

Greene County Fair Board
Monday July 19, 2021
Minutes

The Greene County Fair Board met on Monday, July 19, 2021 at the Greene County Fairgrounds, at 6:30 PM. The members in attendance were Larry Marshall, Debbie Stephenson, Mike Belding, Betsy McClure, Jeff, Lash, Barry Moore, Carol Adamson and Eric Marshall.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moore.

The following guests were in attendance: George Skull, Jim Cowell, and Pam Wright

Minutes – From the Previous Meeting

Ms. Adamson noted that Pam Wright was missing from the guests in attendance for the May meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Stephenson to accept the minutes of the prior meeting dated May 3, 2021 with the correction. This motion was seconded by, Mr. Belding. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer’s Report / Payment of Bills: Ms. Stephenson presented the Treasurer’s Report and Payment of Bills since the last meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Adamson to accept the report. Ms. McClure seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

LED Light Grant for Cattle Barn – Ms. Stephenson reported that all work on the LED Light Grant for the Cattle Barn (Both inside and outside replacement lighting) was completed. All grant closeout paperwork has been submitted to the Department of Agriculture and they will be issuing the reimbursement by end of next week.

Mr. L. Marshall noted that in talking to vendors under the grandstand had expressed some safety concerns due to the lack of adequate lighting under the grandstand. Patton Electric submitted a quote of \$14,192.59 to replace all lighting with new LED lighting on the back side of the Grandstands. Mr. Belding made a motion to formally approve the prior email polling of the members to have Patton Electric proceed with replacing the lights on the back side of the grandstand. Mr. L. Marshall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lash reported that he had met a couple of times with representatives from American Exploration and they had been able to GPS level the pulling track. When they were finished, the height difference from start to finish were only ½ of one inch. Prior to the work, the track had spots where there were dips of over 8 inches. Mr. Lash to reach out to American Exploration and inquire on the amount of passes to the fair that they may need in appreciation of the work they performed.

Mr. Moore advised the Fair Board that additional holes were made in the safety tires as requested by the Greene County Conservation District.

New Business:

Mr. L. Marshall asked the Board to consider our yearly motions needed to operate the Fair.

Ms. Stephenson made a motion to authorize the Fair Manager to get normal supplies needed to operate the Fair, Expenses will then be reviewed at the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Lash and was approved unanimously.

Ms. Adamson made a motion to authorize the treasurer to pay recurring bills as necessary. Expenses will then be reviewed at the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. McClure and approved unanimously.

Mr. Lash made a motion to authorize the Fair Manager to pay necessary Fair expenses during Fair week. An example of this would be premiums, payroll, contracted entertainment and so on. This motion was seconded by Ms. Adamson and unanimously approved.

Mr. L. Marshall advised the board that he and Mr E. Marshall had met with Greene County Fairground Maintenance Management and went over what work would be needed and when. It was a good meeting and it was agreed to meet regularly during the Fair to make sure everyone was aware of what is needed. They also had met with representatives of Pepsi, EMS Southwest and the Greene County Sheriff's Office and everything should be good to go with those entities.

Mr. L. Marshall advised the board that all eating stands have been filled and a few more commercial spaces available, but he continues to receive calls daily.

Mr. L. Marshall also advised the group that the he had spoken to Rev. Wilson and he is good to perform Vesper Service in the EMA Building at 5:30 on Sunday evening. A Christian singing group will be performing in the barn at 7:00.

Ms. Stephenson advised the board that the operator of the monster truck confirmed that he was going to be able to travel to our fair if we still wanted him to come. Mr. Lash made a motion to have the Monster Truck come to the Fair as previously contracted. Mr. Belding seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Adamson brought up a topic on when livestock are permitted to leave. After a discussion, it was agreed to inform the Livestock exhibitors that all Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions must remain on the grounds until 7:00 PM on Saturday night. This will be communicated to them on Sunday evening.

Mr. Lash made a motion to purchase a new field liner for use on the pulling track. Mr. Belding seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There were other discussions without actions on the topics of an Opening Ceremony, the lack of horse pulls, and how to prepare the Livestock barn.

Public Comment:

Mr. Jim Cowell advised the board that the Greene County Farm Bureau would like to sell 50/50 tickets each night at the fair and the Lucas Oil Truck Pull in September with the proceeds to purchase new lamb and goat pens, and Tie Rails for use in the Livestock Barn during the fair. These gates would remain property of the Farm Bureau and would be stored offsite and brought to the fairgrounds when needed. Mr. Belding made a motion to approve the Greene County Farm Bureau's request for permission to do 50/50 drawing at our events in 2021. This is only approved for one year currently. Mr. Lash seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr George Skull advised the Fair Board that the Greene County Farm Bureau would be having a Blood drive on July 30, 2021 from 9:00 to 2:00 PM at the Fairgrounds.

Dates to remember:

Greene County Fair Board Meetings
Monday, December 13, 2021

Lucas Oil Mega-Pull
September 18, 2021

Adjournment:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Motion to adjourn by Ms. Stephenson and seconded by Mr. Lash. Motion was approved unanimously.