## THE BOARD OF MARSHFIELD FAIRGROUNDS COMMISSION MINUTES WEDNESDAY May 26, 2010

## Fair Park Office

Members present: Feirer, Buttke, Clendenning, Ashbeck, Winch

Members absent: Stauber

1. Meeting called to order by Feirer at 9:15

- 2. **Election of Chairman**; Clendenning nominated Feirer, motion by Buttke to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Feirer as Chairman, seconded by Winch, all ayes, motion carried
- 3. **Election of Vice Chairman**; Winch nominated Clendenning, Buttke motioned to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Clendenning as Vice Chairman, seconded by Winch, all ayes, motion carried
- 4. **Election of Secretary Treasurer**; Clendenning nominated Buttke, Winch motioned to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Buttke as Secretary Treasurer, seconded by Clendenning, all ayes, motion carried
- 5. **Public Comments**; there were no public comments
- 6. **Review of previous minutes**; motion by Winch seconded by Ashbeck to approve, all ayes, motion carried
- 7. Treasurer's Report; Account balance is \$15,156.03
- 8. **Approve Bills;** there were no bills to approve
- 9. **Review Grandstand Project;** This project was discussed and motioned by Clendenning seconded by Winch to approve expenditures of up to \$10,000 on a time and material basis by JRH Masonry. All ayes, motion carried
- 10. **Fair Association Report**; The association and Ed Englehart are working on a proposal for a motor coach group that is interested in holding their rally here in 2011. Approximately 300 R V's would be on the grounds for one week. This would be the largest motor coach event ever held on the grounds. The Wood County Master Gardeners have begun working on the construction of the quilt patch flower garden in an area by Grandma's Shelter.

The Wisconsin Association of Fairs District 1 meeting that was hosted by the Central WI State Fair on April 22 went very well and was a productive day. Thirty five people attended the meeting. I attended the Discover Wisconsin Premiere Nigh on April 26 in Pittsville. This was a reception and showing of the Discover Wisconsin television show that featured Wood County and The World's Largest Round Barn. The Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Adoption was held in the Jer Lang Show Palace on May 22. Personnel from the Bureau of Land Management were very pleased with the number of horses adopted and have scheduled another adoption for 2011. The Shrine Circus will take place on Thursday, May 27 in the Hockey Building. Members of Friends of he Marshfield Dog Park have installed the 24 foot gates in the fenced dog park area. This will provide more room for vehicle traffic to enter and exit the area during the fair and other events held on the grounds. Vendor spaces for the 2010 fair are filling. Expo 1 spaces are completely rented and we have only two spaces to fill in the Expo II building. Margie Strasser, a food vendor at the Central WI State Fair for almost 30 years, passed away in April. Her family will operate L & M Chuckwagon at the 2010 fair in Margie's memory. Russ Wenzel, a Director on the Central Wi State Fair Board and fair advocate for many years, passed away on May 17. The 2010 Premium and Entertainment Guide Book will be dedicated to Margie and Russ. Motion to approve by Winch, seconded by Ashbeck, all ayes, Motion carried

11. **Park & Recreation report**; Grandstand Structural Repairs- Norcon has completed their work on the grandstand. Mr. O'Donnell received one quote from JRH Masonry, that he felt was a qualified contractor and bidder to perform the cleaning, coating and replacement of needed of exposed re-enforcing rod in various area below the grandstand. They quoted \$30,240 to complete the entire area and on May 4<sup>th</sup> provided Mr. O'Donnell with a time and material quote.

Fair Commission Bylaw Approvals- The City of Marshfield approved the revised by-laws by resolution at their May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Wood County Board of Supervisors are scheduled to act on them at an upcoming meeting.

Events & Activities- Several events have already been held at the Fairgrounds this spring. The next large event is June 4-6 when the Marshfield Dairy Fest Activities take place at the Fairgrounds.

Building and Ground Maintenance- Jerry Lang, Jr. Fair Board representative, recently contacted me to discuss the replacement of a section (80 foot) of damaged feed bunks in the Round Barn. He has a contractor ready to do the work at a cost of \$2,800. The Junior Fair Board will pay for this work. While looking at the proposed project it was noted that the section (88 foot) of feed bunk adjacent to this area is also in very bad condition. Jerry felt that if the work is done at the same time as the other that he could get the work done for \$3,000. The Junior Fair Board will

fund \$1,500 to this additional work if the City will contribute \$500 and the Fair Commission contribute \$1,000. Motion by Buttke Seconded by Winch to approve the Commission fund \$1,000 to this project, all ayes, motion carried

- 12. Next Meeting Date; next meeting will be July 21 at 9:15 at the Fair Park Office
- 13. Motion by Winch seconded by Clendenning to adjourn at 10:30, all ayes motion carried

Tom Buttke secretary/treasurer