

Minutes of Meeting
Fairgrounds FY 2014 Budget Meeting
July 17, 2013
3:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Kootenai County Fairgrounds' General Manager Dane Dugan and Deputy Clerk Michael Beaver. Commissioner Dan Green was excused.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

B. Introductions: There were no introductions.

C. Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes made to the agenda.

D. Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

E. New Business:

Fairgrounds' General Manager Dane Dugan appeared before the Board to present the FY2014 Budget for discussion and possible approval. Mr. Dugan explained that last year the Fairgrounds' Board asked for a \$75,000 transmittal from the Board and have requested the same amount for the upcoming fiscal year budget. Mr. Dugan noted new revenue streams from facility rental income and the addition of new events would, over time, help the Fairgrounds achieve its ultimate goal of profitability and eventual self-sufficiency. However, Mr. Dugan explained that in the near-term the combination of mounting expenses from delayed infrastructure repairs and upgrades (primarily electrical related) and several past years of lower than expected income from declining fair revenues had pushed that goal out to a new horizon.

Commissioner Green joined the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Mr. Dugan stated that pending capital improvements (e.g. ADA-compliant restrooms, sidewalks, and entrances, as well as a fire suppression system for the wooden grandstand) were significant expenses and that these projects required completion within the next two years. The Board of County Commissioners discussed different ideas for increasing Fairgrounds' revenue beyond the income generated by the annual North Idaho Fair, including relocating the Kootenai County Extension Office to a suitable site on the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Green moved to accept the proposed budget from the Fairgrounds and, in order to allow greater opportunity for public comment, schedule deliberations on the matter at the next Budget Hearing later this month. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Beaver called the roll:

Commissioner Nelson: Aye

Commissioner Green: Aye

Chairman Tondee: Aye

The motion carried.

F. Staff Reports: There were no Staff Reports

G. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

Chairman Tondee adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

BY: _____
Michael Beaver, Deputy Clerk