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Judith Basin County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2024 JB Co. Courthouse - Stanford, MT

Call to order at 5:37 pm by 4-H Council President Kirstie Fiedler, also present were Dawnita Sampsel, Billie Jo Holzer, Brenda McCray, Don Hajenga and his wife, Nicole Hedstrom, Nancy Metcalfe, Janna VandenBos and Sidney Stratton.

No minutes were reviewed as this was a joint meeting.

No Treasurers report.

No announcements or public comment were offered.

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Old Business

Fair recap:

- Updated that it will be a 5-day fair week with the sale being on Friday starting at 4 p.m. with pre-sale items starting at 3:30 p.m. Billie Jo wanted to ensure that the fair will still be fun and won't be a marathon for the kids to get thing done while at fair.
- The sale, Loadout and Wood Shavings all worked great this year, will be adjusting minimal items regarding wood shaving drop-off location and reaching out to Robert earlier next year and Kyle and his invited auctioneers.
- It was expressed by the 4-H Council that the ultrasound contest should possibly be moved to after the beef show so the beef kids are more inclined to participate. To allow the kids to have a better understanding about why they do the ultrasound contest, it was discussed that a program could be created to have a class about carcass grading, marbling, etc. – possibility that Marc King and Sidney partner on this?

Future of 4-H fairground facilities:

- Discussed the future of getting STRAND funding to build a new pavilion at the fairgrounds. The 4-H Council will keep fair board updated on the progress and will be working with commissioners and town during this process.

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New Business

MOU and resolution review:

- Discussed the ability for the 4-H council to be able to set the dates and changed the 4-H council number 1 “To set the dates” and moved it to Fair Board section. Also struck out the Fair Board section 5b “The Board will also arrange delivery of processed meat to buyers.”.
- Will discuss with the Fair Board at the next meeting before final vote occurs.

Other new business:

- A discussion item came up about how the white ribbon hogs, while not able to sell are still edible animals- discussion turned into how this is a learning opportunity for 4-H members to understand how to properly feed their animals for the fair. A concern arose that the minimum weight for steers should be upped. In addition, if bred heifers are going to continue to sell, a question was asked if there be a separate class during fair for bred heifers? Re-word in fair book regarding breeding animals.
- 4-H council discussed that there should be more requirements for attending club meetings, possibly have project meeting for each species during the summer before fair to thoroughly discuss the expectations for the animal they are going to sell.
- Dawnita and Powell will work on getting Fergus County’s dog kennels back to them this week.

Next Fair Board meeting date set for **Monday Jan. 13th 5:30 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm.

Minutes prepared by Sidney Stratton, Ext. Agent

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