

Crawford County Fair Board
Crawford County Administration Building Room 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
November 5, 2015

Chairman Pete Flesch called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM.

Members present: David Olson, Wade Dull, Elling Jones. Derek Flansburgh: absent. Others present: Fair Coordinator, Amanda Nagel; Maintenance, Amanda Smiley; Ag/Extension, Karen Snitker.

The October Fair Committee meeting start time was 10:20 AM., motion by Jones to approve the Fair minutes, second by Dull with the following correction made to the Ag/Extension October minutes: Meeting adjourned 9:55 AM (versus 10:55 AM). Motion approved with no negative votes cast.

1. Fairgrounds spaces (office, parking, seating, buildings, etc.)

- There was lengthy discussion on horse barn placement and other building, space, etc. needs. It was determined, to effectively discuss the Fairgrounds building, parking needs, etc., the committee will schedule a meeting at the fairgrounds next spring.
- Will Cronin, Ag/Extension CNRED Educator, introduced the Crawford County Fair and Fairground Strategic Plan. The plan was developed by a team of community members who met, over a period of several months earlier this year, with Cronin facilitating.
 - Motion by Dull, second by Jones to approve/accept the strategic plan. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.
 - Cronin will begin the process of soliciting volunteers for the plan's recommended Fair and Fairgrounds Building Committee.
- Nagel provided a hardcopy report with regard to her requesting approval to close the Gays Mills Mercantile Center Fair Office. Hardcopy of the report will be placed on file.
 - Motion by Dull to close the Fair Office at the Gays Mills Mercantile Center, second by Olson. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

2. Contracts

- Carnival – Motion by Dull, second by Jones to contract with Earle's Rides INC, for fair dates, August 24-28, 2016. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Fairgrounds Use – Flesch signed winter storage contracts presented by Smiley.
- Other – None presented

Fair Coordinator Report was presented in hardcopy; hardcopy will be placed on file.

Maintenance Report –

- Amanda Smiley requested input from the committee related to parking issues during the fair and whether to remove or repair an unstable section of plastic fence. The committee will discuss these two concerns at the spring 2016 Fairgrounds meeting. For now, the section of fence will be removed. Clarification regarding Winter Storage fees – payment in full must be made at the time of storage.

Public Comments – None presented.

Correspondence – None presented.

Date of next meeting – December 3, 2015, Conference Room 215.

Approve payment of bills – The committee approved payment of bills at the Ag/Extension meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Dull, second by Jones. Meeting adjourned 11:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant