

Summary Minutes

Fairgrounds Improvement Board
September 25, 2014 5:00 p.m.
Building 16
Benton County Fairgrounds

Board Members Present

Mike Holstein
Jeff Van Meighem
Jan Wiggins

Benton County Employees

R.J. Lott
John Donley

Call to Order/Roll Call

The regularly scheduled meeting was brought to order by Vice Chairman Jeff Van Meighem and attendance of the Fairgrounds Improvement Board members was taken. Three of the five members were present with Dan McDaniel and Amanda Matthiessen absent. Both absences were unanimously approved by the Board.

Pledge of Allegiance

Those individuals present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previously Approved Minutes

The minutes from the May 15th meeting were available and reviewed by the Board members that were in attendance.

Previously Scheduled Business:

None.

Scheduled Business

1. John Donley presented a brief summary of the 2014 summer highlights for the Fairgrounds. Event highlights included the Blues & Brews and the Creation Northwest Festival which had nearly 3000 campers at the Fairgrounds with an additional 1500 campers at nearby Two Rivers Park. Additionally, a new electronic reader board for the 10th Avenue is in the works.
2. Preliminary improvement ideas from the Board for the end of 2014 included: a permanent stage for concerts, upgraded restrooms at the horse arena, soundproofing in existing buildings, a public address system, installation of adult shade trees and upgrading the current swamp coolers in the pavilion buildings. The list will be presented at a Board of County Commissioners meeting in December.
3. Initial discussions with the Board began with possible revisions to the FIB Goals & Expectations document. At this time, the Board members present did not have any suggestions for additions or deletions.
4. The two-year terms for all Board members expire at the end of the calendar year. The Board Coordinator applauded the efforts of all five Board members and encouraged each member to continue with the work that has already been accomplished and serve another two-year term.

Unscheduled Business.

None.

Poll of the Board.

The three members of the Board generally declined to add anything at this time but did reiterate the work of County staff and the efforts that have been put towards completion of the projects at the Fairgrounds. The Board acknowledged the importance of attending the BOCC meeting when the Fairgrounds Improvement Board ideas are presented.

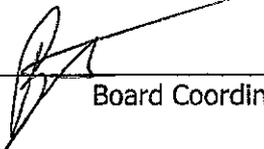
Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for November 20th at 5:00pm in Building 16 at the Fairgrounds.

Adjournment

The Fairgrounds Improvement Board meeting concluded at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Minutes approved by:  _____, 10.16.14
Vice Chairman Date

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Board Coordinator Date