

FAIR COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FAIR
DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 20021
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dehart called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Berg, Black, Dehart, Piasini

Absent: Ackley

Others Present: Al Flannery, Brenda Flannery, Nora Matuszewski, Amy Kuebler, Kevin Kuebler, Bill Kalata, Char Kalata, Cheri Collins, Emily Belland, Tahni Carothers, Ashley Nacius, Dennis Thiel

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Black to approve the agenda, second by Berg. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 20, 2020 FAIR MEETING

Motion by Berg to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2020 meeting, second by Dehart. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Brian Schultz told the committee he went out into the public and asked people about the Forest County Fair. He told those present some had negative comments, while others felt the Fair should be a "way of life." He told the committee that farms in the area and around the state are "dwindling" and that some in the public feel the Fair should be in a more visible area. He told those present about several different possible areas to purchase to move the Fairgrounds to.

Emily Belland told the committee the Wabeno Fairgrounds could be used for the Fair if needed. Al Flannery explained they wanted a place that is useable more than once a year and in Wabeno they would not own the property they would be asking for using it. They want an area that is "long term."

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 4-H BARN PROJECT AND PROGRESS OF CORRAL REPAIRS

Michelle Gobert was in to update the committee on the project. She told the committee she is not comfortable purchasing supplies at this time for this project because of the prices of lumber. She will be discussing the project with the Extension committee next week.

DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF INFINITY FLOORING EXPANDNG WITHIN THE NEXT TWO (2) YEARS

Dehart wanted to tell the committee of the possibility of Infinity expanding in the next few years. He told the committee that Infinity would be purchasing the land from the City and they would be putting up dry kilns.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FAIR BOOKS AND PREMIUMS

Gobert asked about updating the 4-H projects in the Fair books. Brenda Flannery explained she puts in the categories according to state statutes and if Gobert contacts her she will be able to update as needed, which she will need in the next 2-weeks.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HOMETOWN TROLLEY FUTURE EXPANSION

Hometown Trolley has expressed interest and the need to expand in the near future. Dehart told the committee and 4-H, Fair, & Ag Society that he told Hometown Trolley they would have to help the Fair move before this can happen.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MOVING THE FAIR TO ANOTHER LOCATION WITH HELP FROM THE TROLLEY COMPANY, CITY OF CRANDON, COUNTY, AND THE AG SOCIETY

There was a lengthy discussion on the “old trailer park,” a property owned by Bucky Dailey. He would be willing to give the property to the County for the Fairgrounds if they agreed to put in the water/sewer for him, which would cost around \$108,000. There is a property on 55 that used to be an old farmstead that could be used. There was discussion as to whether it could be moved to another town, such as Laona or Wabeno, Argonne? The 3-mile radius restriction seems to be a deterrent from moving the Fair to another location outside of the Crandon area. There was also discussion about grants for developing a new area for a Fair.

DISCUSSION OF GRANT FUNDING TO RELOCATE AND BUILD A NEW SITE FOR THE FAIRGROUND

This was previously discussed.

DISCUSS PLANS AND POSSIBILITY OF CARNIVAL FOR THE 2021 FAIR; POSSIBLE ACTION

Brenda Flannery explained there will be a Fair held this year and there were two Carnivals that had showed interest, which were Spectrum and Tri-State. Spectrum was chosen for this year’s Fair, which will be held September 11, 12, 13. She told the committee there will be online sales for tickets this year and the Carnival will be bringing their own entertainment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Berg to adjourn, second by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. Next tentative meeting date set for July 20th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Fair meeting.