

October 19th, 2017
Fair & Recycling Committee Meeting

Present: Buford Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Gary Peters, Scott Gald, Richard Wastlick, Carla Doudna, Sandy Campbell

Absent: Kerry Severson and Jamie Koch

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

Affirmation of public notice, Doudna gave proof of notification.

Motion to approve agenda made by Gald, second by Peters, motion carried.

No minutes to approve at this time.

Items 5 was not discussed.

M. Marshall arrived

Myers didn't address the Committee due to cancellation of the October event making placement of the stone blocks not relevant at this time. Myers will address the Committee in the future regarding this topic. However, the Committee did again discuss this as they did last month and still agreed that the placement of the blocks be returned to where they are taken from so if another event is cancelled there is no issue with who will rent the equipment and fund the cost of moving the blocks.

Doudna explained the question from Neal Anderson and the Beef Producers regarding the fair bill. The Committee agreed as last month that we can't start giving favors or cutting bills or each group will start asking for that too. Motion by Gald that the invoice remain the same and paid with the space rearranged next year so the group isn't using so much area and it can be rented out, second by Wastlick, motion carried. B. Marshall also stated that he would like at least 4 representatives from the Meat Animal Sale to present their recommendation on buildings/grounds improvements for 2018 so that there are no questions on what and when things will be done. Doudna has spoken with N. Anderson but will reach out to him again.

The Convention schedule has not yet been made available online. Doudna will email all members to see who would like to attend for new or additional ideas for 2018. Motion by Gald that Doudna may submit online registration for each member attending before due date so late fee isn't applied and submit for reimbursement, second by Peters, motion carried. Doudna requested approval of a \$100 donation to the Hospitality Room at the Fair Convention, as past years. Motion by Wastlick, second by Peters but not all agreed. Roll call vote. AYES: Wastlick, Peters, M. Marshall. NOES: Gald. Ayes 3. Noes 1. Total 4. Motion carried.

Reviewed the set up for the Clean Sweep on Saturday. Veolia will arrive at 7:30am, Gald will pick up keys for the Highway Shop. Doudna, Gald, Peters and Wastlick will work the event.

Doudna requested approval for the purchase of the 2018 update for Fairentry.com at \$1250 if paid by the end of 2017 as well as continued hours for Christine Hady to change and update the program for 2018. Motion by Wastlick to approve the purchase and hours for Christine Hady, second by Gald, motion carried.

Gald addressed the Committee regarding required inspection he has just learned about for the fairgrounds including those of the onsite grandstands and portable grandstands that are brought in for other venues. The Committee requested that we contact the company that RCHS uses to get a free quote for the inspection. Gald will take care of that and hopes to have that information at the November meeting.

Gald addressed the request from Chad at Mr. Ed's Magical Midway on moving a few lines so he could bring in additional rides and rearrange the taller rides. Gald made inquiries, to bury the line would cost about \$2 per foot with a rough estimate of about \$1000 or it could be moved from the pole located near the Sheep Barn and attached to the building with additional clean up on those lines. The other line between the Conservation Building and the Connection Building is a phone line and Gald will take care of all of the ones that aren't used after contacting Genuine Telecom. Motion by Wastlick to approve the changes of lines, second by Peters, motion carried.

Doudna addressed the Committee regarding the use of the Fairgrounds as a shooting range and/or target practice. There is question if the current Conceal & Carry Resolution (11-127) will cover the concerns had by the Fair Committee and the Richland County Sheriff's Department after mentioning it. The concern is with the safety of those that would use the walking trail, kayak port, horse arena, campers and the general use of the grounds by youth group organizations through-out the year as well as the general public. Doudna has forwarded the Resolution to Attorney Ben Southwick asking how to address the situation with hopes of an answer as how to proceed for the November meeting.

Doudna updated the Committee regarding the required use of the funds from Fund 33 to balance the fair budget for 2018. The fair budget was submitted and was roughly \$24,445 short of balanced. The Finance and Personnel Committee made a motion with it passing that we will be required to use the money from Fund 33 to cover the almost \$20,000 entertainment costs for 2018 with the remaining \$4445 for operating expenses. In June 2016 the Committee voted on the following regarding Fund 33; **Committee discussed policy regarding the use of Fund 33 for the Richland County Fairgrounds. Motion by Gald to have all food and beverage sales that the Committee raises during the fair and all off fair events be deposited in Fund 33; in that motion was to also place all dessert action money go to fund 33, motion was seconded by Peters. The Committee will review this after the 2016 Fair to see what other policy can be added to this, motion carried.** The Committee noted that it was not done with the medical leave taken by Doudna from November 2016-May 2017. The Fair Committee was upset and confused as to why there was even a Resolution for Fund 33 if the money donated for grounds improvement was going to be taken for operating costs. The Committee is on the fence regarding its own fundraising at future fairs and will discuss more as the new year comes. A motion by Gald to find out what has been donated specifically for grounds improvements into Funds 33 so discussion at the November Meeting can address the money being issued to FIC for proper use, second by Peters, motion carried.

The Committee discussed what to do with the funds they raise with the Food/Beer Garden at the Fair, future donations for entertainment and grounds improvement since Fund 33 may be dissolved. The Committee opted to look into the creation of a Foundation for entertainment donations and to direct all grounds improvement donation directly to the Fairgrounds Improvement Committee (FIC). Future discussion will take place at the November Meeting.

Doudna discussed the balances in the Fair Funds and hopes to have a more up to date accounting at the November meeting as there were some discrepancies from a September report to the current report given.

Coordinators report; Doudna discussed several items regarding the fair entries, the expectations of clean cages used for transport, the horse club and youth groups. Even though it was voted on we will have it listed as an agenda item at the November Meeting. The Fair Committee voted unanimously that the FFA, Scouts and other youth organizations need to meet the same requirements as 4-H Members in order to be eligible to show at the fair. The second unanimous vote was that the Richland County Horse Project will be the one group that oversees whether or not exhibitors have met the horse show requirements, who is able to participate and can deny exhibitors if they have not met the requirements. This information also needs to be communicated with the Fair Office via email so we can keep a record of it in our fair entry file. The Fair Committee also voted unanimously that exhibitors cannot make duplicate species entries in multiple clubs and that the expectations of clean cages should be had by all fair participants and will have rules posted in the fairbook for 2018.

Doudna will work with S. Campbell and C. Hady on that. Motion to approve the information as listed by Gald, second by Peters, motion carried. Doudna mentioned the previous discussion regarding several trees on the grounds. The trees and brush that has grown up between the connection building will be taken care of in the spring of 2018, Gald will take care of the issues regarding the trees along the fence line as well as the one at the creek gate that blocks the fair sign. Discussion regarding the clean-up of the pit after the demo in 2018 was discussed and will be taken care of the next morning when better lighting is available.

Bill Pay; Genuine Telecom, City Utilities, WE Energies, Century Link, Walsh's Ace Hardware, Premier Coop, The Richland Observer, WRCO and Shopping News and Advanced Dairy Solutions. Motion by Wastlick to approve bill pay from Fund 68 with Advanced Dairy Solutions to be paid from Fund 33, second by M. Marshall, but not all agreed. Roll call vote. AYES: Wastlick, Peters, M. Marshall. NOES: Gald. Ayes 3. Noes 1. Total 4. Motion carried.

Next Fair Board Meeting will be Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 at 5pm.

Motion by Peters to adjourn, second Wastlick, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Doudna

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