

Thank you for allowing the County Fairs this time to give an update on the generosity of HB5202

My name is Mindy Winegar. I am the manager at the Grant County Fair Grounds and RV Park.

Our Fair Grounds is located 3 blocks from down town John Day on 17 acres. We are a small staff of 2.

We are still in the beginning of planning and implementing projects.

We had a public meeting in May of 2022 to get feedback from our community. We then prioritized projects by safety, ease and revenue generating.

Projects that will be started this spring and completed by the 114th Fair in August is a storage building with an attached picnic shelter. This projects should be completed for around \$50k having this space will keep us from packing heavy items up and down stairs and will allow us to have better use of our event hall space and give guest a nice shade area for gatherings.

We will also be building a 60x32 covered picnic shelter with a stage. Along with this project we will be putting some electric underground and add electric outlets. With added electric we will be able to invite more vendors to our fair and other events. Estimate on this is \$160K

Our lighting in the outdoor arena has become a safety issue due to old fixtures that do not illuminate as they did in the 60's with \$400K of the funding we will be updating the arena to led lights with new poles. As we do this project we have also teamed up with Powder River to help us use what we have and rebuild our arena to be more efficient and safe. We will bring in new sand that is safe for all livestock and riders. Phase 2 of the arena will be refurbishing our Grandstands by making the ramps and walk way ADA accessible, replace and paint seating were needed. We are estimating that to repair our grandstands and walk ways will be \$200k.

With the housing shortage our small 25 space RV park is unable to accommodate the many visitors we get plus the seasonal and health care workers that travel to serve our community so we will be putting in 25 more RV spaces with restroom and shower facility. This RV park will be gated with key code entry for long term and overflow stays. This addition will be a great revenue source for us plus we will be able to hire another employee. We are estimating this will cost \$700k and hope to begin this project this fall.

Our Grounds are in need of secure fencing and security cameras to detour vandalism and for the safety of our guests and small staff. We will use approximately \$300K to accomplish this.

With the funds from HB5202 we will add \$100k to the \$277k funding that we will be receiving from HB5006 for renovations of a 1956 building. This building will then house the grant County Extension District for but not limited to 4H programming and will also generate revenue for the fairgrounds

This will leave us some money for any contingency.

If we any funding left we would like to get our asphalt repaired to be safe for our guests. We Are also in need of updated light fixtures, an entry way and an extension to our kitchen in the event hall. Our 4H Leaders association is updating our small animal barn and we would like to partner with them.

I would like to echo that we are all evacuation and emergency centers & it is important that our buildings are maintained and that we have operating capital.

I want to thank all of you for your time and the continued support to the fairgrounds across the state. If you have any question or concerns please feel free to contact me.