

**CENTRAL WISCONSIN STATE FAIR
BOARD MINUTES
April 18, 2016
7:30 PM**

ROLL CALL:

Present: Board Members: Andy Keogh, Bob Ashbeck, Carol Kerper, Jeff Hartman, Jeff Viergutz, Kathy Banks, Larry Gilbertson, Mike Fierer and Sara Schmitt

Adam Fischer-Executive Director

Absent: Lisa Blanchard

The meeting of the Central Wisconsin State Fair was called to order at 7:30 pm in the Fair office boardroom.

Larry Gilbertson opened the meeting by requesting unless there was objection to suspend the order of the day and allow the representatives of the Dog Park to address the Board of Directors.

Steve Coy, Phil Moritz, and Dennis Boucher of the Dog Park addressed the Board of Directors by requesting the Board to approve a capital improvement project on the Dog Park property, which is owned by the Central Wisconsin State Fair. The project would consist of putting in two permanent lights in the Dog Park. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Kathy Banks to approve the project. Andy Keogh seconded the motion. The motion carried as presented.

Steve Coy addressed the Board of Directors to further ask if the permanent structure of the Dog Park shed could be moved next to one of the permanent lights. A motion was made by Kathy Banks to approve moving the shed. Carol Kerper seconded the motion. The motion carried as presented.

Minutes of March 21, 2016: It was moved by Andy Keogh to approve the minutes as presented. Sara Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion carried as presented.

Financial Report: Larry Gilbertson and Adam Fischer directed the board to the balance sheet and reviewed all the account balances. The Budget to Actual was also shared with the Board. The report stood approved as presented.

Executive Director's Update: Adam Fischer provided an update on the progress of the Fair's Open Class and Junior Fair Premium Books. Fischer also addressed the future changes to the UW Extension office were also discussed during this update along with a staffing update.

Consent Agenda: The Capital Improvement Report was discussed. Fischer addressed the report by talking more in detail about the Russell R. Wenzel Stage and the issue of ownership and management of the stage. The Consent Agenda was approved as presented pending the further discussion be made concerning the Fair managing the stage.

Fair Commission Update: Mike Fierer gave a brief update on the Fairgrounds Commission. The ventilation project in the Sheep and Swine Barn was discussed.

Future Meeting Times: It was discussed that a few board members wanted to see the time of the Board meetings changed. Discussion followed. It was decided that Fischer would create a survey and send the results of the survey back to Board of Directors before the next meeting.

Other Business: Jeff Hartman requested information concerning when the Central Wisconsin State Fair will take over possession of the fairgrounds. Sara Schmitt asked about the 2016 Central Wisconsin State Fair theme. It was also discussed whether or not the Board should pay the remaining half of the October payment toward Forward Financial Bank. Andy Keogh moved to pay the remainder of the principal due in October 2016 to Forward Financial Bank. Carol Kerper seconded the motion. The motion carried. Sara Schmitt also asked about the use of the Hockey Building during the Fair. Discussion followed.

Jeff Hartman moved to adjourn and Bob Ashbeck seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, May 16, 2016.

Recorded by: CWSF Staff
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