

FLATHEAD COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION

Meeting minutes from March 10, 2011

The March 10, 2011 meeting called to order by Vice Chair Clark at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds

Roll call of members in attendance was Wes McAlpin, Joy Struble, Mike Mower, and Butch CM Clark. Butch Woolard had left word that he was out of town and absent from this meeting.

Vice Chair Clark asked if there were any changes or additions for the agenda. Joy moved to approve, Wes seconded. All in favor.

Previous Minutes: Vice Chair Clark asked if everybody had an opportunity to review the minutes from the February meeting. Joy moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting as submitted. Wes seconded the motion. No discussion. Question called, all in favor.

Public Comment: Vice Chair Clark asked if any members of the public wished to comment this evening. Missy Senner addressed the board providing her background and involvement with the Fair. She stated her opposition to serving alcoholic beverages during the annual NW Montana Fair. This subjects children to drinking and safety issues of people driving in and around the grounds. Alcohol sales only benefit the Fair through revenues. As a non-profit concessionaire, she has concerns about access to the grounds and equity in fees charged. No other public wished to speak. The public comment period was closed.

Guests: Sharon Askelson, Missy Senner, and Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina.

Manager's report: Mark shared points of the recent meeting held with Kalispell Race meet. He feels confident the program will move forward again this year on Saturday and Sunday of Fair. Discussion on other race meets, financial support, and pending legislation was held. Also provided was an overview of current event activities and projects. Noted was the Draft Horse and Mule Competition may change format as some recent issues have arisen. The February financial reports were presented with a summary of where revenues and expenses were to budget goals.

Committee reports: No activity to report. Grant work has been put on hold temporarily. By-Law will meet during a workshop later this evening.

Old Business: The initial design aspects for the exterior facility improvements were reviewed February 22nd with Bruce Boody. More details and concepts will be shared at a later scheduled date.

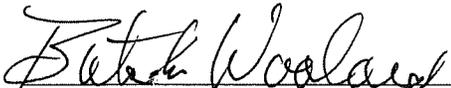
New Business: Discussion of the FY 2012 budget process was held. The Commissioners desired more time to review the plan and set 6:00 pm on March 14th as a workshop. An agenda will be posted. The Commission proceeded in a detailed review of revenue projections and expenditures. Question of a contingency factor built into operating expenditures and capital projects was raised. To meet our self sufficiency goal, a strategic plan showing a decrease of annual operations gap should be established.

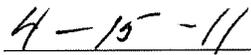
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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm by Joy, seconded by Wes, question called with all in favor.

Submitted by: mc

Approved as submitted:


Chair


Date