

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes January 16, 2024
5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Beth Canedy, Vice President Steve Drake, Treasurer Lewis Rice, Secretary Ginny Rench, Board member Joel Rosenberg and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Brian Bolton, Steve Rench Chris Barrier, Robert Meier, Kinley Meier, Eric Banuelos, Jessica Bolton, Kristi Mulcaire, Landen McKay and Cristin Combs.

Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Canedy
- II. **Call to Public:** Ms. Kristi Mulcaire spoke about the parent/leader agreement, since it was not an agenda item, the board could not speak about the topic.
- III. **Consent agenda** – Mr. Drake moved to approve the Minutes from December 5, 2023 Annual meeting. Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion. No discussion – all in favor
- IV. **Chairman’s Report** - *Ms. Canedy would like to see us bring back the radio spots where students would do the market price, what is happening in the AG world, * Wants to make sure we are tackling the weeds early and often this year.
- V. **Administration Report** - *We have received notice the Governor has line item struck our grant fund, this budget will not be adopted until June, but as of now our funding will be \$0.00. * I have an opportunity to meet with the Department of AG this week, we are discussing the issues we are having with seasonal passes. *Received in today's mail the invitation to future daughter-in-law bridal shower, it is the same day as tag-in. I will have everything ready for tag in and Mrs. Combs will be there for any needs of the livestock committee but I will leave by 10 am for the shower. *Heater in office has stopped working (after 35+ years) they will come hook it up as soon as they can.
- VI. **Financials** - * Bank Statements have not come in yet for December – will bring to next meeting. Mr. Drake moved to accept the financials for November as presented. Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion – all in favor. * Mr. Rice has information on a Money Market account that if we keep \$100,000 in it we will earn 2.7% which is better than the less than 1% we earn now. Mrs. Rench moved to open a money market account with \$100,000 at foothills bank. Mr. Drake 2nd the motion – all in favor.
- VII. **Committee Report** –
 - A) **Livestock:** *We have an influx of game fowl, 30 turkeys, 36 meat goats, 78 swine, 5 dairy cattle, entries are still open. *We want to make sure with the elimination of the mandatory meeting that information is handed out methodically on Tuesday of fair – volunteers will be needed to accomplish this.
 - B) **Arena Report:** *Nothing at this time.
 - C) **Rentals** – *We had the EDM concert, there were complaints online and one left a voice message, there has been no contact from the city.
 - D) **RV Camping** – Nothing at this time.
 - E) **2024 Fair** – we are rolling – things are more expensive this year, so far all seems to be going well.
- VIII **Old Business**
 - A) **APS Underground lines** * They are digging and laying conduit for dropping the lines, APS is not coming until February but DeWitt had time now.
 - B) **Master Plan** – No update at this time.
 - C) **Carnival Contract** – Draft changes are attached. Mr. Drake moved to accept the changes as presented and to sent them out to Mr. Brown. Mrs. Rench 2nd the motion. All in favor
 - D) **Water Line Bid** – Working on the 1st line from 12th street to the ticket booth hydrant.
 - E) **Security Cameras** – We are scheduled for the 1st of February to install the security cameras.
 - F) **Jr. Livestock Committee/Interns** – Nothing at this time.
 - G) **.Slag Pile Complaint Update** – Nothing new at this time.

- H) Rim Country Bow Hunter** – Solution for the west end of the building – the Rim Country Bow Hunters proposed using conveyer belt and hang it from the Red Iron to protect the west wall. After discussion it is decided that the building is not rated for that amount of weight and it would not look appealing – the board suggested they look at other options.
- I) Trailer furnace** - The trailer furnace is old, when looking at other options, the board suggested mini split as an option – I have not had a chance to look into it.

IX New Business

- A) Show Barn Furnace**– The heater on the south east end of the show barn is not working. Bids are being collected – board questioned if we continue to use the timers to turn on and off or have a way to monitor from our phones. Due to the reduced use in show barn the timers is the most effective way to keep the heaters from running 24/7
- B) Show Barn Painted inside** – the show barn is painted inside over all the foam. It looks amazing
- C) Tractor Supply Donation** – We received an email that Tractor Supply is donating some items for fair – the large donation is shavings we will be able to use for the Grand And Reserve at fair.
- D) PES Security increase** – With the increase in minimum wage, the security company is asking for an increase in wages. Mr. Drake moved to accept the rates to what is stated in the letter. Mr. Rice 2nd the motion - all in favor.
- E) Election of Officers** – Mr. Drake nominated Ms. Canedy for President, she accepted, Mr. Rice 2nd, All in favor. Ms. Canedy nominated Mr. Rice for Treasurer, Mr. Drake for Vice President and Mrs. Rench for Secretary – all accepted. Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion – All in favor.
- F) Meeting Dates and Time** – Stay the same
- G) Exhibitor Social Location** – Mr. Canedy would like to have an area where the kids play music and have social time at fair. Discussion included monitoring of the type of music, chairs. This needs to go to livestock to discuss and bring back to Executive Board for implementation.

X. Future Agenda Items- Solar

XI. Executive Session – None

- XII. Adjournment** – 7:26 pm Mrs. Rench made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Drake seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.