

September 17th, 2014
Fair/Recycling Committee Meeting

Present: Buford Marshall, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Marilyn Marshall, Gary Peters, Richard Wastlick, Scott Gald, Jason Kleppe, Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Colleen Uhlenhake, Ray Swenson, Warren Keys, Ingrid Kovars.

Call to order at 5:01pm by B Marshall.

Affirmation of public notice was made.

Motion to approve agenda made by Wiedenfeld, second by Wastlick.

Motion by Kleppe second by Peters to approve the previous Minutes.

Kirkpatrick and Uhlenhake made positive comments about the 2014 fair.

Budget was discussed. The Extension office position that used to take 10% from the Recycling fund was discussed. It was discussed that the annual dollar amount of that position from the Recycling fund should be applied to Kovars' Recycling income and the same amount be removed from the annual fair budget in order for Kovars' annual income to remain the same and reduce the expenses of the fair budget.

Motion made by Kleppe, second by Gald to take the budget to Finance and Personnel.

The sheep barn roof was discussed. Kovars to check with the County Clerk to see if bids need to be taken to repair the roof.

It was discussed that Wheels of Time will no longer be using the Schaffer's property to hold their event. Kovars to discuss the possibility of using the fairgrounds for their next event.

The VFW building was discussed. Kovars to speak with Corporate Council about what needs to be done for the VFW to relinquish all rights to the building. The possibility of turning the building into a fair or 4-H operated booth was discussed.

Demolition Derby was discussed. Peters suggested a future contract needs to state what payouts will be in advance. The committee agreed that a new demo promoter should be found for the next fair. Ray Swenson spoke to the committee about running a demo derby for the 2015 fair. Swenson has 15 years of demo derby experience and would be willing to volunteer his time to put on the 2015 demo derby. The Richland County Fair would be responsible for insurance and would set the payouts for the heats to be advertised in May. Kovars to contact insurance companies to get quotes for the event.

Fair judges were discussed. Kovars informed the committee that several complaints were made about livestock judges and their behavior with the junior exhibitors at the fair this year. It was discussed that in the future while it is acceptable for Kovars to use a list of suggested judges from livestock clubs, it would be beneficial to call for references and discuss judging with any potential judges to make sure this year's concerns do not happen again.

The District 3 meeting in Tomah was discussed. Kovars, M Marshall, Wiedenfeld, and Peters to attend.

WI Association of Fairs Conventoin silent auction was discussed. Kovars to look for donations that represent Richland County.

Kovars updated the committee about the recycling program. Kovars will file a Clean Sweep grant and file the County's estimated costs for the recycling program in the following week. Kovars will also be attending a meeting on Agricultural Plastics Recycling.

Kovars presented the coordinator's report.

Motion by Gald, second by Wastlick to pay the bills.

Next meeting set for October 22 at 5:00pm.

Motion by Gald, second by Peters to adjourn at 6:31pm.

Submitted by: Ingrid Kovars