

FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, May 15 2018

TIME: 5:30 pm LOCATION: BLG 4

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

Time Topic Presenter

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1.0 Welcome Jeff Wade

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Call for Attendance

Present were Fair Board Members: Chairman Jeff Wade, Vice-Chair Brenda York, Ann Marie Moran, Michael Everts & K.C. McLaughlin; Commissioner Joe Skinner; Fairgrounds Staff: General Manager Dennis Voeller, Operations Foreman Kole Kuntz, Marketing Coordinator Carrie Gilman, Office Manager & Fair Board Secretary Linda Blomback; Public: Rachel Pruitt. Absent was Fairgrounds Staff Finance Manager Rachel May.

Review & Approval of Minutes of March 20 & April 17 2018 meetings Ann Marie Moran made a motion to approve the March 20 minutes K.C. McLaughlin seconded Unanimous for, motion carries

Brenda York made a motion to approve the April 17 minutes Ann Marie Moran seconded Unanimous for, motion carries

2.0 Call for Public Comment - None

Jeff Wade

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3.0 Gallatin County Commission Report

Joe Skinner

- Starting budget
- Reduction in Fair Board members approved
- Two new applications for Fair Board; have not received Conrad Anker's resignation; Jeff will respond.

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4.0 Financial

Dennis Voeller

4.1 Aging

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5.0 Marketing/Sponsorship

Carrie Gilman

- 5.1 Marketing Presentation
 - Sponsorships:
 - Ford presenting sponsor proposal for \$15,000 out; hope to hear tomorrow
 - Returning sponsors: Lehrkinds, Murdochs, Harrington Pepsi, Staley Engineering, Morrison Maierle, Big Sky Western Bank/First Security Bank, Front Line Ag, Northwest Farm Credit Services, Qualicare & Boot Barn
 - New sponsors: Wheat Montana, Wrangler Jeans, Ford, Holiday Inn of Bozeman
 - Media sponsors: Eagle, Townsquare Media, Chronicle, Belgrade News, Montana Parent & Alphagraphics

Discussion: Would it be beneficial to reach out to other communities in the county like West Yellowstone and Big Sky for sponsors so they feel a part of our Fair?

Marketing:

Jeff Wilcox with Total BS Media

- Colors and animals are updated
- Marketing Channels
- Updated Theme
- Social Media
- Billboards in Helena, Missoula, Dillon & Butte; billboards in Bozeman are hard to find and expensive
 - Discussion: The Board would like to see the graphics for the billboards before they go up; Carrie would like to work with a sponsorship partner to utilize their billboard near Bozeman for a short period next year; Jeff Wade suggested working with a hotel.
- Radio: Eagle Radio & Townsquare Media are our media sponsors; plus ads will be done on KBOZ Bozeman, KAAR Butte, KCTR & KGHL Billings, Idaho Falls & KBLL Helena
- Digital Marketing: GeoFencing (Banner ad on social media sites)
 - Discussion: What are the targeted demographics? Bozeman & Belgrade ages 25-50. Can you reach further into the county? Yes that is a good idea, they can look into it. They could do 3-4 locations with the budget allocated.
- Display Ads: MT Parent magazine, Belgrade News, Townsquare Media, Eagle Radio
- Web Calendar
- Print: MT Parent Magazine, Belgrade News, Obvious Ads, Celebrate Agriculture, Competitors Guide (being distributed by Open Class Superintendents); MT Parent gave us a free article in their travel issue; Obvious Ads are distributed in June & July.
- Other: Visitors Guide, Student Ticket Giveaway through Belgrade Middle School & Kidabaloo booth.
- Discussion: Why no television? It is expensive and we get coverage by them during the Fair. We send press releases to them. Jeff suggested that we have space/tent for the press.

6.0 Competitive Linda Blomback

- Extending 56 County Quilts Contest deadline until June 15. Vickie made phone calls & we are sending out a postcard.
- Open Class workshops have been happening; 24 people attended the Paint & Sip and were wanting to have another one; last workshop is cake decorating this Saturday.
- Ribbons & bronzes ordered, 4-H buckles being ordered soon; these are paid by the \$3,500 from the Commissioners.

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7.0 Operations Kole Kuntz

- 7.1 Project Status
 - New signs on Exhibit Buildings
 - RFP's awarded are in process-landscaping, painting, turf maintenance
 - Concrete pads for grandstand steps will go in the end of this week; along with new chute latches
 - Underground leak is getting dug up and fixed
 - Landscaping around Building 4 is being cleaned up

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7.0 Manager Report Dennis Voeller

- 7.1 FY19 Budget Project List (handout available)
 - Difference between 4010 (capital improvement) account and 2160 (Fairgrounds) account
 - \$100,000 was received through the budgeting process last year and have been advised that will continue this year.
 - Requests per accounts, i.e. 920, 930, 940
 - Capital list of what was approved last year
 - Stockpiling of millings from the City to be used around the Anderson Arena

8.0 Business Items Jeff Wade

8.1 Reduction in Board Letter Review (see above)

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Multipurpose building discussion:

- Ann Marie provided building estimates and type
- Process to develop project team would involve County Facilities/Procurement Director, Finance
 Director input
- Selecting project management type Construction Manager, Design/Build, etc
- Confirm process to get public/user input
- Michael suggested that summer architectural students may be able to provide renderings
- Dennis was directed to provide a potential use list for board consideration, a pro forma to Michael for use in developing drawings.
- Commissioner Skinner said the county will support the project if we can confirm the department's ability to stand the cost of the project and operations.

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9.0 Adjournment

Jeff Wade