

Minutes of Meeting
Fair Board Quarterly Update
June 18, 2019
3:30 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Senior Staff Accountant Melissa Merrifield, Staff Accountant – Budget Michelle Chiaramonte and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Fair General Manager Alexcia Jordan, Fair Board Chair Jerry Johnson and Fair Board Member Zach Bane.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

RV Park Grant (Discussion)

Fair General Manager Alexcia Jordan stated she had checked with IDPR (Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation) and learned that the grants committee had met and made all their awards. She announced that the Fair would be receiving one of the grants but had not yet received the official award letter. Ms. Jordan said she would bring the letter to a Commissioners’ Debriefing and then a Business Meeting when it arrived. She remarked that their next phase of development would bring in bathroom facilities with showers to the RV Park.

Commissioner Bill Brooks inquired how much revenue they expected this year from the RV Park. Fair Board Chair Jerry Johnson stated they had about \$30,000 in booked reservations at this time.

Fair Advisory Board Alternates (Action)

Ms. Jordan presented the Commissioners with two applications and asked that they approve the individuals as Fair Advisory Board Alternates. She reminded the Commissioners that four alternate slots had been approved. Mr. Johnson said that Jeremiah Jenkins had been attending Fair Board meetings for a long time and Michele Sheets had a long history with 4H.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan moved that the Board approve alternates Michele Sheets and Jeremiah Jenkins to the Fair Advisory Board. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

FY20 Budget Review (Discussion)

Chairman Fillios noted that, in the prior Budget Year, the Fair had been given \$75,000 in funding. He said that final decisions had not been made on the FY20 Budget yet and there were still significant amounts of work that needed to be done before it was finished. He explained that the County needed to accommodate a significant increase in health care costs, as well as a planned employee compensation adjustment, so the Board would have to work hard to provide necessary support to all areas.

Mr. Johnson reminded the Board that just the maintenance of the Fair's facilities created a certain level of expense every year. Fair Board Member Zach Bane urged the Commissioners to provide as much support as possible.

Damage to Silver Buckle (Platform Shelter and Bar/Office Roof) (Discussion)

Ms. Jordan reported that two different storms had caused damage; one had destroyed the roof at the Silver Buckle Club and the other took off the roof of the Silver Buckle Club Platform. She said she was working with ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) to see what could be covered by their insurance. Ms. Jordan said that these events placed them in a very difficult position because the platform had been sold as covered space and, starting on July 4, 2019, she had it booked every weekend. She stated they were looking at tenting or some other alternative to cover it temporarily. Ms. Jordan added that their per-incident deductible with ICRMP was \$3,500.

Mr. Johnson asked that the Commissioners do anything they could to help expedite permits and the rest of the process to get the repairs completed.

Review Prior Events (Discussion)

Ms. Jordan said that they have been very busy, often having multiple events going on at the same time at the Fairgrounds, for example last week they had the Shriner Circus and a Biker Rally at the same time. She remarked that PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) had showed up to protest the circus, as they did every year. Mr. Johnson said that some of them had been shouting obscenities at the circus-goers. Ms. Jordan added that a man attending the Biker Rally had gone over and asked them to stop that because there were young children present. Ms. Jordan noted that most of the protesters had behaved appropriately; there had been just one in particular who had been using very bad language.

Upcoming Events (Discussion)

Ms. Jordan reminded everyone that Summer Service Day was coming up on June 29, 2019. She encouraged anyone who was willing to come and help with the projects. Ms. Jordan noted that Pow-Wow was coming in July, and there were many other events, including two motocrosses, a junior rodeo and a dog show coming later in the summer.

D. Public Comment (Discussion): This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County-related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There was no public comment.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____

Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
