

PRICE COUNTY FAIR
Regular Meeting July 23, 2020
5 p.m. Price County Fairgrounds – Northwoods Building

Members present: Peter Dahlie, Michelle Drobnik, Amy Karpenske, Jan Hardginski, Pat Vlach, Sue Nordall

Absent/Excused: Dena Walcisek (E), Doug Kirby (E), Hanna Eibergen (U), Wyatt Lebal (U), Brooke Lebal (U)

Greg Hughes (U), Jed Hallstrand (U)

Others present: Alexis Baratka, Price County Rodeo

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Dahlie at 5:10 pm.

Minutes: No Quorum to vote on accepting meeting minutes. Tabled until next meeting.

Public Comments/Correspondence: The Phillips Chamber of Commerce

Fair Book: Michelle Drobnik reported that the new fair books will cost \$.69/copy. The board member page will be pulled out of the printed book as members change with terms, and feel it would be continually outdated. Board members can be found on the Fair website. It was agreed to order 1500 books and will go to the printer next week. Discussions were made about doing all on-line fair entries, and was noted that it would likely be an additional cost to upgrade the software to do this, and feel a lot of people in the county don't have access to internet to complete on-line entries. For now, we will continue to do the paper booklets and will discuss on-line options at a later date.

Fairgrounds Buildings: Michelle Drobnik reported that the Price County Board per the Ad Hoc Meeting on July 9th is discussing doing soil testing on the fairgrounds in regards to the state of building stability and rebuilding options. Board Member Kopisch stated that the open class may not likely be addressed until 2023, and not sure where the money would come from for repairing or replacing fair buildings. The County is looking at doing something with the electrical service, a lot of which is currently housed in the open class building. More discussions will be done at their next meeting in August.

Rodeo: Alexis Baratka attended the meeting and stated that the Rodeo will still take place on 8/22. She asked about having bathroom cleaners. Dahlie stated since none were hired for the fair, Rodeo will have to take care of any bathroom cleaning. The Price County Fair will pay their sponsorship obligation per the contract with the Fair. Dahlie asked who would be selling Beer at the Rodeo. Baratka stated that since the fair is not running, the PRCA will decide on who will sell the beer and is selecting the Phillips Football Team. The Hockey Team can contact her if they want to do some other type of fund raiser during the rodeo. Baratka reported work being done includes Glen Schilling Electricians has been out doing electrical work at the grandstand, fixed some burned out bulbs, and a few cables that were stretched out. Her father is also putting up some additional lighting in dim lit area. The announcer stand was cleaned out of rodents, cut some trees out of the grandstand area, and replaced some boards on the wooden bleachers. She also wants to take down some metal sheeting to open up an area or handicap and elderly seating, and will put back sheeting as needed when event is done. Michelle Drobnik asked about anyone wanting to help with fair concessions during the rodeo, or she will send out information to local groups to see if they wish to sell items. Dahlie asked about next year making it a multi night event, to which Baratka responded, at this time, only one night is feasible, but could be

expanded in the future depending on how things go and is willing to work with the Fair to talk about the possibility. Dahlie did mention about the confusion of sponsors knowing that the fair was separate from the Rodeo and hoping next year, things can be communicated more clearly. He stated fair sponsorships were down this year, he believes in part because business thought a sponsor for the rodeo was also a sponsor for the fair which it was not. Baratka was asked about the cost of the Rodeo, with parking being \$5 and gate admission of \$15 general admission, \$20 reserved admission, and \$7 for 10 and under and would be available for purchase at the gate as well as ahead of time at local stores. She also said they were working with the health department and following their guidelines for holding their event.

Committees

Advertising/Entertainment/Fundraising: Pete Dahlie asked if have gotten new contracts from any of the main entertainment vendors for rolling into next years fair. Karpenske reported that we did get an email with a link for Alec Davis band and Drobnik stated that Highway 41 Band will send new contracts.

Buildings & Grounds: See previous comments in Fairgrounds Buildings.

Commercial Vendors: Nothing to report.

Policy: Peter Dahlie discussed changing the bylaws for the Fair Association regarding removing the preference for a memeber of the Antique Association member being on the fair board. He also asked about a date for the Annual Meeting and was decided that it will be on October 1st, 2020.

Exhibits/Livestock: Michelle Drobnik reported the Animal Market looks to be held virtually on Sunday, August 23rd.

Finance: Finance report was given.

Old Business: Winter storage was brought up by Peter Dahlie. It was decided that a date would be set at the next meeting and should get noties out by 1st week of September.

New Business: Peter Dahlie asked if anyone has anyone in mind for new fair board members. Drobnik stated she may have one person interested.

Next Meeting Date: August 27, 5:30 p.m. at the Fair Grounds.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.