

Montana Expo Park
Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
Minutes

All Members Present: Leanne Hall, Cory Thompson, Dan Miller, Ken Thompson, Shane Neuman, Lynn Oatman, Les Bruner

Commissioners Present: Don Ryan

Guests Present: Charlie Mesler, Kelly Manzer, Lori Cox

Press Present: – None

Chair Leanne Hall called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm in the Gold Buckle Room – MT Expo Park

Quorum: Seven Advisory Board Members present which constitutes a quorum.

Review and Approval of April 28, 2021 Minutes. A motion was made by Les Bruner and seconded by Ken Thompson. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

- Committee Reports

Entertainment – none

Events and Promotion – none

Livestock/Ag – none

Long Range Planning – Ken Thompson and Lori Cox gave a detailed update on the Political Action Committee for the ExpoPark Expansion Project.

- Commissioners Report – Don Ryan

Public Comment:

Charlie Mesler advised the Board of potential concerns that he may be interested in promoting in the future, and concerns/obstacles that he has experienced in the past with ExpoPark.

Action:

- Idea/Concern Form for Venders/Renters – discussion and agreed that form needs more revision.
- Expo Park Safety Protocol – **A motion was made by Dan Miller that the ExpoPark Advisory Board advises Cascade County Commission to gather appropriate entities to form Emergency Operations Control procedures and policies for ExpoPark with the intent to establish the following, but not limited to, for all events, including the Montana State Fair: an Evacuation Plan, Active Shooter Plan, Lost Children Plan, Plan for Livestock/Animals, Increment Weather, potential Installation and Use of Grounds Sound System, proactive Vendor Preparedness, potential Use of Electric Signing, etc., in the event of an emergency. The motion was seconded by Lynn Oatman. Motion carried.**
- Goal of Expo Park – The board discussed: 1. The goal of ExpoPark should be to host as many events as possible for community support. 2. Actively attempt to increase the number of events significantly year over year (possibly by 20% or greater) and actively help to increase the quality of each event when possible. 3. To challenge policies and contracts that hinder new/additional events, and restrict current events from meaningful change. 4. To improve customer service by establishing and maintaining an inviting, honest, caring environment for community support.

Public Comments: None

Announcements: None

Next Meeting: June 23, 2021 – Expo Park Gold Buckle Room – 1:30 pm

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dan Miller to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

Minutes Approved:

Board Chair: Leanne Hall Date: 6-23-21

Vice-Board Chair: C. Thompson Date: 6/23/21