

## Summary Minutes

Fairgrounds Improvement Board  
May15, 2013, 4:00 p.m.  
Crown Royal Room  
Benton County Fairgrounds

### Board Members Present

Mike Holstein  
Jeff Van Meighem  
Jan Wiggins  
Amanda Matthiessen

### Benton County Employees

R.J. Lott  
Commissioner Jim Beaver  
John Donley  
Dean Docken

### Call to Order/Roll Call

The special meeting was brought to order by Vice Chairman Jeff Van Meighem and attendance of the Fairgrounds Improvement Board members was taken. Board Chairman Dan McDaniel was absent.

### Previously Approved Minutes

The minutes from the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting as well as the minutes from the special meeting of April 15<sup>th</sup> were approved by the Board.

### Kennewick High School Senior Projects

FIB Coordinator, R.J. Lott, updated the Board on the preliminary approval of the Kennewick School District liability waiver by the County's attorney. Further discussion of the High School Senior projects program led to a unanimous vote by the four presiding Board members that a recommendation is sent to the Board of County Commissioners to initiate the program for the 2013-2014 school year. The item will be placed on the next available agenda for the consideration of the BOCC.

Further discussions of the senior projects centered on possibly having a staff member of Kennewick School District come to an FIB meeting and further discuss the range of project possibilities and the academic requirements of the students.

### Fairgrounds Walking Tour Summary

The Board summed up their thoughts on the walking tour on April 15<sup>th</sup>. More thoughts and ideas were discussed including possible upgrades to facilities and perhaps initiating a naming or sponsorship opportunity for the buildings at the Fairgrounds to help raise extra funds. The Board agreed to bring two or three ideas forward for the next meeting regarding prospective projects and/or improvement ideas.

Additionally, some of the Board members were interested in the possibility of attending a Benton County Park Board meeting. The Park Board meets every second Tuesday evening in the Justice Center in Kennewick. R.J. Lott will follow up with the FIB on the next best time to attend a Park Board meeting.

Untapped Blues and Brews Wrap Up

Fairgrounds Office Manager, John Donley, briefed the Board on the event the occurred at the Fairgrounds on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Attendance numbers indicate that the event is growing in size and that more musicians and vendors are becoming increasingly interested in participating. Reportedly, there were more than 3,000 in paid attendance at \$30 per person with approximately 35 breweries represented.

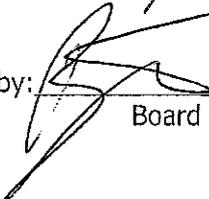
Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting has been set for July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. in the Crown Royal Room at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment

The Fairgrounds Improvement Board meeting concluded at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Minutes approved by:  J. VAN MEIJEREN, 5-21-13  
Vice Chairman Date

Minutes approved by:  Board Coordinator, 5/21/13  
Date