

FLATHEAD COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION

Meeting minutes from October 21, 2010

The October 21, 2010 meeting called to order by Chair Woolard at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds

Roll call of members in attendance with Joy Struble, Wes McAlpin, CM Clark, and Butch Woolard in attendance.

Chair Woolard asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. CM Clark moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Wes McAlpin seconded. Question called, all in favor.

Public Comment: Chair Woolard asked for any public comment:

Jerry Boschee representing Glacier and Flathead High Schools Track and Field made a brief presentation to the Board requesting use of the Trade Center for Pole Vaulting practice on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6 pm beginning November 29th through February of 2011. He has confirmed that insurance coverage would be in place.

No further public comment was offered. Chair Woolard closed the public comment period.

Guests requesting to speak to the Commission were called:

Don Chouinard, representing American Web Design requested consideration by the Fair Commission the use of their AWD software for on-line ticketing. Don provided an overview of how the system could benefit on-line ticket sales for the NW Montana Fair and other events held at the Fairgrounds throughout the year. CM Clark asked the cost of the service. Don replied that the software set-up averages between \$3 and \$4 thousand dollars. Discussion about facilitation of the program followed. Don will e-mail a detailed description of the information to the members.

Manager's report: Mark provided an overview of current activities and projects along with current financial information. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports:

Grants – Joy Struble did not have any updates to provide.

By-Laws – CM Clark stated that no further action has been taken on the by-laws but they need to be wrapped. Joy cautioned the members on staff involvement.

Old Business:

Equipment purchase update - Mark reported that the sweeper/scrubber was being finalized and would ship by the following week. There was no additional old business.

New Business:

Halloween Hoot – Mark gave an overview of the upcoming Halloween event the Fairgrounds is involved with and encouraged the members to attend. It will be held from 5-9 pm on October 31st.

Rocky Mountain Fair Association – the annual convention of RMFA is scheduled for November 10th – 13th in Missoula. At this time, Mark Butch Woolard, and Nuggett Carmalt are registered. Discussion followed and CM Clark moved to send three delegates representing the Fairgrounds. Recommended to attend were Mark, CM Clark, and Wes McAlpin. Wes seconded the motion. The vote was 3-1 with Joy opposed.

It was noted that the RMFA conference would be occurring on the regularly scheduled Fair Commission meeting date of November 11th. All agreed to delay the regular meeting until November 18th.

Further discussion followed to coordinate attendance at the upcoming International Association of Fair and Expos being held November 29 – December 2nd. Members interested in attending are Chair Woolard, CM Clark, and Fair Manager Campbell.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm by Wes, seconded by CM Clark, question called with all in favor.

Submitted by: mc

Approved as submitted:

Chair

Date