Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds – Fair Board Meeting

April 29, 2020 - Entry Hall - 11:30 am

98 W Custer Ave; Helena MT 59602

Phil Porrini called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Board members present were Mark Menke, Phil Porrini, FayDee Hamilton, Mike Murray, Greg Pace, Kelly Hanson, Judy Rolfe, and Allen Cormany. Staff present were Kevin Tenney and Logan Gustafson.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Murray made the motion to approve March minutes, 2nded by Greg Pace. Motion Passed.

COVID-19 Impact: Kevin Tenney announced that the county is currently in phase 1 of the COVID-19 response, and he does not know if it will get to phase 3. He said that there might be a possibility of the fair not happening. Phil asked if there is any timeline on when phasing will end. Kevin answered and said he does not know how long each phase will last. Judy Rolfe asked if any stimulus money would be available for the fairgrounds. Kevin said Rodger and Nancy are looking into if there will be stimulus money available. Allen asked if 4H is preparing for a possible cancellation. Kevin said they are looking at doing a virtual version of their sale.

Operations Report: Kevin Tenney reported that maintenance is pulling out drywall and working on the VIP room, and carrying out lawn care. Kevin also said the drain system looks like it is holding up.

Finance Report: Kevin Tenney reported there is very little revenue coming in, and expenses have been frozen.

FY 2021 Draft Presentation: Kevin reported the highlights of the budget, he said he budgeted for 2 additional shows which translates to the higher expenses. Kevin said things were looking profitable for the 2021 budget.

Footprint Sub-Committee: Phil Porrini said that there is stock piled materials like boulders, top soil, and rock. Work will begin on the promenade around May 18th. Allen asked when it would be completed. Phil said it would be, 30 days from the start of work

Phil Porrini asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mike Murray. Seconded by Mark Menke. Meeting adjourned at 12:13.