

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

In attendance: President Beth Canedy, Vice President Steve Drake, Treasurer Lewis Rice, and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Dan Sullivan, Eric Banuelos, Brian Bolton, and Steve Rench.

Absent: None Secretary Ginny Rench, Board member Joel Rosenberg

- 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 accept the Minutes from June 18, 2024 Regular meeting Mr. Rice 2nd the motion. No discussion – all in favor
- IV. **Chairman’s Report** - *Has contacted Adam at LP steel to get a bid for a building for small stock.
- V. **Administration Report** - * Leigh Ann has given her resignation due to health reasons, last day will be 1st week of August * No word from letter sent last month to member *Will be going to South Dakota to take mother to family reunions * Meet with Emergency Evacuation group for Large Animals, they work with Yavapai County and wanted to make sure on the East side of the mountain there is a space. * Working on getting a display for the 2025 fair for a Dairy Cow demonstration, there is no cost other than the hotel room.
- VI. **Financials** - * Monthly Reports, Mr. Drake moved to accept the Financials as discussed. Mr. Rosenberg 2nd the motion – all in favor.
- VII. **Committee Report** –
 - A) **Livestock:** * Have changed their monthly meeting time to 6 pm *Executive Board had given direction to Livestock to reduce the time of the auction so buyers would not be there so long,
 - B) **Arena Report:** Nothing to report
 - C) **Rentals** – Nothing to report
- VIII **Old Business**
 - A) **Water Storage** – Applied for a grant, will keep it on capital improvement list
 - B) **2024-2025 Budget** –Adoption – Mr. Rice moved to accept the budget, Mr. Drake 2nd, no discussion, All in favor.
 - C) **Direction to Livestock Committee about the length of the auction** – Direction was given last month to help reduce the time of the auction. Since this is a very huge topic regarding maybe less small stock in the auction, or only red and blue animals auction, the executive board will gather more information before August 6th and give their findings to the livestock committee so livestock committee can know how the board is leaning.
 - D) **Pig-ville location/changes** – The livestock committee has not met so will have to discuss at August meeting. Suggestion was that before a child could rent a space at the fairgrounds they have to go through an interview process as to why they are not keeping the animal at their home or a family or friend home.
- IX **New Business**
 - A) **Database contract** – There were 2 applicants, and both are qualified. Voting results of the livestock committee were reviewed (7 for Mr. Banuelos, 1 for Mrs. Norris and 1 abstained), After discussion Mr. Drake moved to award the database contract to Mr. Banuelos for the 2025 fair. Mrs. Rench 2nd the motion – all in favor.
 - B) **Anonymous donation of \$5, 000** – information only, we received a \$5,000 donation again this year.
 - C) **Yavapai County Request for Funding** – We were contacted that their might be funding available through the County for the next fiscal year – staff responded to the request and it was submitted.
 - D) **2025 Fair** – potential changes – Rodeo – after discussion, the board recommended to keep the rodeo for the 2025 fair, Wednesday gates will officially open at 1 pm (they did for 2025 but it

was a soft open since we had never done it before). Vendors will start at 1 pm on Wednesday, that means set up and ready for the public. Admission prices for 2025 will be \$5 on Wednesday starting at 1 pm for anyone over 5 years of age and rest of week will be \$10. Senior free day will be Wednesday like in 2024 and Field trips will be on Wednesday as well. Direction was to keep presale at the \$5 which encourages people to plan ahead to get the discounted tickets.

- E) Solar Information – There is potential for Government grant – will continue to get information
- F) Sell the Yellow Tractor – The tractor has been limped along for 5 years, since we have 2 good tractors we have less of a need for the yellow tractor. Discussion was had on who to contact and where to sell it.

XI. Executive Session – not needed

X. Future Agenda Items-

XII. Adjournment – 7:49 pm Mr Drake moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.