

Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds – Fair Board Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2021 – 11:30 am
98 W. Custer Ave., Helena MT 59602

Attendees:

Board members: Phil Porrini, Allen Cormany, Greg Pace, Dirk Anderson, Mark Menke, Mike Murray, Judy Rolfe, and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen.

Staff: Kevin Tenney, Logan Gustafson.

Phil Porrini called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Approval of Minutes:

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Mike Murray made the motion to approve the March 2021 minutes, seconded by Dirk Anderson. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Kevin Tenney noted that new Fair board members will be introduced next month.

Financial Report:

Kevin Tenney reviewed current financials:

- Kevin noted the Fairgrounds is sitting at \$300,000 in revenue which is down \$800,000 in comparison to 2019.
- Kevin noted that he is talking with Nancy about potential relief from federal relief programs.
- Andy Hunthausen noted they are waiting on rules for how to use the relief money from the state and federal governments.

FY22 Budget

Kevin Tenney reported on the FY22 Budget:

- Kevin Tenney stated that there will be one more meeting before he submits the upcoming budget to the commission.
- Kevin noted he has 2 small dollar concerts budgeted.
- Kevin highlighted the potential CIP upgrades, including MPB bathroom improvements, security system installation, and rain gutter and snow guard repair.
- Other potential CIP allocation could go towards a newer truck for maintenance, heating controls, and additional tables and chairs.

Operations Report:

Kevin Tenney reported on operations:

- Vaccine clinic is winding down and the last day should be May 19th.
- The YMCA is now completely out of the building, and the Exhibit hall is open for use.
- The school district will be holding a reverse vigilante parade at the fairgrounds.

Events Report:

Logan Gustafson gave an update on Events.

- Upcountry Vintage market had great turn out, their concessionaire did very well.
- Will be holding the high school prom for both schools and expect to see 800+ kids.

Road/Parking Lot Damage:

Kevin Tenney and Phil Porrini reported on progress with the Stampede and Fair.

- There were large amounts of damage that occurred during the YMCA, and Vaccine clinics due to drastically increased traffic.
- Phil, and Kevin met with Public Works to figure out a rough cost estimate and gauge the damage that was done to the road surface.
- The rough estimates ranged from \$1 million to \$3 million, with the low end fixing only very in need surfaces.
- Phil also mentioned that if more hard surface was installed, there would also have to be accompanying storm drain instillation.
- Phil said the first step in this process would be to advertise for consulting engineers in a public service contract, which could cost around \$200,000.

Other Business:

- Phil Porrini mentioned that he would like to set up an updated list of accomplishments that the Fair board has achieved.

Adjournment:

Mike Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mark Menke seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.