

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes January 18, 2022
5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Pynne Johnson via phone, Vice President Paul Groseta, Treasurer David Mongini, Secretary Nate Jackson, Board member Kami Mulcaire and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Brian Bolton, Jessica Bolton, Junie Rezzonico, Donald Rezzonico, Lewis Rice, Steve Drake, Ken Boschert, Holly Norris, Eric Banuelos, and others who did not sign in or we could not read.

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 5:44 pm

Call to Public: None

Consent agenda – Mr. Mongini moved to accept the Minutes from October 19, 2021 regular meeting and December 7, 2021 Annual meeting. Mr. Jackson 2nd the Motion – all in favor

Chairman’s Report - None

Administration Report - *Minimum wage went up to \$12.80 so that will be starting wage for employees, those that work the fair for multiple years could get more. *Governors Fund we received our annual new amount of \$90,000 and an additional amount of \$67,000 for a total of \$157,000. * Working on tree bids to have someone come in and trim trees in front of commercial and front gate to get us to a good place.

Financials - Mr. Mongini moved to approve the October - December 2021 financials. Ms. Mulcaire seconded the Motion. All in favor.

Committee Report –

Livestock: * Tag in for Lambs, Hogs and Goats will be February 5th.

Arena Report: * No use

RV Camping Spots – Mr. Mongini will have an update at next meeting

Shop - C4 completed the project and staff is trying to organize things so it will be functional – maybe put a door for volunteers to get to shovels and rakes only.

Rentals –* Razo dances do not serve food so we can not have under 21 on the property, if we put up a barrier and there is nobody with drinks in the under 21 area, we can do that. Mr. Jackson would like us to find a way to make it so kids attend.

Fair 2022 – Coming in fast –trying to get a large animal act, discussion on changing Senior Free day from Thursday to Friday so the Seniors are not here when all the field trips are here. After discussion it was brought up that on Friday the barns are closed to public during certain shows and that is one thing the seniors in the community really like to see. It was decided to keep Senior Day on Thursday and work with the City of Cottonwood to get transportation.

Old Business

A) **Millings** - there were 4 who responded to the request for bids. At the time of the request, there was the leach lines for art building, drainage for steer washing and spreading of the millings. Staff was able to find the leak at Art building so we did not need help with that project. Mr. Shill and Mr. Longfellow both had ideas/bids for the steer drainage issue. Discussion on the millings included who had bid what amounts, and if they could do the project. Mr. Shill stated he could do the project but would prefer we accept the others due to being so busy at this time. Mr. Mongini asked about the pricing between the different bids for the millings, both Mr. Pierre Mulcaire and Mr. Josh Longfellow gave a breakdown of each piece of equipment cost. One was higher on one and the other was higher on the other. Mr. Mongini stated it would be beneficial to award the bid to one person then they can work on both at the same time. Ms. Mulcaire made the motion to hire Mr. Longfellow for steer

washing and milling spreading with a Not to exceed total of \$15,000 and to start ASAP. Mr. Jackson 2nd the motion. All in favor.

B) Steer Washing – discussed above.

C) Coolers on Boardroom - Back in June we received bids to do the air conditioning in the boardroom, as of now, they can not get the flex tubing to do the duct work. Direction was given to find someone to get the duct work done and the air conditioners installed

D) ARPA Grant - we are the recipient of \$137,229 grant. None of this grant can be used for Capital Improvements. We will use what we budgeted to do the 2022 fair as the expenses for this grant and use our other budget for Capital Improvements. We were to get a contract by middle of December, nothing at this time.

New Business

- A) Election of Officers**—Mr. Jackson made the Motion to accept Mr. Steve Drake, with the photography contract in place and Mr. Lewis Rice on the board, Ms. Mulcaire 2nd the Motion. Mr. Jackson, Yes; Ms Mulcaire, Yes; Mr. Mongini, No; Mr. Groseta, No; Ms. Johnson, No. Motion failed. Mr. Mongini made the motion to accept Mr. Steve Drake and Mr. Lewis Rice on to the board. Ms. Johnson 2nd the motion. Discussion: Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Drake does have a verbal contract per the direction given in executive session by our attorney. Call for the Vote: Mr. Mongini yes with out the contract, Ms. Mulcaire No due to direction given by attorney, Ms. Johnson Yes, Mr. Jackson No on way written. Mr. Groseta Yes – Motion passes 3 to 2.
- B) Meeting times and days**— Mr. Groseta asked if there was any issue keeping it the same 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm. No objections, the days and times will stay as is.
- C) Bank Signatures** – All board members will be signers on all the accounts for the Verde Valley Fair Association.
- D) Lunch on the Lawn** –The Arizona Fair Association has put together a Lunch on the Lawn at the State Capital – we would love to have kids with their animals to show what the fairs do. The Verde Valley Fair will have chocolate lambs to hand out to legislators. Anyone wanting to attend, please let Mrs. Gilboy know so we have an accurate head count.
- E) IAFE** – The International Association of Fairs is having a management conference in Phoenix in April. The budget has allowed for travel and training. Mrs. Gilboy would like to attend and use the funds that are budgeted. Event is April 6 to 8, 2022 in Downtown Phoenix.

X. Future Agenda Items- Bylaw Worksession

Adjournment – 6:47 pm Mr. Mongini made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Drake seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.