

**FAIR BOARD MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, July 21, 2020  
 TIME: 5:30 pm  
 LOCATION: **Building 2**

- ATTENDEES:**
- Jackie Foote, Chair
  - Molly Taylor, Vice Chair
  - Ann Marie Moran
  - Michael Everts
  - K.C. McLaughlin
  - Tawnya Dykstra
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  - Scott MacFarlane (Commission Liaison)

**AGENDA:** (subject to change at the discretion of the Board)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
5:30 pm	<b>1.0 Welcome</b> – Attendees are reminded that the meeting is being recorded for public record. <b>Meeting called to order 5:32pm.</b>	
	1.1 Attendance for the record – Quorum or No Quorum <b>Jackie Foote, Ann Marie Moran in attendance</b>	
	1.2 Pledge of Allegiance	
	1.3 Review & Approval of Minutes for 6.16.2020 <b>Deferred to next meeting</b>	
	<b>2.0 Call for Public Comment</b> <b>Lee Nuss thanked the board for the staff support. Commented that it was a great success and much appreciated by 4H. Chairperson Foote agreed.</b>	
	<b>3.0 Presentation</b> <b>No Presentations</b>	
	<b>4.0 Gallatin County Commission Report</b> <b>No Report</b>	Scott MacFarlane
	<b>5.0 4H Report</b> <b>Management submitted an emailed report from Ja’Nae. The report was received that day and forwarded to board and staff as well. Chairman Foote commented that the sale was successful. Lee mentioned that they were down on buyers. Dennis asked if 4H would be able to identify those buyers that didn’t participate this year – Lee said yes.</b>	Ja’Nae Godin
	<b>6.0 Manager Report</b> 6.1 Comments on staff reports <b>No comments</b>	Dennis Voeller
	6.2 Update on 2021 Fair <b>Management submitted a spreadsheet of proposed entertainment for 2021 Fair. Most of the programs had recommitted verbally – we will be sending contracts out in the next 30 days. Dennis commented that he had received some comments about how much 4H and participants enjoyed just having 4H on grounds. That brings up the thought that perhaps a review of the two weekend concept for fair programming might be worth a conversation. Considerations would include vendor routing, carnival routing, conflict with other events, ability to develop an open class show program and</b>	

other. Possible schedule might include 4H the first weekend, close barns midweek for cleaning/bedding, then the open livestock. Chair Foote commented that it might require a committee to research and report. Board member Moran commented that a challenge to 4H would be the date change to later – earlier would be better. Dennis commented that the current carnival would have difficulty adjusting as they had an existing date out of state. Staff will continue to work on this project if the board thinks it has merit. Dennis asked for board assistance in the developing of a History Area that is culturally and historically relevant. Chairman Foote asked if we could put a survey on the website to get public input.

- 6.3 Discussion on accepting of Bridger Bowl offer to participate in Oak Lot Improvement Management updated the board that he was meeting with the county engineer to develop the best process to maximize the budget of \$30,000 Bridger Bowl has offered to improve the Oak Lot. Management will advise the board on the process and cost. Interim rentals are slow – staff will continue to monitor the budget to identify cost saving opportunities. Chair Foote asked about using social media to drive rentals and about the status of the billboards – Marketing Coordinator answered that one went up the week of fair on I90 and the other doesn't go up until August. Chair Foote asked if there had been any response – Marketing Coordinator said no. Chair Foote commented that most people know about the fairgrounds and what it offers. Dennis advised that RV'ers are aware of our services with most of the full service sites committed for most of the season. Most are rented to construction workers. Most of our customers are satisfied with some voicing concerns over cost and amenities.

- 6.4 ~~Complaint – Drinkard RV Reservation Refund~~ **Item Pulled**

## 7.0 Business Items

- 7.1 Confirm next board meeting August 18 2020

**Chair Foote advised staff that there would be no August meeting and that the next meeting will be September 15 2020.**

- 7.2 Other

**None**

## 8.0 Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm**