



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Minutes for Thursday, June 29, 2023

1. Call meeting to order: President Steve Trattles called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. All members were in attendance.
2. Additions to the Agenda: New Business E - Corey Keeslar quote
3. Public Comment - Chris Yunker and Bill Younts, St. Joseph County Fair Manager and St. Joseph County Director & 4-H Liaison
 - a. Chris would like an inventory of any equipment that is being housed on fair property.
 - b. Chris stated that premium checks will be done by the Fair this year. Lori Templin is their Financial Administrator, Penny Waltke is Treasurer
 - c. Chris asked what specifically is paid for with the \$15,000 contribution from the Fair Board of Directors.
 - d. Cleaning Out Septic Tank and Waltke Pavilion will break ground in Mid July.
 - e. Roofs will be replaced on Barns 16, 17, 22, 24, 26, and 27.
 - f. Friendship Park shrubs are gone and stumps ground out.
 - g. 4-H office at fair leaked again. There is mold. Everything will need to be cleaned out by 4-H. Then professionals will clean the space. Chris Yunker is getting quotes on new gutters, drainage, and roof.
 - h. Campers can leave hoses hooked up if it has backflow preventer is attached.
 - i. Questioned Chris Yunker if Superintendents would have to pay for their fair camping as in the past, the Fair Board did not charge. She will ask about that.
 - j. The August 5th date that was booked and publicized for the Showmanship Clinic will need to be changed to August 12th as Barn #53 was rented to a circus.
 - k. 4-H needs to make a rental policy and present it to the fair. Currently if our equipment is being used and it breaks, we do not have any guidelines for repairs or replacement.
4. Secretary's Report & Correspondence - No correspondence. Angie Landis moved to accept Secretary's report, Bill Prichard seconded, motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balances
 - b. Auction Collectibles - 3 people that have not paid last year's sale bill will not be allowed to participate in the auction this year.
 - c. Outstanding Bills - \$21.99 for disposable booties for hog weigh in. Heather moved to pay the bill, Kevin seconded. Motion carried.
6. Old Business
 - a. Fair Entry Computer Program - Kayla Mitchell provided information she has collected from other fairs that use the program. Lenawee County has used it for years and it works great for them. We can update Blue Ribbon for \$350 or use this program. Discussion regarding Youth Council, Fair board, and us working together and splitting the cost. More discussion will follow at next meeting.
 - b. Livestock Auction Auctioneers, Ringman and Announcers need to be contacted.
 - c. Fair book - Changes are in, book being produced.
7. New Business
 - a. Scale Calibration (Grand Rapids Metrology) - Beef scale loadcell is malfunctioning; we are getting quotes on fixing.
 - b. Still Project Auction - will be last Saturday of fair; last year went well.
 - c. Bank Meeting – Will be scheduled with Sturgis Bank and Trust to discuss this year's auction.

- d. August Meeting Date - August 12, 2023
 - e. Corey Keeslar quote for sound updates on new equipment \$901.00. Diana moved to approve and pay for the updates. Heather seconded. Motion Carried.
8. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned 9:23 p.m.