

Jefferson County Fair Park
August 21, 2008

The Jefferson County Fair Park Committee met on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 4 p.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room. Present were: (Fair) Ron Buchanan, Amy Kramer, Mike Burow, Scott Seefledt, Fair Park Director Paul Novitzke, Fair Park Supervisor Roger Kylmanen, Secretary Gail Zastrow; Administrator Gary Petre; County Board Chair Sharon Schmeling; Corporation Council Phil Ristow; Keith Kulow; Vicki Raatz and Mary Beth Mess Farm Bureau.

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

Review Agenda: 2008 Fair should remain as a permanent agenda item and add Fair Park Director's Report.

Public Comment: Keith Kulow vice-chair of the Jefferson County Draft Horse Association was present to express concerns with the stalling problems during Fair and what they could do help get something more permanent. This year the tents did not work very well with the soft ground from the rain and wind. He just wanted the committee to be aware of their situation and concerns and they will work with Paul for future improvements.

Minutes: Ron made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of adding Sharon Schmeling attending the July meeting. Amy seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Comparison: Report reviewed.

Farm Bureau Contract: A motion was made by Mike, later withdrawn and tabled for Paul to review.

Draft Horse Stalling Building: This would be a future expansion. A lot more information is needed with long range usage and on going maintenance requirement.

2009 Budget: Reviewed potential revenue increases. Discussed potential advertising/sponsorship dollars as well as tapping into other dollar sources.

For expenses, media fees would be decreased but should keep Special Acts amount alone.

For the Interdepartmental Budget with UW-Extension, the amount will remain the same and will leave other county departments alone for now. UW-Extension uses the most dates during the entire year.

Fair Park Operation's Report: Roger reviewed the moving of the fence before Fair, events cancelled during the June flooding, moving the goats separate from the sheep and updating to the barn, Master Gardeners support, ground restoration following Fair, Roger's move to new office and wireless internet problems at the office.

2008 County Fair: Totaling damages from the storm and looking for a top notch carnival.

Convention: Wisconsin Association of Fairs convention will be held in Wisconsin Dells at Chula Vista January 12-14. Room reservations will be made for Paul and Roger. Registration will be in October.

Next Agenda: Review 2009 Budget and add Director's Report.

Next Meeting: September 18th and Open Forum October 9th.

Being no further business, Amy made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.