

## FLATHEAD COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION

### Meeting minutes from April 19, 2012

The April 19, 2012 meeting called to order by Wes McAlpin at 6:35 pm in the 4H Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds

Roll call of members; Wes McAlpin, Butch Woolard, and Sam Nunnally were in attendance. Mike Mower and Joy Struble were absent and excused.

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

**Previous Minutes:** Butch moved to approve the March budget workshop minutes as presented. Sam seconded the motion. No further discussion. All members were in favor.

Sam moved to approve the amended March 15<sup>th</sup> minutes whereas Butch seconded the approval of minutes and not Mike. Seconded by Butch. All members were in favor.

**Public Comment:** Wes asked if any members of the public wished to comment this evening. No comments were heard.

**Staff & Guests:** Tammy Walker, 4H Extension Agent for Flathead County. Joan Schmidt representing the Youth Suicide Prevention Project.

**Presentations:** Joan introduced the project and possible collaboration with the Fairgrounds in the future. She presented background of the efforts to eliminate youth suicide. The Denver community has created a successful program that has proven successful. Kalispell will be modeling after this that focuses on Family. Initial brainstorming includes incorporating positive statements, quotes, landscaping, and elements in the planned pedestrian walk path encircling the fairgrounds. The effort would include broad participation from foundations, businesses and individuals. All aspects of this effort are volunteer based. Background questions about the organization and project timing were asked and addressed.

Tammy introduced herself and provided background about her involvement with Fair Boards in other areas. She provided updates on current 4H activities and numbers of animal projects signed up for Fair. A discussion on recruitment and placement of Fair Superintendants was held. The Extension office has made recommendations with the Fair making final selection. Working together to develop and support the Superintendants was agreed as the best practice. The Extension office is considering a schedule change to allow for an improved awards presentation/formal year-end banquet program. Tammy was asked about her goals for the program. She wishes to increase youth leadership activities and participation. General discussion followed. She would like to participate in future board meetings and is excited about her upcoming first NW Montana Fair.

**Manager's report:** Mark reviewed recent activities and current fairground projects. Grandstand entry door replacement project is coming along well. The future ADA ramp at the south end is being designed and may be removable. The final water pit backflow device is schedule to be installed. The first press release about the Fair theme has been released. Other announcements will follow. The Fair web-site is in final stages and set to go live April 25<sup>th</sup>. Update on Fair sponsorships including Exhibitor of the Year

package was provided. Upcoming events were shared. The March 2012 financial reports were reviewed. Year ending revenues and expense projections were provided. General discussions about the grounds and improvements that are underway.

**Committee reports:** None were reported.

**Old Business:** Facility Planning – a quick review of work and meeting held with Leadership Flathead group April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
No further work on the CIP plan update to report.

**New Business:** No new business was brought forward or discussed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm was made by Butch, seconded by Sam, question called with all in favor.

Submitted by: mc

Approved as submitted:

W. McCall  
Chair

5/17/12  
Date