

FLATHEAD COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION
Meeting minutes from November 15, 2012

The November 15, 2012 meeting called to order by Wes McAlpin at 6:30 pm in the 4H Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds

Roll call of members; Sam Nunnally, Wes McAlpin, Joy Moytka, Butch Woolard, and Mike Mower were present.

Guests included: John Kestell.

Agenda approval: Sam moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mike. All were in favor.

Previous Minutes: Joy moved to approve the minutes from October 18th. Sam seconded the motion. No further discussion. All members were in favor.

Public Comment: No comments were made.

Committee reports: Wes reported on the Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee meeting. The Fair and its efforts received rave reviews. A few adjustments but everything went well. Potential change to the hog weights are being considered at upcoming meetings. A recommendation will be provided back to the fair. General discussion on the weights was held.

Manager's Report: Mark provided an overview of current projects and activities: Parks Board is considering CTEP grant applications. The dead trees along W Wyoming have been taken down by City Parks. A brief overview of the AOA/Extension presentation was provided. It will be up to a few months before the County Commissioners finalize their decision. Received and considering 3 Carnival proposals. An offer for the Country Western act has been submitted. The second concert date is being considered with considerations of a change to the overall schedule. Event activity remains very busy.

An overview of the October financial statement was provided along with discussion on some line items.

Old Business: Facility planning work was discussed. Coordination meeting with Leadership Flathead team will be set. Have had recent conversations with Populous about potential involvement. Questions about the AOA/Extension building and a potential timeline were held.

New Business: Sam reported on the Carnival RFP selection process. More time is needed to work through the proposals and details. The committee is evaluating these and looks forward to a selection soon. Further discussion about the time-line for a selection, and the process, was held. Each proposer has attributes. A final decision in early December is expected.

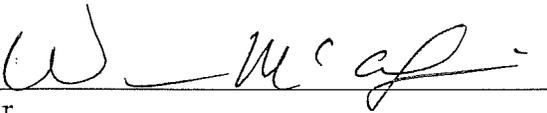
Fair Conference highlights were shared by attendees. Sam spoke of the social media being used by Fairs. A new show ring concept from Europe was reviewed. This ring format has public services surrounding it. There was extensive information received by all.

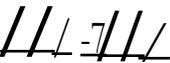
Joy moved to cancel the December 20th meeting, seconded by Mike. Motion passed. If a need arises to approve a carnival contract, this will be handled by a special notice with 48 hours minimum notice.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm was made by Mike, seconded by Sam, question called with all in favor.

Submitted by: mc

Approved as submitted:


Chair


Date