



Board of Directors- Minutes April 16th, 2024

RJF Mission Statement: "Promoting the advancement of local youth through agriculture, industrial education, and recreational activities and exhibits."

- 1) Called to Order by President Curtis Martineau at 6:35 PM.
- 2) Flag Salute
- 3) Roll Call of Directors
- a) **Directors present:** Curtis Martineau, Travis Scott, Dani Zurcher-Upson, LaVonne Gaines, John Wolfe, Cindi Zeigler, Diane Collins, Jacob Crosslin, Shayla Haggerty, and Chase Nickens
- b) **Directors Excused:** Mandy Garner, Scott Weller
- c) **Members present:** Russ Christiansen, Athena Wolfe
- 4) President Curtis Martineau presented the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda with adjustment of LaVonne's last name from Hawkins to Gaines. Motion/Second: Dani Zurcher-Upson/Travis Scott. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) President Curtis Martineau presented the March minutes for review. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes as read. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/John Wolfe. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Treasurer: LaVonne presented January through March treasurer's reports. A motion was made to approve the January treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accts as of January 1st: \$63, 934.11 and ending balance as of January 31st: \$61,657.87. Motion/Second: Dani/Cindi. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously. A motion was made to approve the February treasurer's report with a beginning balance as of Feb 1st: \$61,657.87 and ending balance as of Feb 29th: \$60,020.77. Motion/second: Dani/John. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously. A motion was made to approve the March treasurer's report with a beginning balance as of March 1st: \$60,020.77 and an ending balance as of March 31st: \$54,114.47. Motion/Second: John/Cindi. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously.
- 7) Open Forum: Curtis thanked the fairboard for the use of the grounds on behalf of all those who helped put on the Jack Pot Show. States there were about 2100 – 2200 entries and about 260 exhibitors.
- 8) Officer Reports
 - a) **President:** No report
 - b) **Vice President:** Kahoots will be holding a Swine evaluation Day on 5/18, starting at 0830. Also includes sheep and goats.

- c) **Secretary:** No report
 - d) **Treasurer:** No report
 - e) **Fair Administrator:** Dani is working on judges and will be working with Jacob to ensure the superintendent list is up to date. Jacob states Russell has a chicken judge lined up.
 - f) **Fair Clerk:** Diane attended the Showworks Conference and was well worth it. States there was approval for \$2200. Asking for reimbursement of \$824.58. Travis motions to approve \$824.58 for reimbursement of remaining items. John seconds motion. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously.
 - g) **Board Members:** Cindi states she is asking for each group to sign in on a separate paper during work days, as it is easier to keep track of.
 - h) **Youth Directors:** No Report
 - i) **Livestock Superintendent:** Jacob states the new animal scale has already been used and works great. Still waiting on ear tags, but hopefully will be arriving soon. Asking for reimbursement for the ear tags, as had to use own card to purchase. Travis states ordered new pig boards. Jacob states needs 2 more superintendents but is working on them.
- 9) Standing Committee Reports
- a) **Scholarship Committee:** Curtis states the scholarships are in and they are working on getting the interview set up.
 - b) **Budget Committee:** LaVonne states she completed Nov and Dec 2023 budget and has the 2024 proposed budget. (see handout). The following items were discussed:
 - Item 505: Travis states spoke with Chula Vista Electric and received quotes for lighting on the barns. Two options, but the one option would include their donation of \$8000.00, which would bring the price to \$10,180.00 that RJF would have to pay. This option would allow RJF to save money on lighting and in the long run, help save on electricity. Board agrees to add the change to the budget for final approval.
 - Athena commented on auction book printing. States prices to print have increased and suggests increasing the budget for the auction books to \$1500
 - John states the budget for tarps last year was \$4000 and only used a small amount of that budget. States this year, the budget has increased for new tarps and tarp repair. States only 3 tarps that are needing repair this year. Curtis suggests leaving the budget as is.
 - Item 322: Pie Auction and Auction meals: suggested increasing budget for Buyers Dinner to \$4500 and \$4000 for the BBQ and pie auction.
 - Capital improvements: LaVonne states she will remove camera and ipad.

- Item 334: Removed ultrasound, as there will be no carcass contest this year due to unable to find certified US equipment for East County fairs.

A motion was made to approve the budget with the above changes discussed. Motion/Second: Travis/Dani. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Another motion was made to amend the livestock ear tag number from 200 to 400. Motion/Second: John/Cindi. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Travis motions to proceed with the quote distributed from Chula Vista Electric of 40 LED high beta lights on both barns. Chula Vista Electric will donate \$8000.00. The estimated cost for RJF will be \$10,180.00.

Motion/Second: Travis/John. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

- c) **Auction Committee:** No report.
- d) **Steering Committee:** Shayla states at the last meeting, they talked about what things to put in a time capsule. They also narrowed down 3 different locations to place the time capsule for the board to approve the location. It was suggested to place it over by the fire pit. The next steering committee mtg will be 4/18 @ 6:30pm.
- e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** Dani states everything that was discussed and voted on during the February meeting is uploaded in the premium book. States she is working on a few more updates and details for the book, such as how to properly state the best presented barn rules and re: opening ceremony, as well as wording for the Home Ec classes. States she should have it completed and ready by the next meeting. Russ states he and Diane will meet as soon as all the classes are finalized and update them in Showworks.
- f) **Awards Committee:** Curtis states awards are being worked on.

11)Ad-Hoc Committee Report

- a) **Parks Board Committee:** Travis states he has been working with the Senior Center for a large grant. States they had a few interviews with the RMWD and ended up being chosen for a \$10 million grant, sharing with the senior center. States with the money, will hopefully have the 3rd barn by next year, as well as taking care of other ground improvement projects.
- b) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** John states he will be taking the tarps down hopefully this weekend. While checking the grounds, he found a hole in the fence between the softball fields and fairgrounds that will need fixed. Travis received a call from RMWD re: our water meter and showing an excessive amount of water being used, most likely due to some sort of leak. States waiting to hear what needs to be done. Curtis states the water district is happy

- with us, as they are seeing the effort being put into the fairgrounds and all the upkeep. Would like to see more workdays put on the calendar.
- c) **Computer Committee:** Russ states he purchased printer stands for the smaller printers, extra ink, and a new router strip. Total amount was \$218.02. Also suggests moving beef barn wires underground once fixed when improvements take place.
 - d) **Camping & Security Committee:** John states everything on the grounds has been locked up and secured. Travis suggests looking into renting large diesel generators during fair so at night campers can utilize air conditioning. States if 5 RVs hooked up to one generator, would roughly work out to be \$200/RV. Campers would have to pre-register and purchase if wanted to be a part of it. States will investigate it more thoroughly.
 - e) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** Curtis states the big banner had been hung on the fence on aqua lane. There are smaller posters as well the large banner to hang out on fence off 67. This year they were under budget with everything.
 - f) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee-** Athena states the info for the BBQ and pie auction has already been put on social media and the RJF website. Will be June 1st, starting with the BBQ at 3:30 – 6:30p and the pie auction starting at 4:30p. The auctioneer has been scheduled. They are planning to have it in the same location as last year. Planning a meeting in May to finalize everything.
 - g) **Grants Committee-** No report.
 - h) **After Auction Committee-** Curtis states still needing help for the after auction.
 - i) **Food Booths:** No report
- 12) **New Business:** None.
- 13) Curtis announced the next RJF board meeting will be May 6th @ 6:30pm
- 14) Meeting Adjourned at 7:57P.M. Motion/Second: John Wolfe/Travis Scott.
Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner
RJF Secretary

Minutes approved at the RJF Board Meeting May 6th, 2024