



*Southwest Washington Fair Advisory Commission  
Meeting Minutes*

March 5, 2019

**I. Call to order**

Tom Larson called to order the regular meeting of the Southwest Washington Fair Advisory Commission at 5:00 PM on March 5, 2019 in the Fair Conference Room.

**II. Roll call**

The following Commission members were present: George Dodd, Tom Larson, Sybil Kuhn, Kendra Meek, Katie Gift, and Todd Mason.

Others Present: Tamara Hayes, Aimee Cook, Doug Carey, and Steve Walton.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

No February Minutes.

**IV. Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

**V. Announcements**

- a) Fair Association Meeting March 12th, 2019 6PM, Historical Building.
- b) Rodeo Committee Meeting March 21st, 2019 5:30PM, Historical Building.
- c) Market Sale Meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6PM, Historical Building

**VI. Business Items**

a.) **Budget Discussion**

- a. Feasibility Study
  - a. 100K requested through the State
  - b. 2 year process
  - c. Long term ideas for the Fairgrounds, study opens up ideas & moves conversation forward
- b. How to make changes that benefit the community & reposition our organization so that it changes the dialogue.



- c. Form Committee to explore new ideas, long term plans, sustainability
- d. New budget restructuring form – where county funds go, not all being spent on Fair itself. The Fair is not the burden. Budget is being spent differently when compared to 2014.
- e. Looking into grant to fix water system.
- f. Still not annexed yet – all parties agreed – just need to finalize. No timeline.

## **VII. 110 Year Anniversary:**

- a. Attend Meetings: Rotary, Sertoma, Mayors Meeting, Council, Etc.
  - i. Reach out to groups first, then decide on talking points.
  - ii. Fair trivia, giveaways.
- b. Centralia Downtown Window Display: Centralia Downtown Association Meeting. Invitation to be a part of the competition.
- c. 110 things to do at the Fair campaign
- d. Barn Bash – June 15<sup>th</sup>: Summer/Fair kickoff
  - i. 440 in attendance in 2018.
  - ii. Whole Family Atmosphere
  - iii. Highlight local youth with a kids band opening for Chris? Salzer Creek Band?

## **VIII. Rodeo Update – Sybil Kuhn:**

- a. Decide on logo at next meeting
- b. Needing more volunteers!
- c. Breakaway Roping
- d. Fine tune the hiccups
- e. 1.5K for Mutton Bustin’ – sponsor, new local business?



## **IX. Facility Report –Doug**

- a. Hiccup with paving of Old Judging Pavilion – removal of soil & rotten posts, have to replace them to move forward.
- b. Meeting with Kim Ashmore to talk about a grant funding partnership.
- c. Twila and her paintbrush beautifying the grounds
- d. Replacement of: light poles, mangers
- e. Levee inspection – Army Engineers – nothing negative to say
- f. Talk of new water pump

## **X. Manager's Report – Tamara**

1. Facilities – What can we be fixing that doesn't cost money? Take a look around the grounds.
2. Lists to boy scout troops
3. East sign on OJP needs redone.
4. Centralia School District: Woodshop on Fairgrounds in Rabbit Barn.
  - ii. Scrollwork, FFA Building, 3 buildings to be built
1. Need more ideas for projects – running list
2. Clean Up Days – organized by the Fair Commission
3. Homeless Shelter: uptick in homeless hanging around the grounds, concern about fair image

## **XI. Adjournment:**

. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm March 5, 2019

Minutes submitted by: Aimee Cook

Minutes approved by: [Name]