

Tripp Co. 4-H Livestock/Community Facility Committee – meeting notes

January 22, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Tripp Co. Courthouse

Those in attendance were:

Committee Members: Dawn Covey, Kim DeJong, Wyatt DeJong, Kim DeMers, Rhonda Gilchrist, Scott Hollenbeck, Audie Larson, Bonnie Rutten, Jeremy Schroeder, Brittany Shelbourn, Dean Watzel

Others: Laura Kahler, 4-H Advisor, Mike Novotny, Tripp County Commissioner, Brad Watzel and Barb Watzel, Tripp Co. Fairboard members.

- Minutes from the January 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed
- Facebook page & Thermometer update – Amanda Willuweit was not in attendance; however, she does have the Facebook page set up. All were encouraged to go out and like the page and share it. We will put all information regarding our fundraising events on this page.

There were no updates on the Thermometer or display for showing our goal and the status of our goal.

- Brochure – Dawn Covey presented an updated brochure that we went over the brochure and corrected a few phone numbers and spelling errors. We want to use this for mailings, visiting businesses, and at our display at the Bullnanza. Sherri Mayes was unable to attend the meeting.
- Summary of the meeting with Summit Contracting – Dean Watzel discussed the following information from this meeting:
 - It was recommended that the plan include making the north end of the building be set back to the west ~ 15' so that it does connect directly to the existing 4-H center. This will help with snow load and drainage. This would be ~ the first 100' from the north and then it would be wider at the existing wash rack/bleacher area.
 - It was recommended to move the enclosed small animal/storage area more to the northwest corner for better ventilation of the entire structure.
 - All existing trees, structures will need to be taken out in order to do dirt work due to the slope of the property.
 - Summit was asked to prepare an estimate that included dirt work, electrical, lighting, water, and doors. They were asked to prepare an estimate for a fully enclosed facility and an open facility with only the small animal area being enclosed.
 - It will take Summit ~ 30 days to prepare the requested estimates.
 - Committee members all agreed with the changes.
- Fundraisers
 - The Hollenbeck family (Scott & Teresa) have donated ¼ processed beef that will be raffled off at the Bullnanza. This was discussed at the 4-H Leaders meeting on

1/9/2019 and time was crucial as they were taking the beef in the next week for processing. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

- JD Gator Drawing – Dean Watzel informed the committee that Grossenburg have agreed to completely donate the JD Gator for this raffle. We want to have the Gator on display at our booth at the Bullnanza where we will also be selling tickets. Laura Kahler will help get the raffle tickets made. We will be selling 500 tickets at \$100/ticket. If all tickets are sold, we should generate \$50,000. The committee would like all tickets sold prior to the Mid-Dakota Fair and the drawing will be held on August 3, 2019 during the 4-H premium sale. Grossenburg's would like to be part of this drawing.
 - Mailings for Alumni – we need to have some of our committee members sign up to put a list together which would entail going to the office and looking up old records.
 - Radio Program – Patrick Harris was checking into this and he was not able to be at the meeting.
 - Rada Cutlery – Dawn Covey presented information she received from the Rada company. We would get 40% of all sales. It was decided to go ahead do this as a fundraiser. We will do online sales, catalog sales, and have items for sale at the Bullnanza. Wyatt DeJong also took some of this information to see if the Cattlewomen would be interested in supporting this fundraiser.
- Grant Updates:
 - Dawn Covey received confirmation of a \$5,000 grant from Farm Credit Services. In order to receive this grant, we must have commitments for ½ of the proposed project cost which would be \$300,000. We have until December 1, 2019 to submit information regarding our fundraising status to receive this grant.
 - Wyatt DeJong indicated that he will now have more time to look into other grant opportunities.
- Updates on 501(c)(3) Status:
 - A meeting was held on January 14, 2019 with attorney Scott Peterson (by phone) and CPA, Dana Kaup to discuss our options. In this meeting we discussed our different boards, entities (Tripp Co. Fairboard & Tripp Co. 4-H Leaders Association) along with the possibility of using the Tripp Co. Community Foundation instead of obtaining a 501(c)(3) status on our own. Scott was going to go over all of the information and talk to the S.D. Community Foundation before decided the best option. Another meeting was set up for January 23, 2019.
 - A meeting has been set up with attorney Scott Peterson and Dana Kaup, CPA to have further discussion on the best route to do this. It will be held on January 23, 2019. Those attending will be Kim DeMers representing the 4-H Leaders, Brad Watzel representing the Tripp Co. Fairboard, Wyatt DeJong representing this committee, Dawn Covey representing the Tripp Co. Community Foundation, along with Scott Peterson and Dana Kaup.

- Other Discussion:
 - Timeline – we had previously set a fundraising goal of \$250,000 by May 2019. It was decided by the committee that the goal for raising the full amount needed would be March of 2021.
 - Bullnanza – Bonnie Rutten, Dawn Covey, and Dean Watzel will working in this. We will need signage for the building plan along with signage recognizing Grossenburg Implement for the donations of the Gator.
 - We will get a list of all the area businesses and will divide this up amongst committee members at our next meeting. We will visit these businesses about possible donations and promoting our plan.
 - Mike Novotny was asked if the Tripp County Commissioners would at least give a letter of support of the project, realizing that they are not in a position to commit any funds at this time. Wyatt DeJong said that he would draft a letter that Mike could take to the Commissioners for approval. It was discussed that even just a letter of support would be helpful when submitting grant applications. Mike Novotny will present this letter to the Tripp County Commissioner at their meeting on February 12, 2019.
 - Wyatt DeJong will also prepare a draft letter of support for the project to be approved and signed by the Tripp County 4-H Leaders Association and the Tripp County Fairboard.
 - The next meeting of the Tripp County 4-H Livestock/Community Facility Committee will be held on February 11, 2019 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Tripp Co. 4-H office.
 - Discussion was held as to what other community organizations we could approach for letter of support of the building and could potentially use the facility. Those mentioned were Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, Prairie Cruzers Car Club, Winner School District, Pheasants Forever – Outdoor Youth Day. If any of the committee members come up with other names, they are asked to get these to Wyatt DeJong.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.