one youth has not cashed their check from last year - Olivia Sahawski. The Committee needs to know if a new check is needed. Asked if anyone knows this family. Kathy Fischer indicated that they were 4H kids and she will reach out.

- H. Livestock Judges Committee** – No additional report.
- I. Non-Livestock Committee** – Jen Rice stated they had nothing new at this time.
- J. Non-livestock Auction Committee** – No report.
- K. Non-livestock Judges Committee** – Jen Rice stated that about half of the judges had confirmed.
- L. Fair King and Queen Pageant Committee** – Teri Letts stated there was nothing to report at this time.
- M. Grandstand Events Committee** – Jen Rice stated that staff is still looking for an event for Thursday.
- N. Membership Committee** – Lisa Sands reported that the Committee may do a Zoom meeting in June as a membership drive.
- O. Cruise at the Fountain Committee** – Jen Rice reported that the Committee is still hoping for the July 4 weekend. Labor Day is the back-up. The event would then occur with the Vintage Market.
- P. Golf Outing Committee** – Jen stated that the Fair golf event is still a go for July 17.
- Q. Halloween Camping Committee** – Jen stated that the Halloween event is still scheduled for Oct 9-11. Committee is assuming the event will happen depending on Covid issues.
- R. Merry Mile Committee** – Jen stated that she had nothing to report.

Events and Community Reports:

- A. 4H Council** – Kathy Fischer reported that there are online events planned. Goose Chase scavenger hunt. Also working on a virtual escape room project. Virtual chocolate classed begin in June.
- B. FFA Report** – Jen reported that the plant sale went very well. Hope stated that the first truckload was sold out and they brought in a second. Our sale was able to take left over plants from other clubs that they couldn't sell. Teri Letts stated that Olivet's sale also was great – had

record sales. Lora Finch shared that their sale was fabulous – they sold more plants than ever. They have a record number of kids showing through FFA since the 4H events are cancelled.

- C. Floral Hall Building – no report.
- D. Houston School – no report.
- E. Maple Grove Church –no report.
- F. Fair Museum – no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – three minute time limit and one opportunity to speak.

No comments.

BOARD COMMENTS –

Bruce Rapp discussed an idea to raise funds to pay off the fair’s mortgage. He will look for 21 people to donate \$1000 each toward the payoff. Chip Riddle offered to participate and challenged other Board members to do the same.

Bruce thanked the members who logged into the Board meeting virtually.

Adjournment – There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion made to adjourn the meeting – voice vote, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Submitted by Susan Baldwin, Board Secretary