

ASOTIN COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO
June 23, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peggy Hansford, Cindy Harrison, Steve Mullins, Becci Scheuerman, Arlene Mullins, Barb Appleford, Shan Bonson and Gail Campbell.

Peggy read letters attached from Warren Benner and Jody Forgey with 4 attached pictures. There is also an attached picture of the Spokane pens. Becci explained her meeting with the Spokane fair facility personnel.

Peggy read a resolution from the County Commissioners regarding the Raise the Barn Funds which needs to be corrected.

Sprinkler systems must be put in above 12,000 sq ft. Becci visited other fairs and there were taller buildings which she felt helped with ventilation issues. Jerry says that it would cost about \$5 a sq ft. for a sprinkler system.

GUESTS: **Pat Petty:** We need to consider how much we used the facilities and she thinks it's a shame that they aren't used enough now. Taller roofs may be better. **Jerry Brotnov:** One of his aims is how we get movement to and from arenas as well as public. He believes that the biggest issues are the electrical. Becci noted that to adhere to codes which would require a certain amount of area between buildings (defensible space). Jerry thinks that opening up between buildings would create a better organizational flow. There would be times where we would need to close areas because of movement to arenas. The areas between barns are required for fire safety. The barns would be smaller by a little bit at the 12000 sq ft. Pat says that there are lots of unusable areas in the beef barn. How much funds do we actually have available. Without the sales committee stipulated money we have \$90,000 grant money and \$63,000 raise the barn fund. Pole building would cost \$16 sq ft. and \$6 sq ft for concrete. High schools are interested in helping by building the pens for materials. There is an individual interested in providing electrical without recognition or contact with board. He is a licensed contractor. There is about \$8,000 allocated for electrical for from the grant and \$30,000 for the swine pens. The time frames are going to get that. The raise the barn funds are not guaranteed at this point. Marvel Construction is willing to be competitive. Jerry thinks we should speak with the building official. Peggy thinks that we need to send a letter to all the individuals that have donated and invite them to give input. That account is called livestock building fund. It would be a new building and not repairs and so we may be able to access those funds without notice. We need to speak with Jane about how we need to proceed. Pat believes that the intent of the funds was for a new building and not repairs for an existing building. We will also need to amend the grant and get approval from commissioners. We need to also talk to Jane about the funds from Sales Committee. Pat says that if the public wants to oppose the changes they should have come or made their opinions known. The fire system would be a dry system so we would not need to worry about water in the winter. **Mark Heistutman:** He asked if there

was any advantage in two buildings. **Evan Southwick:** He said that it would be best to utilize the existing concrete but Jerry says it would be difficult match. Jerry says that decomposed granite works well for walkways. Pat says asphalt would be cheaper. Pat says we may consider using the barn for storage rental in the off season. A clearspan building would be a good option. Shan is concerned that if we amend the grant and then decide we do not have the funds, will they amend back. Evan says that if we don't have the funds we could do a section as a 100 x 50 and do the rest in a later in a building. Mark says we need to talk to stormwater as to whether we could get away with asphalt instead of concrete. Barb feels that we need to send letters like Switzer Engineering or Clearwater Paper for donations. Charlotte wants to know, if we do these buildings in sections, where would drainage go? Jerry says we would need to tie into stormwater. The fire suppression systems biggest cost would be the initial water tie in. Jerry feels that a metal building is a better deal. The kit to start is a good thing where you may be able to add on later and maybe add walls as funds are available. Jerry will be able to talk with Marvel tomorrow about getting a possible estimate. The panels for swine pens in Spokane took about 3 years having them done through schools. Mark thinks that we may want to rent pens for swine while we decide what we want. Jerry thinks that we should by one top of the line pen and then have built them on our own following that example.

We need to speak with Jane, talk to Nez Perce about how many pens we could rent or borrow. Gail will make these calls. We need to get an estimate. Jerry thinks that we should be able to easily get a quote on a building package for about 100 x 110. Evan suggested that we get one for the 100 x 50 also for the steel building. Becci will contact the stormwater people about the asphalt vs. concrete issue. Gail needs to ask Jane if there is a way the electrician can do the work without charge without having contact with anyone but the contractor. Jerry will contact Avista about possible funds.

If we revise the grant are we locked in to the amendment or can we go back to the original grant proposal? We will need to make a commitment if we choose to go forward. Becci made a motion that we go to the commissioners with an amended grant. Cindy 2nd. Motion carried. Gail and Cindy will approach the commissioners on Monday. Pat says that we need to present to the commissioner the \$16 sq ft proposal.

Next meeting will be held should be next week so that we can get stuff figured out. Thursday the 30th at 6:30. We will be discussing information that we decided needs collected.

Last meeting we received letters from Shan and Becci for continued fairboard membership. Arlene turned one in tonight. Gail moved and Cindy 2nd to allow on fairboard. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:10.