

LASSEN COUNTY FAIR ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes January 11, 2011
Regular Meeting
195 Russell Ave
Susanville, CA 96130
5:30 PM

The Lassen Fair Advisory Board convened in a Meeting on Tuesday January 11, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. President to the Board, Mike Ratkey called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Members present: Ric Wilburn, Tim Bruce, Todd Eid, Jose Pena, Henry Beitz and Dena Wemple, Jerry Hitchings, and Becky Albaugh. Supervisor Jack Hanson also present. Fair Manager: Jim Wolcott and Administrative secretary Melissa Blosser. Absent: Dan Douglas . Present in the Audience: Michelle West.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Jerry Hitchings.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

R. Wilburn moves to approve the agenda. Seconded by J. Hitchings. Motion is carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

J. Hitchings moves to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by B. Albaugh. Motion is carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

J. Wolcott states he received a letter from CCA stating the resignation of the controller. He states he hopes to receive more information concerning this matter at the WFA convention.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

J. Wolcott states the reason he didn't go through the Long Range Planning Committee is because he would like to get input from the entire group. He states he is learning still about the RV project. He states the state still has the money available for this project , but he is not going to sign any papers until the fair makes a decision. He states a lot of it will depend on the board of supervisors. He states this project might also be done in phases, if that is what the board decides to do.

He states there is some safety issues with the race track lighting. He states it is a lot of money to install this lighting. He states it will be around \$47,000 to install the lighting. He states Boyd Treece came out and looked at the lighting.

He states one of the things he thinks we need to do is the Midway and Grandstand lighting project. He states the Fairgrounds is dark and in seeing some of the photos taken

at night, he thinks it is really dark. He states he thinks the lighting on the midway, on every pole down the midway, I think we will add to the lighting. He states they will put a total of two more lamps on every pole. He states we will also be new lighting in the grandstand area and we need to trim the trees out there. He states he doesn't have price, but he will hopefully have one by the end of the week. He states the West side of the industrial building there will be more lighting if we decide to put our kiddie carnival there. He states he thinks it will light things up enough so we can see and this is one of the things he would really like to see get done this year.

He states the Cape Seal of all the asphalt on the fairgrounds is another potential project. He states the county will come in and do all our prep work. He states \$73,150 is a rough estimate, but what he was thinking is we can use our infrastructure matching grant money in 2011-2012.

He states in regards to the Restroom Livestock Area, the restrooms out there are looking bad, but this might not be a priority right now. The quote I had done was roughly \$165,000.

He states on the West Side of the grand stands he thinks we could put new siding and use it as a beautification project. He states he spoke with the guy over at Quincy who installed it over there and it cost him \$8,900 to do theirs, but they have a smaller grandstands then we do. He states he will need to get an estimate on this.

Jack Hanson enters the meeting 6:00 PM.

J. Wolcott states in regards to the new fencing on East Side of 4-H barn to sewer plant, I received a quote for a 1000 ft of fencing for \$21,000. He states our insurance company has a real problem with our fencing and it would be nice to be able to keep the people out of the pit area. He states all our fencing is just getting pretty bad.

He states the Floral and Art Buildings both need new front doors. He states they will have the same doors as the commercial building and the estimate is roughly \$3,500.

He states the Commercial and Art Building really need new siding on the south side. He states this will cost roughly \$2,700.

He states we can do a Demo of old restrooms, and we have approval to get rid of it. He states it might even be a little cheaper to remove. He states it would be nice to just tear it down and get it out of there, and it would be a nice shaded area.

He states we just have to finish the Pavilion Flower Planter and it and it should be done before fair.

He states he wants to figure out what way the board would like to go.

M. Ratkey asks what the suggestions are from the Long Range Planning committee.

J. Wolcott states that there are not any recommendations because he wanted to come to the entire board.

J. Wolcott states the Pavilion fund money is still there and it can be used for any project, as long as it is a capital improvement project.

J. Hitchings states we need to look at our budget and decide after convention and what we here. He states that we need to hang on to the money that we can right now and not use it. He says then the committee can go back and prioritize some of these things.

J. Pena states that the Chip sealing price might change and it might be something we want to go ahead and do right now.

R. Wilburn asks about the Russell Gate project and Rotary.

J Wolcott states that he is going to suggest to Rotary that there are four lamps left over from Jensen Hall and maybe those four lamps can go there. He states maybe we can help match the project.

H. Beitz asks if there is any way we can approach the Armory to help with Homeland security money.

J. Wolcott states he isn't sure how they get their money but that F&E has already tried to get some of that money through various different projects.

Becky Albaugh states we should wait until after the meeting at WFA convention, and then we can decide later..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive: None

Livestock: none a meeting is set for January 25th, 2011.

Long Range Planning: none

Exhibits:

Commercial/Entertainment Meeting: B. Albaugh states a meeting was held tonight.

Discussed increasing the keg prices and we would like to increase to \$150 and also add verbiage that all pricing needs to be cleared through fair staff. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting

Auto Racing: none

Manager's Report:

JW states:

He isn't concerned that we won't get our Funding and F&E and WFA are working with

their lobbyists to make sure that they let the appropriate people know at the capital how important fairs are. I am hoping we will hear more at convention and I will keep you all informed on any information I get.

Dena, Becky, and Henry leave 6:22 PM

**Matter's By the Board:
No matter by the Board are taken at this meeting.**

ADJOURMENT

R. Wilburn makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Hitchings seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Fair Manager _____
Jim Wolcott

Board President _____
Mike Ratkey