

Greene County Fair Board
Monday, February 1, 2016
Minutes

The Greene County Fair Board met on Monday, February 1, 2016 at the Greene County Fairgrounds, at 6:30 PM. The members in attendance were: Larry Marshall, Debbie Stephenson, Archie Trader, Janet Mawhinney, Jim Hopkins, Barry Moore, Jean Scott, and Eric Marshall

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Trader. A motion was made by Mr. Hopkins accept the minutes of the prior meeting dated 11/2/15, and seconded by, Ms. Stephenson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Trader welcomed new members, Jean Scott, replacing Gene Lee, and Eric Marshall, Commissioner Blair Zimmerman's appointment to the Fair Board. Since Gene Lee, had been the Secretary to the board, Mr. Trader asked for a motion to appoint a Secretary. Ms. Stephenson made a motion to appoint Eric Marshall to the position of Secretary to the Fair Board. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Mawhinney. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

There was a discussion on whether the Fair Board should provide ribbons to the Pig and Hog Club Sale. After discussion, Mr. Hopkins made a motion to no longer provide ribbons to organizations that do not show during the Fair. This motion was seconded by Ms. Stephenson and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion whether 4-H Clubs and Members who are not showing exhibits during the Fair should receive passes for the week of the Fair. Mr. Hopkins made a motion that only 4-H Clubs and Members who are showing during the week of the Fair shall receive passes from the Fair Board. The motion was seconded by Jean Scott and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion on getting the disks used to work the pulling track repaired. Commissioner Trader and Mr. Moore to make sure that this is taken care of by County Maintenance.

There was a discussion on the Local Services Tax Issue that Ms. Stephenson was working on. It was determined that the Fair Board owed \$140.00 for the years 2013 and 2014. We are now current with this issue.

New Business:

There was a discussion on the Fair Board and the County to work together to submit applications to the Department of Agriculture. The deadline to apply for this grant is 6/30/2016.

There was a discussion on approving contracts for entertainment for the upcoming Fair. Mr. Hopkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mawhinney, to agree to contracts with Power Pulling Productions to provide truck and tractor pulling contests on Tuesday and Saturday of the Fair. The contract for Tuesday night pulls is for \$7,550.00 and Saturday night pulls for \$14,050.00. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Trader made a motion to approve a contract with Variety Attractions to provide a freestyle motocross show on Wednesday night. In the event of rain the, event will be moved to Thursday evening. The cost of this event is \$14,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hopkins and the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion on what to do with the Farm Stock Tractor Pulls, Mr. E. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, to cut the classes from 11 to 6 classes and remove any classes containing speed limits. In addition, the motion also called for the same amount of purses used for the 11 classes at the 2015 Fair, be split evenly among the 6 classes being run in 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

It was determined that due to lack of horses participating in the Horse Pull in 2015, there would be no Horse Pulls at the 2016 Fair. After discussion on when to have the Pony Pulls, Ms. Mawhinney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hopkins to have the Pony Pull on Sunday of the Fair beginning at 6:00. In addition, the motion also called for the purses that would have been paid for the Horse Pull would be rolled in to the Pony Pull to encourage more participation. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion on the September Pulling Expo scheduled for September 10, 2016, a motion was made by Mr. Trader and seconded by Mr. Hopkins accept option #4 from Lucas Oil Pro Pulling to provide 4 classes of trucks and tractors at a cost of \$29,450. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. L. Marshall advised the board that the Pepsi Rebate check is expected to arrive soon. He also advised that our carnival provider, Tropical Amusements has decided to keep the gate prices the same for this coming fair.

Adjournment:

Next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2016. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Trader and seconded by Jean Scott. Motion was approved unanimously.