

Summary Minutes  
Fairgrounds Improvement Board  
November 20, 2014 5:00 p.m.  
Building 16  
Benton County Fairgrounds

Board Members Present

Amanda Matthiessen  
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 Mike Holstein 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 September 25th meeting were available and reviewed by the Board members that were in attendance.

Previously Scheduled Business:

None.

Scheduled Business

1. Itemized improvement ideas for end of year 2014.  
The Board members present discussed and voted on a list of items to recommend to the County Commissioners. In order of preference, those items were:
  1. Upgrades to restroom at the horse arena.
  2. Improvements to the current swamp coolers in the pavilion buildings.
  3. The installation of adult shade trees along Fairview Dr.
  4. A Fairgrounds-wide public address system.
  5. A semi-permanent stage for performing arts.
  6. Improved soundproofing/acoustics in existing enclosed buildings.The list will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at one of their meetings in December for their approval.
2. Revisions of the FIB Goals & Expectations.  
The Board voted to not recommend any changes/additions/deletions to the FIB Goals & Expectations document.
3. Term updates for FIB members.

Each member has verbally expressed, either at this meeting or at previous meetings, their intentions to fulfill another two-year term with the Fairgrounds Improvement Board.

Unscheduled Business

None.

Unscheduled Visitors

Brian and Lori from the Benton County Fair Association spoke briefly suggestions alternatives to terms and adding additional Board members. The Fair Association did show interest in being included in future FIB meetings.

Poll of the Board

The three members of the Board declined.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for January 15th at 5:00pm in Building 16 at the Fairgrounds.

Adjournment

The Fairgrounds Improvement Board meeting concluded at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by: J. J. L. 12-8-14  
Vice Chairman Date

Minutes approved by: B. A. 12/8/14  
Board Coordinator Date