

Jefferson County Fair Park
March 1, 2012

The Jefferson County Fair Park Committee met on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room. Present were: (Fair) Ron Buchanan, Vic Imrie Jr. Blane Poulson and Lloyd Zastrow; Fair Park Director Paul Novitzke, Fair Park Supervisor Roger Kylmanen, Sponsorship/Advertising Assistant Heather Meunier, Secretary Gail Zastrow; Administrator Gary Petre, County Board Chair John Molinaro, Supervisors Carlton Zentner and Jan Roou. Let the record show that a quorum is present – one absent, meeting duly noted and the door open.

Public Comment: no one present

Communications: Wisconsin Association of Fairs letter and check for Promotional Awards, thank you from Jefferson FFA and the new Fair Books.

Agenda: OK as presented

Minutes: Vic Imrie, Jr. made a motion to accept the minutes for February 2, 2012. Mike Burow seconded. Motion carried 3 yes, 1 abstain

Financial Final: Books are closed for 2011. The Fair Park was short by about \$5,000.

2012 Fair:

- a) **Reserved Seats** – Went on sale February 18th
- b) **Sponsorship** – Update handed out
- c) **Fair Schedule** – Demo Derby will start at 2:00 p.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. A complete list will be ready soon

Sno-Cross – Final: Most of the bills are in. We received a reduction of \$300 for the Water bill. We will be at about \$2,885.00 for a net income. We will do it again next year.

Director's Report: Reviewed the Fair Park schedule highlighting some new events, had a conflict between the three WIHA horse shows and the grass drags for 2012, with losing one weekend in October.

Supervisor's Report: Reported on the remodeling project for the new offices and the fixing of tractors, gators and getting equipment ready for the spring and summer seasons.

Next Meeting: April 5th at 8:30 a.m. in the Activity Center Conference Room.

A motion was made by Vic Imrie, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. Blane Poulson seconded. Motion carried with the meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Jefferson County Fair Park
March 15, 2012

The Jefferson County Fair Park Committee met on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. Present were: (Fair) Ron Buchanan, Vic Imrie Jr. Blane Poulson, Mike Burow and Lloyd Zastrow; Fair Park Director Paul Novitzke, Fair Park Supervisor Roger Kylmanen, Sponsorship/Advertising Assistant Heather Meunier, Secretary Gail Zastrow; Administrator Gary Petre, County Board Chair John Molinaro, and Neil Matthies. Let the record show that a quorum is present with everyone in attendance, meeting duly noted and the doors open.

Public Comment: Two present to speak regarding the resignation of Paul Novitzke; Bob Zastrow, Jefferson and Don Kraus, Jefferson both in support of Mr. Novitzke remaining at the Fair Park.

Correspondence: Letter received from Dale Gaugert, Jefferson also supporting Mr. Novitzke.

Agenda: OK as presented

Discussion & Possible Action on the Resignation of Paul Novitzke as Jefferson County Fair Park Director:

Each committee member had the opportunity to talk about Mr. Novitzke's resignation. All present felt Mr. Novitzke did a great job doing the job he was hired to do at the Fair Park.

Ron Buchanan made a motion to nominate Gary Petre to draft a resolution to be presented to the full County Board on April 17th to thank Mr. Novitzke for the great job he has done and bring the draft back to our committee meeting on April 5th. Blane seconded. Motion carried.

Paul Novitzke commented on the experiences at the Fair Park with the variety of events, sponsorship, and the talented staff he had to work with. The Fair got better each year and was almost tax levy free. This year will be the biggest entertainment year yet. He wants to help make sure the Fair goes perfect.

Mr. Petre presented a plaque to Mr. Novitzke for his dedication to the Fair Park from the committee and staff.

Recruitment: Advertisement will begin on Monday, March 19th with applications due by April 27th. Interviews will be in May and hope to have someone on board before Fair.

Next Meeting: The next Fair Park Committee meeting will be Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. The old full committee should be in attendance. Agenda items – Discussion and possible action to retain Mr. Novitzke as Director, discussion and possible action on the resolution draft, 2012 Fair.

A motion was made by Blane Poulson, seconded by Mike Burow to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.