

AD HOC FUTURE FAIRGROUNDS COMMITTEE
September 11, 2023

The meeting of the Ad Hoc Future Fairgrounds Committee was called to order by Chair Nancy Hoffmann at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 11, 2023, in the County Board Room at the Government Center, Green Lake, WI in person and via remote access. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Nancy Hoffman
Stacy Graff
Helcia Bierman
Joe Hollatz
Tristan Jenkins (9:06)
Zach Knoke
Emily Strahota (9:25 - remote)

Absent: Lisa Meier

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 06/27/2023

Motion/second (Bierman/Knoke) to approve the minutes of 06/27/2023 as read. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

BENOY JACOBS – UPDATE

Benoy Jacobs, Director of Community Development Institute – Division of Extension, appeared remotely. He stated that he received no response from other county fairs regarding strategic planning on county fairs and UWEX collaboration. Jacob stressed that the UWEX cannot do the actual strategic plan but can provide guidance prior to engaging an outside company to complete the plan. Discussion held. Chair Hoffmann stated that the committee would like to have a preliminary plan by the end of the calendar year. Jacobs will work on strategic planning guidance and public engagement specific to the county fair and will provide his findings at a future meeting.

ITEMS OF CONCERN – 2023 FAIR

Chair Hoffmann led a discussion regarding concerns from this year's fair in August. Major concerns included:

- Beef barn is not large enough
- Pig barn has rotting boards and holes in the building
- Electrical in the barns is sub standard
- Public address (PA) systems throughout the fair are substandard including the track and the barns. Hire a sound company as a short term solution for next year?
- The Highway Department wants their mechanic's bay back for next year so that will cut down on space in the Highway building.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future meeting date: October 2, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Future agenda items:

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hoffmann adjourned the meeting at 9:40 AM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk