

RICHLAND COUNTY

Fair, Recycling and Parks Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2023

Present: Kerry Severson, Scott Gald, Carla Doudna, John Collins, Cathy Cooper, Eric Siemandel, Clint Langreck, Tim Gottschall, Danielle Rudersdorf Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Gary Deaver, Montana Birch, Kristopher Clark

Absent: Sandy Campbell

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Severson called the March 29, 2023 meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- 2. Proof of Notification:** Verification that meeting had been properly noticed.
- 3. Agenda Approval:** Chair Severson requested a motion to approve the 23-point agenda. Moved by Chicker to approve request, second by Supervisor Rudersdorf. All voting aye, motion carried.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Previous Meeting Minutes:** Hearing no objections, Chair Severson moved to approve the minutes as presented.
- 6. Financial Reports:** No comments or concerns.
- 7. Action Item 10, Work plans presented by Montana Birch.** Birch presented his planned projects for 2023 at the Rockbridge Park. The cost of the projects will be covered by the \$1005 he raised with the Deer Hide Fundraising. He along with other Boy Scout Volunteers and Community Members will be power washing all the pavilions, benches, bridge, stairs, railings, historical marker and picnic tables. The City of Richland will allow him to use the power jet truck. Once completed he will paint or stain what is needed with materials purchased at Bailey's Paint Store. The new bridge isn't ready to stain at this time. Motion by Supervisor Rudersdorf to approve the proposed plan, second by Supervisor Manning. All voting aye, motion carried.

Montana Birch left meeting.
- 8. Discussion Item 6, Recycling.** Doudna reviewed the yearly grant. Gald asked about hosting a Clean Sweep. Doudna stated that the matching Clean Sweep Grant applications open in May for 2024. Committee suggested composing a resolution for the April meeting to move on to County Board.
- 9. Action Item 9, Purchasing Picnic Tables.** Collins presented the material regarding the previous discussion in February on the purchase of picnic tables for the parks. Motion by Collins to purchase 12 galvanized steel frames from John's Welding with additional materials needed, cost will be roughly \$380 each, second by Manning. All voting aye, motion carried.

Kristopher Clark arrived at 5:17pm

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10. Action Item 16, 2023 Fair. Doudna invited Kristopher Clark to update the committee about the change their club made regarding the points for two classes that were scheduled for the Richland County Fair and on the signed contract. He stated that two classes, ATFRM and FRMST were voted on Sunday at their meeting to be “No Points” so those SW Pullers could travel to the Platteville Pull and the Minnesota Pull where Tri-Sate offered those two classes. Doudna noted that when the FRP Committee agreed to move forward with the Truck and Tractor Pull all parties were aware of the additional pulls that weekend; Boscobel, Platteville, and Minnesota and were assured that it wouldn’t be an issue for the classes chosen. Gald noted that in the past when Jamie Koch was on the Fair Committee he worked with Platteville staggering the classes so Pullers could attend both. Kristopher assured the committee that they would still have hooks for those classes regardless of “No Points” being offered and didn’t see where it would cause an issue with numbers coming to our fair. Gald, Severson and a few others expressed concern given the money it costs to host a Pull but opted to move forward with it and discuss options for the next year. Gald and Severson stated that if Jamie Koch isn’t willing to move forward with organizing all the moving pieces for the Pull we would have to cancel it, Clark understood that. Gald and Severson asked that Doudna reach out to Jamie Koch regarding his concerns and report back to the committee at the April meeting. Clark assured the Committee that nothing will change with the competitor turn out. Doudna presented the plan to increase gate fees starting in 2023. Motion by Chicker to approve the increase, second by Siemandel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Kristopher Clark left meeting.

11. Action Item 15, Grounds Rental. There were calls made to some of the Committee Members regarding the quoted amount being charged for grounds rental to the Ithaca Lions Club Service Organization to host their annual auction at the fairgrounds in late April. Doudna addressed the concerns regarding the cost, noting there are expenses that need to be covered regarding the rental of the property. Doudna noted that there isn’t any difference for the Service Organizations here at the fairgrounds; American Legion, Richland Center Lions, Kiwanis Club, the 4-H Food Stand that have buildings on the property, maintain them and pay a fee at fair time. Doudna mentioned that the Haiti Mission Benefit has no issues paying to use the property for their event. The Committee agreed that the cost of \$500 is reasonable and should be charged.

12. Action Item 11, update on the Viola Well. No information at this time.

13. Action Item 12, update on the removal of bridges. Per Siemandel it has been removed.

14. Action Item 13, update on property across from Pine Valley. None.

15. Action Item 14, Boat Landing Grant. Director Cooper talked about grants that were available to apply for in the future for work.

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- 16. Action Item 17, Security Camera for fairgrounds.** Doudna explained the delays that have occurred regarding the cameras. Gald will talk with Dave Fry regarding the system they installed and provide Doudna with it. Doudna is also waiting for the trail-cam from the Sherriff's Department so it can be placed on the property so they can see the span or view and quality of images. Committee would like to move forward with pricing and options.
- 17. Action Item 18, purchase of new color copier, scanner, fax.** Moved by Collins to purchase the Lexmark XC2326 or one that is comparable, second by Gald. All voting aye, motion carried.
- 18. Administrative Report:** None
- 19. Future Agenda Items for February 2023 to include but not be limited to:** Operation of the fairgrounds per Resolution 22-93, marketing plan for grounds and building rental, creation of new grounds rental website, security cameras on the property, update list of new rental costs, Viola well, property off Pine Valley.
- 20. Adjournment:** Motion by Collins to adjourn the meeting, second by Supervisor Rudersdorf. All voting aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Doudna

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