



*Southwest Washington Fair Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes*

March 6, 2018

I. Call to order

Chair Tom Larson called to order the regular meeting of the Southwest Washington Fair Advisory Commission at 5:00 PM on March 6, 2018 in the Historical Building.

II. Roll call

The following Commission members were present: Tom Larson, George Dodd, Kendra Meek, CJ Neer, and Sybil Kuhn.

Others Present: Tamara Hayes, Steve Walton, Doug Carey, Pat Slusher and Tina Segers.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The February minutes are approved as written by first motion George Dodd second by Kendra Meek. Motion Passed.

IV. Public Comment

V. Announcements

- a) Bob Sobolesky's 45-year Retirement party was a success. Chronicle wrote a nice write-up.
- b) Barn Dance/Silent Auction June 16, 2018, Sponsored by the Fair Association

VI. Business Items

a.) **Rodeo**

- a. Budget review and target
- b. Review and discuss Rodeo Sponsorship Levels
- c. Sponsorship meeting Tuesday March 12, 2018, 5:00, at Historical Building
- d. Sponsorship perks and enticements
- e. Fair Sponsorship –Review potential sponsors



- f. Beer garden to attract more attendance
- g. Reduced rates for East Lewis County to participate in Barn Dance

b.) Public Meeting Recap

c.) Manager's Report

- i. Rodeo Sponsorship Levels with benefits
- ii. Matt from EDC – Will not be able to facilitate a strategic plan
- iii. WSFA Enumclaw meeting March 22, 2018
- iv. Need for F/T grant writer for repair and maintenance of Grandstands, water system, new lighting, pavement and sound system
- v. Garlic Fest – Attend a meeting for Capital Food and Wine Festival Wednesday, March 07, 2018 for wine-tasting regulations
- vi. USDA- A lot of funding opportunities in grants or 30-year loans
- vii. FFA – Fair Association – Barn Dance June 16th Fundraiser – will be getting flyers out to schools, clubs and superintendents for marketing.
- viii. Cold Weather Shelter to be closed on April 1, 2018.
- ix. Discovery Lewis County Canvas's to be on loan free to businesses that attract tourism. Rotation schedule- 6 months to a year.

b. Entertainment Report

- i. Discussion of entertainment line-up for Fair
74- professional shows, and 109 performances booked
- ii. Tent over stage areas
- iii. Quality sound system for Grandstands



c. Facilities Report

- i. Community events sign has been re-fronted and painted
- ii. 4-H building stairs are being replaced and switched around for public safety
- iii. 4-H roof being funded by Capital Budget
- iv. Scott H. is in charge of interim events set-up
- v. Community teens are meeting on weekends to clean up fairgrounds. 2-3 volunteers for community hours
- vi. Inmate workers are being implemented in clean-up efforts on Fairgrounds property
- vii. Two Temp workers to be hired- one for lawn maintenance

Move to make a recommendation to the BOCC regarding pursuing the new Rodeo. Motion Passed.

Chair Tom Larson adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM

Minutes submitted by: Tina Segers

Minutes approved by: [Name]