

Crawford County Fair Board  
Crawford County Administration Building  
225 N. Beaumont Ave., Conf. Room 215; Prairie du Chien WI 53821  
March 4, 2021 Minutes

Chairman Wade Dull called the meeting to order at 8:58 AM

Members present: In person: Wade Dull and Wayne Jerrett. Via Zoom: Donald Stirling and Mary Kuhn. Excused absence: David Olson. Others present: In person: Samantha Morovits, Rebekah Ghormely, Shannon Gher, Amanda Smiley. Via Zoom: Karen Snitker, Craig Saxe, Emma Hady, Adam Hady.

Posting verified by Fair Coordinator, Samantha Morovits

Approve Minutes: Motion by Don, second by Mary to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Emma Hady, 4-H member: To accommodate Emma being able to make it to school on time, the committee invited Emma to present her Youth Lamb Show request at this time.

- Emma asks for permission to explore holding a lamb event for smaller children to be held during the fair. The event would be similar to the Porky Pig event.
  - By consensus, the committee fully supports Emma moving forward with researching this project. She's hoping to reach the American ???? Association to sponsor the event. She'll plan on reporting to the committee at April's meeting.

Wayne Jerrett arrived 9:15 AM

Horse Barn Project –

- Rebekah Ghormely requests use of the fairgrounds horse arena during the summer months – Saturdays 6/12, 7/10, 8/7 plus Tuesday nights, 4/6 through 8/24 Saturdays (6:30-8:30pm) and potential approval for Saturdays June 5 through October 30 for Saturday practices. Motion to approve by Wayne, second by Mary. Motion carried unanimously.
- Next month, Smiley and Rebekah will present estimates on stalls.
- Discussion about stalls and the type of wood needed for the stall project occurred. No final decision determined regarding who will be the supplier for the wood.
- Stalls – Horse Barn plan is for 24 stalls with the fair commitment of paying for ½ of stalls
  - Discussion followed regarding payment clarity. Shannon Gehr stated the fair could pay for 12 stalls and Horse Project could pay for the other 12, or the fair pay ½ half of each stall and the Horse Project would be responsible for the other half. The committee expressed concern of who would be responsible if all 24 stalls are put in and the Horse Project does not have enough funds to cover their one-half of the cost.

Entertainment -

Contract: Antique Tractor Pull – Motion by Wayne, second by Mary to approve contract for the Antique Tractor Pull. Motion carried unanimously.

- Allied Horsemanship requests to do a stick horse event for the purpose of holding horse events at the fair.

Contracts and Agreements -

- Always Available Seating – Motion by Wayne, second by Mary. To contract for three sets of bleachers. Motion carried unanimously.
- Winter Storage – none to present

- Fairgrounds Rental - Kickapoo Stump Dodger.  
Event – rental dates: Event-July 2-3<sup>rd</sup>, before June 30 & July 1<sup>st</sup> and after July 4 for prep and cleanup. Motion to approve by Wayne, second by Don. Motion carried unanimously.

All other contracts/ agreements -

- Outback Entertainment – setting up the stage pre-fair motion by Wayne, second Don; motion carried unanimously.
- Allied Horsemanship and fairgrounds use requests for several horse events submitted by Shannon Gehr.
  - May 1, Obstacle Schooling Show; July 17, Annual Gala Fundraiser; August 28, Stick Horse Fun during the fair and October 9, Tack Swap and Schooling Show. Requesting use of the arena, facilities, etc. and the 4-H Food Stand, Motion to approve Allied Horsemanship requests for these scheduled event requests Wayne, second by Mary. Motion carried unanimously.
    - Separate rental agreement for each event will be submitted for approval at April 1, 2021 meeting.

Fair Coordinator Report - (Hard copy of report will be placed on file)

- Cell phone – Motion by Wayne, second by Don to approve disconnecting the 2nd fair cell phone (formerly used for by the previous Fair Finance Coordinator) and go back to one phone line. Motion carried unanimously.
- Superintendent meeting will be held March 20.

Maintenance -

- Horse Arena – Amanda Smiley reported Andrew established preliminary numbers for the arena. Clay is going to be costly. Andrew/Amanda need to do research on the cost of the filter, etc., to narrow it down to what's affordable, as well as what is going to work. Layering is determined by what the wear and tear will be; the type of layering needed will be a determining factor.

Public Comments – None

Correspondence – None

Date of next meeting – Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Approve Payment of Bills – Motion by Mary to pay bills, second by Don. Motion carried unanimously by Roll call.

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn by Wayne, second by Mary. Meeting adjourned 9:50 a.m.

Karen Snitker, Extension Crawford County Program Assistant/  
Samantha Morovits, Crawford County Fair Coordinator