

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR PARK

NOVEMBER 5, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

The Jefferson County Fair Park Committee met on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room. Present were: (Fair Committee) Al Counsel, Matt Foelker, Jennifer Hanneman, Russell Kutz and Blane Poulson. Also present was Fair Park Director David Diestler, Fair Park Supervisor Roger Kylmanen, and County Administrator Ben Wehmeier.

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

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

**Minutes:** Motion by Russell Kutz to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting as presented, Second by Al Counsel. Motion Carried.

**Communications:** None

**Public Comment:** Mr. Ed Bielinski discussed the issue of having a terminal or non-terminal swine show during the 2016 Fair. He informed the committee that people were wondering what type of show we were going to have this year. Many of the 4-H exhibitors who show guilt swine would prefer to keep their swine, after the fair, for breeding stock, show at the State Fair, or some prefer to use different butcher houses than what the fair currently uses. Mr. Bielinski would like an answer in the near future so the 4-H exhibitors can start buying their animals.

**Discussion and action on sponsorship contract:** PremierBank sponsorship was discussed and approval for final sponsorship amount was moved by Matt Foelker and seconded by Al Counsel. Motion Carried 5-yes 0-No.

**Director's Report:** David Diestler reported on filling several staff positions including – Marketing/ Administrative Specialist, 1,000 hour worker and caretakers. Fair Park has switched entertainment talent agencies and is now using Klein's Entertainment. Several entertainment events have already been booked for next year's fair. Three Fair Park event contracts will be coming up for renewal this next year and will need to be reviewed by Corporate Counsel. Winter storage is almost completed. St. Colletta will not be renting the MAP building; they are building their own garage. We are in the process of reviewing the stall fees we charge exhibitors during the fair. Our current fees don't even cover the cost of the shavings.

**Fair Park Supervisor's Report:** Power washed barns and blew out water lines for winter. Rented MAP and warm up building to Marina for boat storage.

**Office Report:** Kathy Hart and Michelle Rue-Miller are filling-in for office staff until Amy returns from maternity leave and we fill an open position. They are working on daily updates and completing 2016 contracts.