

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes October 17, 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 5:32 and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Brian Bolton, Steve Rench Chris Barrier, Linda Lee, Robert Meier, Ty Meier and Eric Banuelos 5:33.

Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Canedy
- II. **Call to Public:** None
- III. **Consent agenda** – Mr. Drake moved to approve the Minutes from September 19, 2023. Mrs. Rench 2nd the motion. No discussion – all in favor
- IV. **Chairman’s Report** - *All items are below on the agenda. BUT wanted to state how far we have come in 10 years. Thank you to Mr. Jerry Brown for sticking with it on the financials and helping the fairgrounds be fiscally responsible. Please be thinking of what you would like to see in a new show barn.
- V. **Administration Report** - * Jury Duty was cancelled, * AFA convention they would like each fair to do a silent auction item – suggestions were local wines, get people here to see our community. * Thank you note from MUHS Prom, they will be helping during Fall Festival * John Deere mower is here thank you to Mr. Rench for sticking to it to find one that meets our needs here at the fairgrounds. * Tuff Shed grant – will start working on that * Volunteers are needed at Fall Festival * Spay foam came this morning to go over what prep works needs to be done in the Show Barn before they can spray.
- VI. **Financials** - * Mr. Drake moved to accept the financial reports. Mr Rosenberg 2nd the motion, All in favor.
- VII. **Committee Report** –
 - A) **Livestock:** * Picked the logo for the 2024 fair, * Dedication was decided * Tag – in for steers is November 11th * Out of Town club has a student that lives in VV – the Rulebook is very clear that a child in the VV can show in the fair even if does not belong to a VV club but one approved in the VV.
 - B) **Arena Report:** * 1st Barrel Race was Saturday – we had 40 riders, every weekend we will have a barrel race – the dirt was great. Water truck is in the shop regarding the radiator.
 - C) **Rentals** – * Rentals are still happening every weekend. * VV 4H is going to start a sewing program, they hope to have 6 to 8 sewers, we will work on location to host them * Silo for a backdrop, meeting area, bar when needed also could be used for the information booth during fair.
 - D) **RV Camping** – Nothing at this time.

VIII Old Business

- A) **APS Underground lines** * We have a contract from APS, the cost to APS will be \$30,130.22 to drop the above ground lines down. 3 questions for APS – 1. making sure on 1.2 the Fair does the trench and conduit and APS does the copper wire 2. All materials are included for APS including the copper wire so that we do NOT get an invoice when they pull the line 3. Who purchases the transformers. While we are waiting for answers we will send to our Attorney to review the agreement, Contact the APS approved contractors for a bid on the trenching and the pipe, have the agreement signed and check cut so when all answers come in we will be ready to proceed. Mr. Drake moved to proceed to the next step with the underground line by doing the 4 above steps and getting written confirmation on the 3 questions. Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the Motion – all in favor.
- B) **Master Plan** – No update at this time. She is back in town and will be over to discuss the project.
- C) **Carnival Contract** – We have emailed the contract back to Mr. Danny Brown, he called back and was going to review the contract and get back in touch with us –Still no word.

- D) Water Line Bids for 6 inch line to fire hydrants** – Mr. Longfellow is ready to start the project, he feels it will take 3 weeks – he does not know what he will run into so we will plan for longer that it could take.
- E) Security Cameras** – reviewed the updated quote, this includes the 3 cameras we asked for last month. Mr. Drake moved to accept the bid, proceed forward and have Ms. Canedy sign the contract. Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion – all in favor.
- F) Jr. Livestock Committee/Interns** – At the Arizona Fair Association (AFA) convention in November this is one of the classes they are holding, we will be attending to get more information..
- G) Spots for Livestock parents/leaders during FAIR**– Fire department wants us to chalk out what we would like to use for our RV area and they will let us know if we can have trailers that close or need them further apart.

IX New Business

- A) ERC Grant**– ERC Grant was submitted, they will take 15% of what we receive. The timeline is 9 to 12 months from submission
- B) 2024 Custodian Bid** – Melton and Sons gave us a bid for the 2024 fair that is \$345 more than the 2023 fair, staff requested that we hire this company again to do the cleaning at the fair. Mr. Rice moved to accept the bid and have Ms. Canedy sign the contract. Mrs. Rench 2nd the motion – all in favor.
- C) Slag Pile Complaint Update** – The City sent out a response to the complaint and at this time there is no finding on the complaint. Staff will follow up with MRI regarding the newspaper article.

X. Future Agenda Items- Solar

XI. Executive Session – None

XII. Adjournment – 7:14 pm Mrs. Rench made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Drake seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.