



FAIR BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, Nov 17, 2020
 TIME: 5:30 pm
 LOCATION: **Building 3**

- ATTENDEES:**
- Jackie Foote, Chair
 - Molly Taylor, Vice Chair
 - Ann Marie Moran
 - Michael Everts
 - K.C. McLaughlin
 - Tawnya Dykstra
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 - Scott MacFarlane (Commission Liaison)

AGENDA: *(subject to change at the discretion of the Board)*

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
5:30 pm	<p>1.0 Welcome – Attendees are reminded that the meeting is being recorded for public record.</p> <p>1.1 Attendance for the record – Quorum or No Quorum Commissioner MacFarlane, Jackie Foote, Molly Brown, Ann Marie Moran, KC McLaughlin, Tawnya Dykstra in attendance - Quorum</p> <p>1.2 Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>1.3 Review & Approval of Minutes for 6.16.2020, 7.21.2020, 9.15.2020, 10.20.2020 Ann Marie moved to approve, Tawnya second, Unanimous in favor – motion to approve passed.</p> <p>2.0 Call for Public Comment None</p> <p>3.0 Presentation - None</p> <p>4.0 Gallatin County Commission Report Election was canvassed today. Winners notified. Results were accounted for accurately. Most ballots were returned in-person. Zero In building purchase finalized. SAR will build at that site. Not sure what will happen to the SAR building on the fairgrounds – possibly storage. KC asked about Court Services, Commissioner responded that they had signed a 2 year lease with another property. Tawnya asked about the L&J project, Commissioner responded that it will be revisited as a modified project at some point. Commissioners approved a one-time bonus for classified county employees now that they have a better idea of revenues due to the pandemic. Jackie asked how many county employees did that affect, Commissioner responded about 450. Commission will have a new commissioner in January. FLAP grant eligibility will be discussed at a work session on Dec 3 2020.</p> <p>5.0 4H Report JaNae reported they currently have 350 enrolled with some still coming in but expect to top at 500, about 100 less than last year. Planning on next years market sale which will be in a similar format to this year.</p> <p>6.0 Manager Report</p>	<p>Scott MacFarlane</p> <p>Ja’Nae Godin</p> <p>Dennis Voeller</p>
	<p>6.1 Comments on staff reports Call for questions on aging – none. Dennis provided a report of lost revenue due to Covid – best estimate is about \$50,000 loss. Question was asked if someone has an event in a barn is that considered indoor or outdoor. Clarification on question was asked if the doors were left over if that would be considered indoor or outdoor, Dennis answered indoor.</p>	

Marketing handed out a proof of the new ad and reported that website development will begin this week and that the Fair had won multiple awards at the IAFE contest.

No questions on the Operations report.

6.2 Comments on fair needs list

Call for comments on the needs list. Dennis asked if anyone had a contact with the Virginia City Players or similar that met the needs for cultural and traditional programming. Ann Marie commented that these were programming features of Winterfest and Dennis agreed, however, the points of contact had changed and if someone knew of anyone he would contact them to be involved in the fair.

Dennis advised that the supply chain was beginning to stumble with the loss of the tent purveyor.

Molly asked about getting 'No Parking' signs along the barn road. Kole indicated that we should be able to do that. Molly said that many people didn't know the rules.

Dennis asked what the board thought the culture/mood of our market area will as it relates to attending live events in the second quarter of 2021. Discussion on anticipated reduced attendance and fair crowd not being worried about distancing. Ann Marie advised to plan the fair as presented. Dennis advised the board of discussions with industry partners about reduced participation in 2021. Dennis advised the board that he will continue to monitor.

Dennis presented a handout that showed the intended bus route that would use the Oak Lot on a daily basis to support the NE and Downtown Bozeman areas if the lot was funded by the FLAP program.

Commissioner clarified that the funds may be available because of Bridger Bowl being on Forest Service land and Bridger Bowl using the fairgrounds for parking. Discussion on concerns on terms of use, loss of control, fairgrounds fragmentation, alternate sites.

Dennis reported that they were working on a pricing structure for fair and concerts that might be higher than previously presented but still lower than neighboring fairs with similar talent.

7.0 Business Items

7.1 Confirm next board meeting Dec 15 2020 **Jackie recommended that the December meeting be cancelled and the next meeting be January 19 2021. Board confirmed.**

7.2 Other

8.0 Adjournment