

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**North Idaho Fair Board Quarterly Update**  
**June 16, 2020**  
**3:30 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Finance Director Dena Darrow, Staff Accountant – Budget Michelle Chiamonte, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were North Idaho Fairgrounds General Manager Alexcia Jordan, University of Idaho Extension Program Coordinator Teresa Balderrama, University of Idaho Extension Program 4-H Educator Sharla Wilson and Fair Board Member Linda Rider. Commissioner Leslie Duncan was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

**Status of the 2020 North Idaho State Fair**

North Idaho Fairgrounds General Manager Alexcia Jordan reported that the community, in general, seems to want the Fair to go on as usual this summer. She said that Panhandle Health, KCSO and the Fire Marshall had all voiced approval of their plans. She stated that they had arranged procedures and supplies to allow proper social distancing and hygiene. She added that they had also included a flexible refund policy for those who bought tickets, then changed their minds about attending.

Chairman Fillios and Commissioner Bill Brooks voiced their support for the Fair. Chairman Fillios said they had an email from Commissioner Leslie Duncan which stated her agreement also.

**CARES Act Funding Process**

Ms. Jordan reported that the action plan they had created would decrease revenue, since they were reducing seating at events by 25% and would cost more due to the purchase of additional supplies, such as hand sanitizer. She provided the Board with a list of their purchases and said she hoped that the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act would reimburse them.

Finance Director Dena Darrow confirmed that Ms. Jordan had sent her expenses to the County's COVID-19 Team. She said they would let her know what they think may be reimbursed.

Chairman Fillios said he did not think extending the Fair for an extra day in an attempt to generate more revenue was workable.

**Long-Term Plans**

Ms. Jordan confirmed that she intended to move forward with the Master Plan for the Fairgrounds.

Ms. Darrow noted that there was \$40,000 set aside for the Master Plan in the Fair's FY21 Budget right now.

- 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.

Fair Board Member Linda Rider stated that she felt that a proper Master Plan was critical to the Fair's future development.

University of Idaho Extension 4-H Educator Sharla Wilson expressed her enthusiasm for the Extension's plan to relocate to the Fairgrounds. She agreed that a Master Plan would be helpful as the Fair worked to accommodate the Extension's needs.

- E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk

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