

**Verde Valley Fair Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes November 21, 2023**

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, Ty Meier and Eric Banuelos, Allen Phillips, 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:** None

We moved item IX c to the top of the Agenda so Mr. Phillips did not need to stay the whole meeting. IX C – Rim Country Bow Hunters use in show barn with the new spray foam. Mr. Drake asked that this be on the agenda and a discussion between Rim Country and the fair. While taking down the back drop in show barn to prep for the spray foam, Mr. Drake noticed multiple arrow holes in the backdrop. The back drop is not the issue, but there is concern regarding when the spray foam is complete, holes in the foam/walls. Mr. Phillips stated they totally understand our concerns and they will look into additional options to protect that wall. The curtain was not pulled to that end of the building where they were shooting so they will make sure. The new contract will be in January so the board will discuss this again.

III. **Consent agenda** – Mr. Drake moved to approve the Minutes from October 17, 2023. Mrs. Rench 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No discussion – all in favor

IV. **Chairman's Report** - \*Be thankful – we are very blessed..

V. **Administration Report** - \*Thank you card from Foothills bank, \* Ballots are done and mailed to members (except for the ones we saved for members coming to the meeting to pick up tonight) \* Convention we very good. We had very good interaction with our legislators and some hard discussions about the Fire Marshall state wide.

VI. **Financials** - \* Mr. Drake moved to accept the financial reports. Mrs Rench 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, All in favor. Mr Rice stated that 6 of our CD's will be renewing at a rate of 5.4% which is way higher than previous years.

VII. **Committee Report** –

A) **Livestock:** \*Steer tag in went very smooth just over an hour – there were 28 steers and 2 heifers..

B) **Arena Report:** \*Nothing at this time.

C) **Rentals** – \*We have a huge techno rental January 5<sup>th</sup> – it is 18 and above and we will not be selling beer or wine, just soda and water. There will be a hot drink vendor, they are trying to find a food truck.

D) **RV Camping** – Nothing at this time.

VIII **Old Business**

A) **APS Underground lines** \* We have signed the APS contract, we are waiting on a formal bid from the excavation – we received a text today stating it would be about \$25,000 for the trench work and we will have a contract after thanksgiving.

B) **Master Plan** – No update at this time. She is back in town and will be over to discuss the project. We want to make sure that the new Show Barn is on the plan and that we look at fire suppression in regards to the new show barn.

C) **Carnival Contract** – At convention Coleen met with the 2<sup>nd</sup> in charge at the Carnival, a quick review was done, but they will be in touch with any changes.

D) **Water Line Bids for 6 inch line to fire hydrants** – They are currently working on the trench and putting the line in.

E) **Security Cameras** – We are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year to install the security cameras. They gave us options on 2 more cameras, we need clarification on the coverage of the current cameras, they do not appear the same as the original quote.

- F) Jr. Livestock Committee/Interns** – Nothing at convention, that panel member was unable to attend. More information will be given at January meeting.
- G) Spots for Livestock parents/leaders during FAIR**– Have not had a chance to line out the RV camping for livestock parents, will get it lined out and have the fire department review the plan.
- H) Slag Pile Complaint Update – ADEQ request** – We received a request from ADEQ to put a monitoring station on our property. After discussion with our attorney, we will grant them access but we need to make sure they are not trying to do it during fair.

#### **IX New Business**

- A) Well**– The well motor went down again – MRI is responsible for all maintenance and repairs to the well. They had an issue getting a new motor. The board would like to know what MRI contingency plan is with the well.
- B) Trailer furnace** – The caretaker trailer furnace needs to be replaced. Staff got a bid for a new furnace. Board directed staff to look into mini splits which would eliminate the evap cooler on the roof and better heating and cooling.
- C) Rim County Bow Hunters** – at top of agenda.
- D) Staff Wages** – The State minimum wage goes up in January so board reviewed staff wages and Christmas bonus. Direction was given for minimum wage increase in January and the bonus structure.

#### **X. Future Agenda Items- Solar**

**XI. Executive Session** – Mrs. Rench moved to accept the recommendations and Mr. Rice 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

**XII. Adjournment** – 8:01 pm Mrs. Rench made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Drake seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.