

Langlade County Fairgrounds Promotional Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: February 17, 2016 at 4:45 p.m.

Place: Conference Room, Forestry Office, Fairgrounds

Members Present: Chairman Bob Benishek, Shane Lund, Angie Close, and Rhonda Klement

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Gary Olsen, Robin Stowe, and Pam Jankowski

Agenda Item #1 Call the Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Benishek at 4:48 p.m. in the Conference Room, Forestry Office.

Agenda Item #2 Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Item #3 Approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting: Motion to approve the minutes by Shane Lund, Seconded by Rhonda Klement all ayes, Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 Recognition of others present and public comments on agenda items or to request an item be added to a future agenda: None.

Agenda Item #5 Fairgrounds Budget: Event revenue was just under the \$25,000 projected amount for 2015. Winter Storage revenue made up the difference. The Maintenance budget provided \$80,000 of projects on the grounds. Target revenue for 2016 is \$25,000.

Robin Stowe gave an update on the meeting with the Potawatomie Tribe regarding Tribal funding for improvements at the Fairgrounds. There doesn't seem to be interest in improvements to the racetrack.

Agenda Item #6 Submit nominations to refill the vacant seat on this Committee with discussion: The Committee discussed persons to refill the vacant seat. They will be contacted to see if they are interested.

Agenda Item #7 Update on Portable Lighting Grants for the North parking lot for the Fair: Brad Henricks – Emergency Management Director was researching grants for emergency portable lighting that could be also used to light the parking area during the Fair. At this time there are not any funds available.

Agenda Item #8 Request for Waiver of Fees – Relay for Life: This event is scheduled for August 19 & 20, 2016. \$100.00 deposit will be needed to secure these dates for this event. Fees will not be waived.

Agenda Item #9 Request to provide tables and chairs for Dairy Breakfast in June 2016:

Motion by Klement to allow use of tables and chairs for Dairy Breakfast, Seconded by Lund, all ayes, Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #10 Discuss Winter Storage: Renters are able to secure their space for the following year by depositing a non-refundable \$50.00 by September 1st which will be applied to their final payment. The deposit will not be refunded if the space is not used.

Agenda Item #11 Discuss racetrack future and options: The red clay is an expense that needs to be addressed. The track is not getting enough use to justify the expense. Long term plans need to be determined. This item is being referred to the Public Property Committee. Klement also wants the appearance of the track and the spraying of weeds addressed. This will be on the next agenda.

Agenda Item #12 Discuss Upgrades to Fairgrounds 2015: The Committee reviewed improvements to the grounds. The new dump station, bathroom renovations, HVAC, Horse Barn siding and repairs to the School House, just to name a few.

Agenda Item #13 New Business:

- a. **Music in the Park – July 2nd – MPB – Rain Location:** Rain Location Deposit is needed to secure.
- b. **Rain Location for Summer – Music in the Park:** This will be set up the same as last year, \$100.00 deposit needed.
- c. **Multi Purpose Building Rain Location – Anniversary Celebration – June 25, 2016:** This event would have to be moved to the Livestock Pavilion, Multi Purpose Building is unavailable. Rain Location Deposit of \$100.00 is needed to secure.
- d. **Stage Rental:** A request was made to use the stage off grounds. This request was denied.

Agenda Item #14 Old Business:

- a. **Potato Days:** no new updates.
- b. **Antique Show:** Bob Benishek has been in contact with Jerry Fults to bring his Antique Show to Langlade County. Pam Jankowski sent all the pertinent information to him regarding bringing this event here.

Angie Close was excused from the meeting at 6:00 PM

Agenda Item #15 Marketing Update: None at this time.

Agenda Item #16 Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2016 at 4:45 p.m. at the Forestry Office Conference Room.

Agenda Item #17 Adjournment: Motion by Klement, Seconded by Lund, to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. all ayes, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Jankowski
Recording Secretary