

FAIR COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE:	JOINT FAIR/HIGHWAY
DATE:	OCTOBER 23, 2023
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, Piasini, Skallerud

Highway Members Present: Campbell, Karl, Goode

Absent:

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Brenda Flannery, Allen Flannery, Amber Rehberg, Michelle Gobert, Edwina Theil

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 FAIR MEETING

Motion by Weber to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting, second by Piasini. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Goode asked about the previous minutes and the jurisdiction questions about the Fair. The committee explained they are still working on that.

DISCUSSION WITH THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE ON POSSIBLE TRACTS OF LAND FOR THE FAIR; POSSIBLE ACTION

The committee asked the Highway if the gravel pit on the edge of town was still utilized, Campbell indicated that it is still being used and will probably be for several years yet. The Highway indicated they did not know of any land the county has that would be suitable for the Fair. Skallerud suggested a piece of land the city owns by Praise Chapel and the possibility of a land swamp because the city is in need of the bigger Industrial Park. He will speak with the mayor about this. Lynne said she had spoken to the Newtons on a tract of land as well.

DISCUSSION ON THE 2023 FAIR/CARNIVAL

Brenda and Al Flannery reported the fair went very well, although Sunday was a complete wash-out. The exhibits were up and the initial report will go out later this week and given to the County Clerk. Brenda told the committee she met Friday morning with the state and they were pleased.

DISCUSSION ON THE REQUIREMENT FOR EVENT INSURANCE FOR THE FAIR AND THE RECOMMENDATION FROM FINANCE TO NOTIFY THE AG SOCIETY THAT, THE COUNTY

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DOES NOT CARRY INSURANCE AND PER THE INSURANCE COMPANY THE AG SOCIETY SHOULD BE CARRYING IT

B. Flannery explained that this item is being worked on and Skallerud explained that at the WCA Convention he went to a seminar on how Fairs are set up and run around the state. Rock County is closest to Forest County and he would suggest she reach out to them on getting things set up.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE FAIRGROUNDS POLICY

There was a lot of discussion on the policy and who wrote it. The Clerk explained this has been a work in progress since 2018 and it keeps getting pushed back. Black said she had read many documents but, she cannot find one document that relates to the covenant and this policy is not a very good one and she would like some additional information on the Covenant. Skallerud suggested the committee create a land use policy instead of a fairgrounds policy, that way it is county policy on how and what the grounds can be used for and then it could be submitted to the building committee for approval. Skallerud and B. Flannery will work on contacting other counties on what their land use policies look like on their fairgrounds and then bring it back to the next committee meeting for discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Next meeting is set for November 27th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- Land acquisition
- Land Use Policy for Fairgrounds

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Skallerud to adjourn, second by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.