Park County Fair Board Meeting Minutes
Sept. 29, 2016

Guest Attending: Robin Albright and Tim Henson

Members Attending: Commissioner Steve Caldwell, Jim Sykes, Chair Stacy Sunvison, Vice Chair Heather Malcolm, Amanda Hamm, Christina Goehring, and Kim Knutson.

The meeting for September was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Chair.

Minutes were approved by Heather and Amanda motion and seconded. They were approved with the motion.

Old Business:

Arena fence project was discussed. The board is in agreement of supporting the new fence, but had questions about funding the project. Kim stated there was roughly $17,000 in the CIP, but that we had other projects to worry about as well. She also explained it was not budgeted correctly. The CIP paper work was never distributed to the fair plus there was missing communication between the new finance director and the fair manager to make sure the CIP was budgeted for this fiscal year. But it can all be resolved with a budget amendment through the commission.

Various ideas were discussed about raising the funds. Steve communicated about possibly using money out of the BN Fund. He was checking into it and communicating back to the group via email. Amanda moved to table the decision about the arena fence funding until we could find out if we could find more available resources. Motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to send Jim, Stacy, and Kim to attend RMAF Convention in Spokane was made. Christina seconded it. Motion passed.

IAFE was discussed and questions answered. Heather moved we don’t attend IAFE this year. Amanda seconded it. Further discussion by the group revealed it was the last year in Vegas, tight budget, members might go on their own dime.

Discussion/Decision of PCF Rental was tabled with Amanda’s motion. Heather seconded and motion carried. It was referred to a committee of Stacy, Amanda and Kim.

New Business: 2017 Park County Fair dates are set for July 26-29 with a motion from Christina and Amanda. Motion carried.

The fair theme will be discussed later.

The entertainment for 2017 was reviewed. Heather moved we book Option 2 for the rides with Jeff. Jim seconded the motion. (Need to clarify if we choose the seven rides or he does.) Motion failed.

Amanda moved we go with the paintless paintball arena, the mechanical bull, Patrick & Amy for all four days of the fair. Christina seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim moved we do the 2nd Annual Pre-fair Kickoff function on July 22nd with music or the equivalent too. Heather seconded it. Motion carried. Ideas were tossed around. The Red Head would be $5000.00 and
Chancey & the Younger Brothers were $8500.00. Other bands were mentioned as well. A warm up band was also suggested. A committee of Heather, Stacy, Christina, & Kim was spearheaded to work on details. Other marketing ideas were exchanged too.

The fair board selection process was reviewed and discussed. There are six candidates.

The Christmas Fair will be on Dec. 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Anyone that has vendor information was encouraged to pass it on to Kim like Stacy did so they could be included in the mailing. Set up and tear down needed to be scheduled.

Other Business—Kim placed a call to Marty Severson, who helped get the arena PA system up and running, about taking down the speakers for the Winter. Marty felt more damage would occur with handling the speakers a couple of times a year, so he felt the speakers would be better to stay hanging. Tim expressed he felt the same as Marty. Amanda shared their experience with the speakers in Wilsall which was not to leave them up. Heather moved we take the speakers down. Amanda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The September fair board meeting was adjourned with Christina and Amanda’s motions to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Knutson, Fair Manager