

Jefferson County Fair Park August 6, 2015 | Meeting Minutes

The Jefferson County Fair Park committee met on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room. Present were: (Fair Committee) Al Counsell, Blane Poulson, Matt Foelker, , Russell Kutz, Fair Park Director David Diestler, Marketing/Administrative Assistants Amy Listle and Leslie Pelikan. Also present were Alexa Zoeller, and Mark Ihlenfeld. Jennifer Hanneman and Roger Kylmanen were absent.

Let the record show that a quorum is present, meeting duly noted and the door open.

Review of Agenda

Minutes: A motion was made by Al Counsell to accept the minutes of the July 2, July 8, and July 9 meetings as presented, seconded by Matt Foelker. Motion carried.

Communication: Thank you letters were received from various Fair vendors and the Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast Committee. An email was read from Tracy Jahnke regarding her thoughts and concerns about the Fair.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion and possible action on Fair Park outdoor lighting: Mark Ihlenfeld approached the committee about making adjustments to the light poles so that they are not shining light into his bedroom. Ihlenfeld lives on Franklin Street and says that the week of fair the lights disturb his sleep. Al Counsell, and Russell Kutz examined the area around Mr. Ihlenfeld's home during Fair Week and shared their observations. After a discussion regarding the moving of the lights on the Fair Park property and how that may cause security and safety issues for Fairgoers, the Fair Committee suggested that the Fair Park Director and Supervisor continue to try to find a solution. No action was taken.

Financial Report: David Diestler reviewed the financials with the committee.

Director's Report: David Diestler reported on Fair 2015 attendance, carnival, beer sales, and 4-H exhibitors. He also reported that the Fair Park is short on maintenance staff and will soon be short on office staff as Leslie took a job in a different County department and Amy will be going on FMLA leave. He also reported his ideas on improving the winter storage process.

Supervisor's Report: Roger Kylmanen's report was reviewed by the committee. The maintenance crew is short staffed heading into a very busy couple of months with horse shows, gun show, sheep & wool fest, Gemuetlichkeit Days, car show and winter storage, while still trying to clean up from Fair.

Fair Office Report: Amy Listle reported the Fair Park is now on the County computer network. Superintendent wrap-up meetings have been taking place in preparation for next year. Premium checks were mailed and state reports were filed. Judging results and information about upcoming Fair Park events were shared with local media.

Next Meeting: The next committee meeting was set for Thursday September 3, 2015 in the Fair Park Conference Room. It was also decided that the Fair Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Open Forum Meeting would take place on Thursday August 20, 2015 in the Activity Center.

With no further business, Matt Foelker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al Counsell seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.