

**Dawson County Fair Board**  
**May 28, 2018**

The monthly meeting of the Dawson County Fair Board was called to order on May 28, 2018 at 7:15 by Vice Chairman Wade Nielsen. In attendance were Larry Evans, Wade Nielsen, Brady Smelser, Nathan Stortz, Anna Kueker, Terah Lynn, Tacee DeSaye and Kelsey Crawford. Troy Kaufman and Brady Smith were absent.

Guests included Lori Cullinan, Christine Whitlatch, Tracey Dey and Bruce Miller.

Bruce Miller is interested in painting the entrance sign by the pillars along with helping with other projects.

Tracy with Glendive Lead Devils is interested in setting up a booth on Saturday at the June Carnival. They will set up behind the bathrooms along the fence. The booth will start up at 2pm and an adult will be present with the kids to monitor participants. Terah made a motion to approve the booth and Larry seconded the motion.

Christine Whitlatch is the director of the Glendive Chamber of Commerce and came to discuss the fair becoming a Chamber of Commerce member again. Benefits of becoming a member include the addition of the fair's website link on the Chamber page and increased promotion of the fair. She will write a letter to the commissioners and send a copy to Tacee.

Minutes were approved as emailed.

**Old Business**

Fair Theme: Eric made a motion to go with "A Fair for All" and Brady seconded the motion. The board voted yes.

Freckle Farm Petting Zoo: Several businesses will help sponsor the petting zoo at the June event—Tri State with \$350; Ag Country Accounting at \$400; and Great Northern Ag/High Plains Grains LLC, Bowman, ND with \$250.

Booth Rental: The recent change to the booth rental agreement to charge \$50 for non-fair events has presented a small problem.

**New Business**

·Wade Murphy, in association with the high school, is interested in having an old-style carnival in August. They will sell raffle tickets and have several games.

·Healthy Communities is also interested in having a booth with games.

·Ashley Nemitz is interested in having the kid's Jackpot on Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup>. Paul Eiker is keeping Wednesday for the regular Jackpot. Each individual will need to have a signed waiver before competing.

Entrance fence relocation: Cole Plouffe is available to move the fence in exchange for advertising. Once a decision has been on a fair date, then planning can begin on where it will be moved.

Dawson 100 Club: New board members are needed or the future of the club is at risk. Bruce Miller is going to look into revamping the meetings. Eric will call Greg about member participation.

Parking Lot Sponsorship: There are 12 rows available to sponsor. Business will be responsible for their sign, but we will determine the size. The price will be \$500 per row with two signs at each end, with each sign double sided. We will use galvanized chain link posts. Signs will be 2x2 and aluminum.

Larry made a motion to go ahead with this plan. Anna seconded this motion. The board voted yes.

Wrist bands and sponsors: We will use up the left over wrist bands during the June event.

Free Stage Sound: Ross Drivdahl is available to do the sound during Friday and Saturday for \$400 per day.

Key Club and Kiwanis: They are no longer able to do the cleaning for the June event. Areas that need to be cleaned are the Midway, all trashcans, the grandstands one night and bathrooms. The Speech and Drama kids are interested in earning some money and might take the job. Sonja Tuma is the contact for the club.

If they don't take it, then we will go with the Billings cleaning crew.

Concert: The band will need two 8x 30 trailer to set up on. They will be located on the cement of grandstands since the track for the Bump N Run will be set up.

Concert Security: They would like 5 cops. Tacee will call Katie and ask for 4 cops for security. Attendees will be stamped at the door going in.

Fair money: Each night, the money will be bagged and deposited in the night box at the bank instead of counting every night.

ATM person need to be contacted to insure cash machine is working.

History Booth: We are looking into having a mural painted in the exhibit building to brighten up the area and to honor those who helped improve the grounds and grandstands.

Financials were approved.

Eric motioned to adjourn the meeting and Larry seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:45

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Wade Nielson, Vice Chairman

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Kelsey Crawford, Secretary