

Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds – Fair Board Meeting

March 25, 2020 – Upper Conference Room – 11:30 am

98 W Custer Ave; Helena MT 59602

Phil Porrini called the meeting to order at 11:33 am. Board members present were Mark Menke, Phil Porrini, FayDee Hamilton, Dirk Anderson, Mike Murray, Dave Duffy, Kelly Hanson, Judy Rolfe, and Allen Cormany via Phone. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Staff present were Kevin Tenney and Logan Gustafson.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Murray made the motion to approve February minutes, 2nded by Mark Menke. Motion Passed.

COVID-19 Impact: Kevin Tenney explained that the Fairgrounds could be facing up to \$125,000 in lost revenue due to having to cancel and move events because of COVID-19. Andy says there may be recovery money available due to the state of emergency.

Operations Report: Kevin Tenney said Tri-County was going to come back out and take a look at the heating units. Kevin also said that maintenance will be able to get caught up on things as a result of the closure. Kevin also said that they will not be putting on the indoor fair this year due to lack of indoor fair superintendents, and submissions. Kevin said the space will be used by 4-H, and that the indoor fair status will be reevaluated next year.

Events Report: Logan Gustafson said the almost all events have been moved to a different date and only two had to be cancelled so far.

Finance Report: Kevin went over the Finance report, saying the revenue is now very slow due to COVID-19 and that most spending has been put on a freeze. FayDee suggested that the maintenance could stay busy by working on the VIP room and trimming trees around the duck pond.

FY 2021 Budget Presentation: Kevin Tenney touched on the Budget for FY2021. Kevin highlighted the roof, and communication maintenance. Equipment maintenance has been budgeted for water truck repair, a new fork lift, floor sweeper, and a heating control update.

Footprint Sub-Committee Discussion: Phil Porrini touched on the status of the promenade, he said everything is in place for the Landscapers to start. Mike Murray and Phil are working to get boulders delivered. Kevin said that sign construction is on hold due to COVID-19 and Helena College having no students there as a result.

Phil asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mark Menke. Seconded by Dave Duffy. Meeting adjourned at 11:58.