

Fair, Recycling and Parks Standing Committee
County Board Room, Richland County Courthouse, and via Webex
March 27, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Gary Deaver, John Collins, Eric Siemandel, Josh Elder, Gary Manning, Kerry Severson, Scott Gald, Sandy Campbell, Cindy Chicker and Administrator Candace Pesch.

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Chair Kerry Severson at 5:03pm.
2. **Proof of Notification** – Severson gave proof of notification.
3. **Agenda Approval** – Motion to approve the agenda by Manning, second by Collins. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Approve minutes from February 28, 2024** – Motion to approve the minutes by Collins, second by Siemandel. All voting aye, motion carried.
5. **Public Input** – None.
6. **Financial Reports** – were included in the meeting packet for review, with no change from last month.
7. **Pine River Recreation Trail** – Elder noted that the trail will be closed until further notice. Brush is being removed, new screenings will be added, and the trail will be rolled from O to Henpeck. Breaker run will be added where necessary. Brush has been cleared from the fence line where possible.
8. **Bid Opening for Trail Repair** – Closed bids were received for snowmobile trail repair at the Schreiber and Mobil Station sites. Bids were received from Wanless Excavating, WS Trucking and Construction, and Mike Lepke Excavating as follows:

Schreiber:

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| Wanless | \$15,993.40 |
| WS Trucking | \$48,304.85 |
| Mike Lepke | \$28,480 |

Mobil:

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| \$16,497 |
| \$45,002.50 |
| \$25,720 |

After brief discussion, motion by Collins to award the job to Wanless Excavating for both sites with second by Gald. No further discussion, and all voting eye, motion carried. Reviewed again why Manning is not eligible to bid for these jobs.

9. **Storage Removal at Fairgrounds** – A letter went out notifying all who had items housed at the Fairgrounds that April 20 is the removal date. Elder will have staff there to assist.
10. **Sponsors for Fair** –
 - a. Updates to packages – discussed the need to possibly update the prices and what might be the benefits for each. Elder and the new Coordinator will review what is done elsewhere, compare, and make recommendations at a future meeting.
 - b. Once this is determined, the letters to potential sponsors will be updated and then

c. Letters will be sent.

11. **Fairgrounds Update** – Lyrica is in the office at the Fairgrounds, and Campbell has been mentoring and overseeing what she needs to know, along with timelines, etc. They are working on a theme for this year's Fair. Discussed where they were at with contracts.

Severson and Gald briefly summarized the results of the stakeholder meeting they held recently, though there were too many unknowns to come to any firm conclusion or agreement by any group to take on the Fair project. Noted that the County will continue to maintain the grounds, but there are still questions about what might be expected of a group. Agreed that the next step would be to develop different scenarios before the next discussion, which could be more focused. Gald and Severson felt better prepared to have that next conversation.

12. **Future agenda items** – Discussion on new assignments by the County Board of Supervisors.

13. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by Manning, second by Chicker. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:47.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Chicker

Cindy Chicker, Committee Secretary