

FAIR COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FAIR
DATE: AUGUST 25, 2021
TIME: 5:30 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dehart called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ackley, Black, Berg, Dehart, Piasini

Absent:

Others Present: Al Flannery, Brenda Flannery, Nora Matuszewski, Amy Kuebler, Kevin Kuebler, Brian Schultz, Michelle Gobert, Dennis Thiel, Mark Rinehart

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 20, 2021 FAIR MEETING

Motion by Berg to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2021 meeting, second by Piasini.
All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PREPARING LAND AND LEVELING FAIRGROUNDS

The midway still has sand/topsoil piled up otherwise a lot of the rest is cleaned up. The pile needs to be leveled.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE FAIR PROPERTIES; PRICES AND VALUES

The Cracraft Farm is an option, but it is in probate right now. The property is around 40-acres and it is thought the owner would sell for fair market value.

Brian Schultz spoke with Capstone and quite a few contractors to get ideas on the cost of construction of land and buildings. There are some grants out there for infrastructure as well.

The Wabeno Fairgrounds is an option and it is ready to go. The Ag Society and Fair committee are not really accepting to this idea because there is no guarantee it would be able to stay there.

There is a cut line for power at the Fairgrounds that looks as though it was done when there was work done by Hometown Trolley. Last year before they dug up the area there was power and this year there is not. There are electricians working right now at the courthouse that would be willing to locate the break and would be able to splice it for the county. The county will pay the bill and then it will be billed out to Hometown Trolley.

DISCUSSION ON CAMERAS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

The I.T. department had to install point to point internet for the court system at the Town of Lincoln because of the renovations, so it only makes sense to install the point to point at the Fairgrounds after there is no further need for it at the Town of Lincoln.

UPDATES ON FAIR ENTRANCE SIGN

Flannery will install the new sign tomorrow (August 26) with a cost of around \$500. He will also trim up the area to make it look nicer.

UPDATES AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2021 FAIR

The Fair committee did get some air time ordered which will run from September 1 – September 11. The cost was \$400 for 20 ads and they match that with 20 more. Black told the committee there is grant money available through the Tourism commission and they extended the time to apply to allow for more access. The only stipulation would be the advertising out of the area to bring in tourists; such as from Wausau to the MI/WI state line. She told Brenda to contact Stacey Jameson for information on it.

The tent is lined up to be set up and taken down. The size is 40X60 with a cost of \$775 for the tent and \$348 for delivery and set-up; total of \$1123.00.

The entertainment for the Fair is set; regular Scott Harris is playing on Saturday and Trigger Trippers on Sunday. Tripper was at the Argonne Days and was well liked, he will cost \$1000.00, but the Fair committee thought he would be worth it. They will get a stage from the Argonne Fire Department and place it under the tent. The Fair newspapers were available and all information was in there for the fair.

FUTURE AGENDA

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Piasini to adjourn, second by Berg. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.