



GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

Bozeman, MT

Meeting held: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

5:30 pm, Conference Room, Fairgrounds

Notes: These log notes provide only a part of the official record. The remainder of the official record is in the audio recording of the meeting. Section 2-3-212, MCA. The audio recording is available upon request.

- 1.0 Welcome Jeff Wade
- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Call for Attendance:
Present were Fair Board Members: Chairman Jeff Wade, Vice Chair Brenda York, Michael Everts, Ann Marie Moran, & Craig Woolard; Fairgrounds Staff: General Manager Lori Cox, Operations Manager Dennis Voeller, Finance Manager Rachel May, Office Manager Linda Blomback; Commissioner Joe Skinner; County CFO Ed Blackman; Greenway Range Rep: Dick DeBernardis; Public: Al Lien, Sonja Berg & Scott Lease. Absent were Fair Board Members: Conrad Anker & Tim Stefan.
- 1.3 Review & Approval of Minutes 12-15-15: Jeff Wade
Brenda York moved to approve
Ann Marie Moran seconded
Unanimous for, motion carries
- 2.0 Public Comment: Jeff Wade
Al Lien – Question on comments
Sonja Berg – Ice climbing event
- 3.0 Business Items: Jeff Wade
- 3.1 Bylaws Review (Tabled – No Quorum)
-- Recommendations on total board members, board openings
- 3.2 Officer Appointments:
Chair Nominations:
Craig Woolard nominated Jeff Wade
Brenda seconded
Craig moved to close nominations
Mike Everts seconded
Unanimous for, nomination stands

Vice-Chair Nominations:
Ann Marie nominated Brenda York
Mike seconded
Craig moved to close nominations
Mike seconded
Unanimous for, nomination stands
- 3.3 Gallatin County Fair Brand Change: Lori Cox
Overview; hand out of Opinion Log

Discussion:

- Keeping the name the same should be an option
- Does it need changed?
- The Fair has some new interest and new blood, change is needed to reach new generation
- Branding vs marketing
- Changing name of fair not fairgrounds
- Name change identifies change and perception
- Need to keep Gallatin County included somehow

Ann Marie made a motion to change the name of the Gallatin County Fair to the Big Sky Country State Fair.

No second

Motion failed

Discussion




- Can we legally use “state” in the name?

Ann Marie made a motion to change the Gallatin County Fair to the Big Sky Country State Fair contingent on the legal findings of using that term (State).

Brenda seconded

Discussion

4 votes in favor, 1 vote opposed (Craig), motion carries

3.4	Review of Organizational Objectives – Tabled	Jeff Wade
6.2	Signage sample for Weapons Ordinance Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Change “Section #4.10:”	Lori Cox
4.0	Financials:	Brenda York
4.1	Revenue & Expense Reports  	Rachel May
4.2	Aging Report 	Rachel May
4.3	Annual Report Draft Discussion	Lori Cox
5.0	Presentations:	Brenda York
5.1	Report: County Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ County storage facility a possibility at the Fairgrounds	Joe Skinner
6.0	Interim Events & Fair Business:	Brenda York
6.1	Gallatin County Fair Preliminary Budget	Lori Cox
6.3	Follow up to Farmers Market Vendor Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Food vendor “Tumbleweeds” concern over 17% commission▪ Need to bring all Fairgrounds renters up to same policies▪ Only applies to food trucks/consumption on site, not for regular farmers’ market vendors	Lori Cox
6.4	Final CIP Submissions <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Multipurpose building & paved pathways	Lori Cox

7.0	Fair Foundation Discussion:		Brenda York
7.1	Contract or MOU		Lori Cox
7.2	Fundraising Plan		Lori Cox
7.3	Incoming Fundraising Activities Discussion		Lori Cox
	▪ Need a definition of what a foundation should look like		
8.0	Adjournment	07:47PM	Brenda York