

DELAWARE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 18, 2024

ATTENDANCE:

Present- Jennifer Brown, Jackie Colflesh, Adam DeMarco, Mark Fisher, Mike Harter, Mike Knapp, David Laaksonen, Jon Melvin, Tiffany Rankin, Kevin Simpson, Colleen Smith, Chip Thomson, T. Thomson, Randy Turner(6:09pm), Chris Welker, Diane Winters, Tom Wright, Laryssa Hook, Don Howard, Jen McGowan

ABSENT: Jeff Armentrout, Patricia Gladman, Bryan Mellen

GUESTS: Rob Stambaugh, Cheryl Haggarty, Tom Lehner

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Chip Thomson called the meeting to order, Jennifer Brown led the pledge of allegiance and Jen McGowan called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Guests introduced themselves. Chery Hagarty as a representative for the pavilion committee reported that they had discussed at their last meeting a location for the pavilion where the old Jr. Fair office was. They need 35'x40' for the actual pavement and a 6'x16' area behind for storage. Simpson Strongtie is working at no cost on a design for the building. They are asking for board approval on the location. Chip will bring this up under old business.

MINUTES:

Chip Thomson found a mistake in the previous minutes and asked they be amended with the following working: The motion required a 2/3 affirmative vote to pass, because the resolution was provided to the board with less than the required 3 day reading period. Since the motion did not meet the required threshold, the motion did not fail. Jon Melvin moved to approve the minutes as amended, Jennifer Brown second. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Chip Thomson reported that we got the grant back from the state. Justin with the county and he asked for an M5 series Kubota, sand truck, lifts, black top between BV and the Coliseum, replacement of 2 sheds, lighting, and speakers. They asked for \$619k and we got \$106k. Instead of dividing the remaining monies between fairs, they gave some to other Agricultural entities.

The city will not issue us a building permit for the sign until we satisfy the North/South bike path. Dave Carroll is crafting a letter.

OFFICE REPORT:

Jen McGowan reported that Raising Canes is a new potential sponsor for this year for the fair as well as possibly the poultry barn in 4H.

The key card system is down and there is a ticket in to get it fixed as soon as possible.

We have a new hire starting in the fair office next Monday as part time help to get thru fair.

The juveniles we prosecuted for vandalism went to court and were ordered to pay restitution so we should be getting that money soon.

The tents for fair this year will be about \$50k. Chris Welker moved to approve the tents not to exceed \$51k. T. Thomson second. Motion carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Randy Turner reported that we are rolling into fair mode. Money is coming in and money is going out. This will be his first time thru as treasurer and he is keeping his head above water. More money is coming in than is going out.

We got 5 bids for flooring for Tom Wright and the bed tax committee to review. We won't do anything with those tonight but it is averaging about \$6 a square foot.

Bailey Cavalieri is looking at language changes for the bed tax operating money. There are a lot of negotiations going on there. Tom Wright mentioned that they seem to want to control everything and he thinks it might be time for us to push back. Chip added that we are a board of 20 people duly elected to make decisions on what we build. It would be our hope that this time next month we are done with this.

Tiffany Rankin is working on our tax exemption online. It will take 4 hours of uninterrupted time and will take about a year and a half to get a letter from the State.

Randy reported that the positive pay and antifraud is up and running as well as the 360 control.

Colleen Smith mentioned that when reviewing the finances she noticed Event Risk in there as a race sponsor and they are not. They just purchased tickets to the pavilion.

Chris Welker moved to approve the treasurer's report. Jennifer Brown second. Motion carried.

Chip Thomson brought up the location of the 4H pavilion so Cheryl could get to a prior engagement.

Mark Fisher moved to approve the location for the new pavilion. Jon Melvin second. Motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

No Report. Minutes are in the board packet

#### GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

No meeting this month. Briefly discussed flooring and Anheuser Busch contract

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No Report

#### FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chris Welker reported they had a brief meeting. Their committee also recommended the new pavilion location. They discussed making the pig and lamb building handicap accessible by switching the sale block around. Mark Fisher added that they usually buy sawdust and may need to buy grit this year. Chip said if there was a cost associated with those things to let us know and update us at the next meeting.

#### ADVERTISING COMMITTEE:

No Report

#### SECURITY COMMITTEE:

Mike Harter reported that the Sheriff's department will have about a \$6 increase per hour this year.

That will increase the budget for security. There will be a security meeting on June 24, but it may need to be rescheduled due to some key players not being able to attend.

The County has always taken care of us as far as EMS. The city chief mentioned getting overtime with us. The Township has always looked out for us and hopefully this will not be an issue. Mike asked the motorsports committee to let him know what their needs will be.

#### MOTORSPORTS COMMITTEE:

No Report

#### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Adam DeMarco reported that the deficit list from the city has been taken care of. Jen called the city and they signed off on everything.

Bryan Mellen met with Bruce Miley about the bollards. We will need 34 of them. With plastic sleeves, pipes, and covers it will be \$5700 plus whatever Miley will charge. Chris Welker moved to approve up to \$12 for the project. Jon Melvin second. Tom Wright mentioned that we are deviating from the way we have been doing this, it should go thru bed tax first. Tom Wright voted no to approving the project. Adam DeMarco abstained. Motion carried.

#### RACING COMMITTEE:

Tom Wright reported that he hired a guy that will help us for a day or two that will help us immensely for racing times and wagering.

Jenny Brown mentioned that the qualifiers went great.

#### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

No Report

#### BED TAX COMMITTEE:

Tom reported that the minutes were sent out and spoke for themselves. Colleen mentioned that a couple of names were misspelled and she will get those corrections to Tom.

#### ALL HORSE PARADE COMMITTEE:

Diane Winters said that it was great to see everybody. The entries are coming in. They do not have a Grand Marshall yet. Parade is Sept 8 at 3pm.

#### HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE:

Don Howard reported that the wall is up and looks great. Thank you to Rob and his crew. The HVAC material will go into the room that he is currently using.

Don had gotten a race helmet from John Simpson Sr. who is in the racing Hall of Fame. He also went to Charlie and LaVerne Hill's estate sale and got the shovel that we broke ground with on the Jugette barn. There is a gentleman upstairs restoring our diorama for less than \$500 and 2 passes to the fair.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Jenny Brown asked if we had WIFI on the grounds, they couldn't get it at the qualifiers. T. said that the county turns it off and we would need to notify them to turn it back on if needed for an event.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

None

Chip Thomson will not be at the next meeting as he will be in Idaho. Mike Harter will be running the July meeting.

Mark fisher moved and T. Thomson second to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

