

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**North Idaho Fair Board Quarterly Update**  
**June 2, 2021**  
**3:00 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were North Idaho Fair General Manager Alexcia Jordan, Fair Board Vice Chair Elise Burton, Fair Board Members Tim Vuller and Linda Rider, and Coeur d’Alene Press Reporter Madison Hardy.

**A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):**

North Idaho Fair General Manager Alexcia Jordan asked that item six, “CARES/ARPA Funds” be removed from the agenda.

No objections were voiced.

**C. Business (Discussion):**

**Update on the 2021 North Idaho State Fair**

Ms. Jordan reported that, while all arena shows were limited to 50% capacity at the moment, they expected to be notified by Panhandle Health that they can increase to full capacity by the end of June. She said that the advance ticket sales were very good, with 3,252 already sold for the Nelly concert. She predicted that all the other shows would sell out before the Fair began.

Ms. Jordan said that the RV Park was almost sold out from June 19 through the end of the Fair.

Ms. Jordan listed the recently completed projects: ADA seating platforms at the Arena, a new grain bin silo for beverage sales, efficiency upgrades to the Jacklin gate, better traffic control plans on Government Way and Kathleen Avenue, new prop displays, a new garden adjacent to Building 10 and additional paving of walkways.

**County Employee Discount**

Ms. Jordan announced that she had provided Communications Manager Nancy Jones information on the employee discount offer. She added that season passes would also be available for \$50.

### **Request for Volunteers**

Ms. Jordan reminded the Commissioners that the Fair relied heavily on volunteers and volunteer groups. She said she would like to ask whether County departments might be willing to allow their employees to work 4 hour shifts at the Fair. If this were not possible, she asked that County employees be made aware of the many volunteer opportunities during non-work hours.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan commented that it would be up to the individual Elected Officials to decide if employees could work as volunteers at the Fair during business hours. She cautioned that many departments were understaffed at the moment, so it may not be possible. She added that the County newsletter had included a request for volunteers recently.

Ms. Jordan reminded those present that the Cowboy Ball was coming up in a couple of weeks. She noted that the proceeds helped fund their capital projects. She said it was also almost sold out. She listed other upcoming events, such as Meet a Farmer on June 24, Summer Service Day July 24, the Junior Rodeo August 7 & 8, Open Horse Show August 6 – 8, and Barrel Races June 23, July 22 and August 6.

Commissioner Duncan predicted that the Fair would see more visitors since it had just been announced that the Spokane Fair was cancelled for this year.

### **County Department Vendor Booth(s)**

Ms. Jordan remarked that there were several County departments that wanted to be represented in booths at the Fair this year. She suggested that the Commissioners set a time to discuss how this would be handled in more detail, for example, whether all the displays could be combined into one large booth.

### **2022 Budget Requests**

Ms. Jordan reminded the Commissioners that the Fair had reduced its budget request from \$500,000 to \$150,000. She commented that the amount had apparently been reduced further in the Budget Deliberations meeting this morning, to \$120,000.

The Commissioners and Ms. Jordan discussed different expenses and challenges the Fair has faced recently.

### **CARES/ARPA Funds**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- D. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing.

Fair Board Member Linda Rider described the recent Farm to Table event. She said they were able to host 400 children this year.

- E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk

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