

FAIR COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FAIR
DATE: MAY 31, 2022
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: Black, Dehart, Piasini, Weber

Absent: Berg

Others Present: Cindy Gretzinger, Al Flannery, Brenda Flannery, Nora Matuszewski, Amy Kuebler, Michelle Gobert, Dennis Thiel, Amber Rehberg, Katelyn Kuebler

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 25, 2021 FAIR MEETING

Motion by Black to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2021 meeting with one (1) correction "Trigger Trippers", second by Piasini. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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

No Action. The committee will continue to look for properties moving forward.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HOMETOWN TROLLEY STATUS

As of right now everything is at a standstill. Black will try to contact them for future plans. There was a bill for some electrical line that was cut by them, they have been billed, but, they have not paid the invoice yet.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 4-H BARN SAFETY PROJECT AND POSSIBLE BARN UPGRADE

There was extension discussion on the barns and the money 4-H has to set aside to fix the horse stalls. Gobert told the committee Public Property told them to hold off on any improvements because of the request for more land from the Hometown Trolley. There were questions as to whether the barn could be moved if there was a need to move it; the thought was it would not be cost effective. Brenda explained that she is at capacity for exhibits right now and thought maybe the 4-H should build a separate building for the

horses. She also told the committee the barn is getting worse every year because of not being fixed. The original barn was put up through donations many years ago. Gobert needed some sort of decision on whether it would be worth doing some work on the building right now. Discussion again about looking for land to move the Fair was brought up again. It was suggested to put an ad in the papers; Pioneer, Forest Republican and Oconto County Beacon looking for land. Brenda will come up with an ad with the Clerk. Motion by Gretzinger to put an ad in the papers looking for land for the Fair, cost around \$60-\$75 per add, for 30-days, second by Black. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

The committee would like to get all parties involved with the Fair to be present at the next meeting to discuss moving forward, then they would know what to do with repairs of structures at the Fairgrounds. (Infinity Flooring, Hometown Trolley, FCEDP, Building Committee)

Katelyn Kuebler requested that the barn be repaired so the animals will not be injured.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DATES OF THE 2022 FAIR TO ACCOMMODATE FACE TO FACE JUDGING INCLUDING FAIR UPDATING

Brenda informed the committee there would not be a carnival this year, because the carnival wanted a guarantee of \$30,000 to come here with the fuel increases this year, which cannot be obtained. She told the committee the Fair would be moving to August 18-21. Right now, they are trying to secure activities for the event to bring people in. Some suggestions were food trucks, 4-H could do a maple syrup contest and demonstration tents. Brenda asked for any suggestions to please email her.

Gobert asked about the Fair books and Brenda told her they are behind because of the change this year and they will be working on them and get them out asap. There was discussion about the judges and Amber has much experience and may be able to help with securing judges if needed. Brenda told them she has someone new that she is working on bringing in and thought she was in good shape for the judges.

UPDATE ON THE 2020-2021 FAIR ANNUAL REPORT

Brenda told the committee the yearly report is turned into the County Clerk every year there is a Fair, and since there was not a Fair in 2020 there was no report in 2021, because they fall into the following year for reporting purposes. Black questioned as to where the Ag Society money that is put into the Fair. It was explained the Ag Society is its own entity and only raises donations for what is needed for projects or for replacing items like table cloths. Everything raised by the 4-H, Ag, Citizens Fair, County goes directly into the Fair.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FAIRGROUNDS POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

The committee will review the manual and bring back to the next meet for discussion and possible approval.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ANNUAL CARRY-OVER OF FUNDS FROM THE FAIR BEING PLACED IN THE FAIR RESERVE ACCOUNT

The Clerk informed the committee of the reserve account that is set up and has money in it for repairs, updates, moving the Fairgrounds. Since the committee does not meet enough at the end of the year money left in the budget does not always get carried. The discussion was to send a resolution to full county board that would automatically place excess funds in the Fair reserve account at the close of every year, so, if there is not a meeting at the end of the year it is not missed.

Motion by Piasini to forward a resolution to full county board to place all excess funds in the Fair Reserve account, second by Weber. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA

- Next Meeting: July 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
- Fairgrounds Policy
- Fair Update
- Joint meeting with entities involved in the Fair property
- Fair property – Land Acquisition

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Black to adjourn, second by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.