

ASOTIN COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO
January 26, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PEGGY HANSFORD AT 6:30

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peggy Hansford, Jamie Renzelman, Cindy Harrison, Kelly Longfellow, Mark Bogar, Byron Harrison, Arlene Mullins, Barb Appleford, Becci Schueurmann, Shan Bonson, Jacob Stump and Gail Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SHAN BONSON: Treasurer—The rodeo is coming back to the fair and so we will lose 46 camper spots. We will also not be able to use highway parking, Hostetler parking and Cleveland parking. We are state funded and do not get any money from the county. Funding is tight because of funding from the state. We have only 15 camper spots on main level and 24 on upper level.

GUESTS: Jason Frye—How many camper spaces are they. Amber Landrus—Will they allow parking in back parking lot. Will they be removing storage? Where do kids store their stuff? Rob Teasley—Why can't we use marina parking. That is where the carnival will be located and we are in contract with them. We will have shuttles. Did we lose money when fair and rodeo were separated? Yes. Ryan Andrews—What is the carnival revenue? Around \$7000.00. Are you trying to make more parking for rodeo? For Contestants. How much does it cost to put on the fair? About \$187,000.00. How much do we get from the state? Around \$32,000.00. What are you trying to gain by getting rid of camper parking. Trying to make public parking available. How much money do we lose from not having rodeo contestants? Will the revenue lost for camper spots will be covered by rodeo? Where do kids change clothes. You're only hurting the kids. There are changing rooms in the bathrooms. Campers are convenient and parents may not want kids participating because it would be just too hard to drive back and forth. Jodee Forgey—So we are going to take the front lot and dedicate it to rodeo people, the 4-H and FFA put money into the fair and community and your making your priority parking for the rodeo contestants in the main lot, and they don't even put anything back into the community. How are rodeo contestants more important? Rodeo contestants should be encouraged to ride share and or drop off and shuttle. Mike Neighbors—He agrees with Jodee. It's us that support the fair. We are more important. Camper spots are convenience. Buyers come visit people at campers and might not come if they can't visit. We will lose buyers. This will be a mess and disaster. Doug Jones—has anyone talked to Rod about using land for parking? Can we use his land to park and clean up afterwards. What about putting campers back in along the edge of the main lot instead of the back lot? Dan Anderson—where will the rodeo be parking? Amber Neighbors—What is parking for the back parking lot for? What revenue will be lost. There are general public that will be using the parking lots? Jodee Forgey. —If there is an empty main parking lot that the public is not able to use they will go somewhere else instead of to the fair. Todd Clovis—Have you thought about the amount of money that you will lose from local businesses for the possible discussion of getting rid of the campers. Is it worth making people angry and losing the potential for donations, money and use of equipment. Gwen Smith—If the campers were back there, and it was enforced that there is no overnight car and towed cars that are not supposed to be there that would help. Jenna Balzer—How many camper spots are there in the upper lot. 24. How about the lower city lot. Horse trailers cannot go in lower city lot. The main lot will not be filled up. Main lot needs to stay for the public. We can't put rodeo contestants in back lot because we can't have the horses passing through the

concession areas and because of the storm water issues. We need to figure out a better way. Copper Blunt—how many campers are reduced on upper level? Jodee Forgey—Where are the buyers going to park? The rodeo will be over by the beginning of the sale. Friday -of fair carnival was a ghost town. Sue Fuller Berghammer—We will have rodeo contestants and flag girls. Michelle Wilks—How many spots do you need for contestants? They won't be in designated camper spots. Blake Neese—He has land which would accommodate some campers. His number is 208-791-1983. Evan Southwick—He spoke with the mayor and they will have about 20 spots available around town for dry camping. He is also working on other locations Makenzie Welsh—Rodeo contestants are usually only here for one day and then they leave. Scott McMillian—So your purposing that there will be no public parking. There will be limited public parking available. Jenna Balzer- Why not let the upper level parking be for rodeo. Gwen Smith—If you are going to use the main parking for rodeo contestants, how many contestants are expected? 185-200 Suggestions don't seem to solve the camper issues. Jordan Schueurmann—Having rodeo contestants with public is a safety issue if you have animals go rogue. Ryan Andrews—How much parking did you have in the past. The lower city lot and the Hostetler lot. Dan Anderson—There was not a safety concern before and now there is? Gwen Smith –Volume is the issue because the lower lot you can only come in and out one way. Ryan Andrews—Put general parking on the lower lot, Cleveland city lot, and part of the main lot. What about using the city parking and some campers on back level. Evan Southwick—City lots can have campers only and not animals. Jenna Balzer—Keep the back lot the way it is and use for parking. Move fair board, judges and superintendents up top. Mark Bogar suggested forming a committee between community and board. Jodee Forgey—What about putting flag horses in stalls and trailers can go home. Copper Blunt—She would prefer to have a camper spot and not a place to park her car. Would forgo parking to have a camper spot. Doug Jones and Keith Weissenfel would be willing to be on the committee. Todd Smith—Why not make judges, fair board and superintendents ride shuttles. Jodee Forgey—There are not as many judges as we have made out there are only 5 or 6. Mackenzie Welsh--There are 32 camper spots in the back lot and 5 spots on city lot only? Copper Blunt—What should she tell her members families. Undecided. Evan Southwick—We need a timeline. Hy'd Andrews—Can Kelly find out how many contestants will need spots. She won't know until the day of the rodeo. Dan Anderson—Why not auction or raffle off the camper spots. Can't because of gaming regulations. What time do the shuttles start Friday? 2pm from Clarkston. Asotin shuttles will begin at 9. Copper Blunt—How many parking spots are in the upper level? Evan Southwick—If we need to increase hours what time would we need to start the shuttles? Principals say that schools are in school Friday in Clarkston half a day. Charlotte Tuttle—Friday will the front parking be available for parking before noon? The public will be unhappy if they come in and there is no parking and they see a vacant lot. Gwen Smith—When is the parade? 10am Saturday April 23rd. Ryan Andrews—Cleveland lot is for camper parking only? Yes.

Shan—Public is always welcome to come to regular meetings which are held every second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is February 10. We need to make a decision by the 24th of February. If public would come to next meeting we could hopefully come up with a solution. Please bring ideas to next meeting. Sheds will be discussed at next meeting.

Gail announced the grant we are receiving from the Department of Agriculture. The grant is for \$90,000 for repair and maintenance of the barns.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 pm