

## DAWSON COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Meeting held March 27

The regular monthly meeting of the Dawson County Fair Board was called to order by Wade Nielsen at 7:10 pm on March 27<sup>th</sup> in the Fair Office at the Dawson County Fairgrounds. In attendance were: Tacee DeSaye, Larry Evans, Wade Nielsen, Eric Smeltzer, Brady Smelser, Terah Lynn, Kathy Doane, Troy Kaufman and Kelsey Crawford. (Livy Rieger and Nathan Stortz were absent) Bill LaBree was present to discuss the new sound system and Stacie from Midrivers for the sponsorship.

Bill LaBree from River Road Productions presented his new sound system proposal. The system will include 6 full range weatherproof permanent speakers, equipment case, mixer unit, wireless microphone set up, microphone and power amp. Larry motioned to approve and Kathy seconded the motion.

Stacie from Mid-Rivers discussed a contract for a 7 year deal at \$17,500. This will help cover the cost of the sound system and part of the new rock entrance sign.

### **Old Business:**

The roping chute from Western Ranch Supply came in and is currently at WBI

### **New Business:**

We discussed moving the flag poles and repainting, but have decided to wait until next year. This move would make them more visible and appealing.

The new poster and button were presented. The jackpot team roping day and time along with individual ticket price needs to be added to the poster.

Grants: discussed increasing the asking amount for the paddlefish grant to make up for the difference between the rock and sound system.

Cassie from Saffire said we would be able to get address info from ticket sales by logging into PayPal. Saffire will have that information available on their site in May.

The old bathroom site by the 4-H booth needs dirt and should be planted back to grass. Currently it is too low and needs to be drained.

Entertainment: We decided to go with Inflatable Fun Zone as they offer more activities. They have water walkers, laser tag, hippo and a zip line. The first 3 are \$700 per day per game and the zip line is \$1000 a day. We need to figure out how close they need to be in order to know how many activities to get. Also need to know if they have to be together or if they can be placed throughout the fairgrounds.

4-H: A few ties in the sheep area have termites. Need to get a quote on spray price.

TBID tickets: we will keep in the proposal. If attendants come to concert and decide to stay another night at one of the hotels, then they get a free rodeo ticket for the next night.

**We still need to get a bid for bathroom cleaning and picking up garbage.**

**The order for the tables was canceled – they didn't have enough tables set aside for us. A new order will be placed and picked up when someone is in Billings again.**

**The college rodeo will be the first event at the fairgrounds and will be held April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Troy motioned to adjourn, and Eric seconded the motion.**

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**Kelsey Crawford, Secretary**

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**Nathan Stortz, Chariman**