

FAIR COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FAIR
DATE: JULY 27, 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, Weber

Absent: Berg and Piasini

Others Present: Al Flannery, Brenda Flannery, Nora Matuszewski, Amy Kuebler, Michelle Gobert, Dennis Thiel, Amber Rehberg, Katelyn Kuebler, Terry Lukas, Brian Schultz, Kevin Kuebler

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 31, 2022 FAIR MEETING

Motion by Black to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2022 meeting, second by Weber. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

UPDATE ON THE 2022 FAIR

Brenda Flannery told the committee the Fair books will come out on Monday and that the Fair will be run the same as usual just without a carnival. (August 19-21) The carnival will not be part of the fair this year because they are requesting \$30,000 from the county to come and the county cannot afford that. Brenda Flannery thinks the carnival leaving is an opportunity. Gobert agreed and told the committee the Fair is a celebration of the county. She felt there is a need to have more volunteers to help plan it and start earlier with the planning.

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

Amy Kuebler asked to have the barn stalls fixed, without them fixed their animals will not be able to stay in the stalls overnight. Hometown Trolley volunteered to donate the boards and the screws to fix the stalls. Weber will volunteer his time to oversee the project. The 4-H has money to fix the stalls, but they were told to hold off because of the discussions to move the Fair.

There was discussion as to who is responsible for maintaining the grounds and the Building/Property chair, Lukas said the maintenance workers are responsible.

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

Brian Schultz asked about moving the Fair to Wabeno; to at least consider it.

Black asked for a list of the Citizen Fair members and meeting minutes for the committee to review.

Dehart has reached to Phyllis Wagoner again on the property not far from town; this is still an option. Paul Newton has a property in town that is 5.3 acres, but it is assessed at \$92,000 and there is a big hole in the middle of it. Bucky Daily had a property, but that may not be an option now.

DISCUSSION WITH HOMETOWN TROLLEY, THE CITY AND PAUL PAYANT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE FAIRGROUNDS

Kristine Dunow discussed with the committee “two issues,” she could see. Hometown Trolley will need more land, not immediately, but maybe in the next year or so. If they are unable to expand someone else will. The other would be what and where the Fair could be moved or held in the meantime. The Fair land could be purchased and the grounds still used until the expansion was needed, or the Fair could be moved to Wabeno until a site has been purchased. She had very positive thoughts and ideas about the Fair and offered to help; all that has to be done is someone needs to ask. Al Flannery said there has been nothing on paper from Wabeno. Michelle felt the grounds should be more accessible. Lynne Black would like to meet quarterly to move forward and asked for the meetings to be put on the calendar now.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FAIRGROUNDS POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

No Action

CLOSED SESSION: The Committee may consider a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85 Sec.(1) (e) “deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.” This closed session relates to:

- Attorney Payant review of Fairgrounds and possible purchase of properties.

Motion by Black to convene into closed session, second by Weber: Roll Call Vote: Black (AYE), Dehart (AYE) and Weber (AYE). Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Weber to reconvene to open session, second by Black. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Motion by Black to look forward to land purchases in a timely manner and to stay on top of it, second by Weber. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Fair properties
- 2022 Fair
- By-Laws
- Tuesday, August 30, 2022 – 5:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Black to adjourn, second by Weber. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.