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**Pierce County Fair Committee Meeting
Pierce County Office Building – Meeting Room 2 & 3
January 15, 2007 4:00 p.m.**

Call to Order –

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Kosin at 4:02 p.m. Other Committee members present were Bob Traynor, Dan Reis and Don Rohl. Mike Larson was absent. Kirstin Schilling was excused. Ann Webb, Annette Langer, Curt Kephart and Mel Pittman were present.

Approved printed agenda –

Motion by D. Reis/B. Traynor to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Review/approve minutes of December 11, 2006 meetings –

A motion by B. Traynor/D. Reis to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Mel Pittman asked about the current status of the Pierce County Friends of the Fair Foundation. A. Webb replied that it has been sent to Corporation Counsel over a year ago to have the articles of incorporation drafted.

Discuss/take action on request from County Administrative Coordinator to evaluate and recommend action on merging support staff position in UW-Extension and County Fair –

Due to the seasonal demands in both offices, the combination of positions can't be worked out. Motion by J. Kosin/Dan Reis that the option to combine the two positions NOT be approved or recommended. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on 2007 booked entertainment -

Webb presented a list of booked entertainment to date. Motion by B. Traynor/D. Rohl to approve the \$16,925 in booked entertainment so far. Motion carried. Other entertainment options discussed included adding a garden tractor pull, mechanical bull and switching the horse pull to

possibly different day or time.

Coordinator report – Webb reported about the Fair convention in Green Bay last week. 2007 Fairgrounds rental rates approved by the Buildings/Grounds committee were handed out to the committee. A. Webb informed the committee that the motocross contract has been signed and that she is exploring dirt options and social garden options. It was mentioned that no carry-ins will be allowed. A. Webb is still waiting for the Cheese Curd and Polka Fest contracts from Corporation Counsel. Webb mentioned to the committee about a three-part Marketing seminar that would be offered in February/March at WITC in New Richmond that she would like to attend. Dan Reis/B. Traynor recommended that Webb attend.

Future Agenda Items – Formal action on marketing seminar for Webb to attend.

Meeting Date/Adjourn – Webb will determine if a meeting is necessary in February, otherwise Monday, March 5th at 4:00 p.m. in meeting room 1 will be the next meeting. Motion by B. Traynor/D. Reis to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Pierce County Fair Committee Meeting
Pierce County Office Building – Meeting Room 1
March 5, 2007 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Kosin at 4:00 p.m. Other Committee members present were Kirstin Schilling, Bob Traynor, Dan Reis and Don Rohl. Mike Larson was absent. Ann Webb, Annette Langer and Curt Kephart were present.

Approved printed agenda – Motion by B. Traynor/D. Rohl to approve printed agenda. Motion carried.

Review/approve minutes of January 15, 2007 meetings – A motion by B. Traynor/D. Reis to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. K. Schilling abstained. Public Comment - none

Discuss/take action on changes to Pierce County Partners in Tourism food stand – Jerry Kosin stated that the PC Partners in Tourism want to replace their temporary awning in front of their food stand with a permanent roof structure with open sides. Motion by K. Schilling/B. Traynor to forward this request onto the building committee and that the Fair Committee recommends approval.

Discuss/take action on charge for county departments renting fairground buildings - As part of the 15% budget reduction/revenue increase proposal submitted in September, action needed to be taken on the amount that would be charged to county departments that would be using the Seyforth Building. Motion by K. Schilling/D. Reis to approve a \$50. rental charge per day to any county department that uses the Seyforth Building. Motion carried. Curt Kephart suggested that future outside interested parties will have to have a County Department sponsor them. This would give the county someone to go back to in case of problems.

Discuss/take action on obtaining permits for selling alcohol at the pre-fair motocross event - Motion by B. Traynor/D. Rohl to proceed with obtaining the necessary permits and licenses in order for the Fair Committee to serve alcohol at the pre-fair motocross event. Motion carried. Also the coordinator was instructed to check with various beer distributors as to who would offer the best benefit to us. A. Webb is to contact and offer compensation to a licensed bartender who would be available for the motocross.

Discuss/take action on expanding open class natural sciences to include wine making - A proposal to have a Fairbook class for wine making was shown to the committee and all the regulations and precautions were discussed. Motion by D. Reis/B. Traynor to approve addition of the wine making class to the open class natural sciences department. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on additional 2007 booked entertainment - Additional booked entertainment was shown to the committee. Various garden tractor pull options were discussed. It was agreed to proceed with Gopher State Garden Tractor Pull on Sunday in the grandstands and move the horse pull to Saturday morning starting at 10 a.m. Kendall Meyers, Norm Knight and Glen Everhart were approved as entertainers. Also, for the horse pull, we would be charging a \$2. admission charge to see the event. The garden tractor pull would have free admission for this year until we can determine the crowd size. Motion by D. Reis/K. Schilling to approve the additional entertainment as presented. Motion carried. Motion by D. Rohl/B. Traynor for coordinator to finish booking entertainment and bring that information back to the committee. Motion carried.

Coordinator report – A. Webb brought the committee up to date on the motocross, the printing of the new fairbook, the annual report and Bill Emery's request for train & pony rides.

Future Agenda Items and Meeting Date/Adjourn – Monday, April 16th at 4:00 p.m. in meeting room 2 & 3 will be the next meeting. Motion by B. Traynor/D. Rohl to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Pierce County Fair Committee Meeting
Pierce County Office Building – Meeting Room 2 & 3
April 16, 2007 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Kosin at 4:01 p.m. Other Committee members present were Kirstin Schilling, Bob Traynor, Dan Reis and Don Rohl. Mike Larson was absent. Ann Webb, Annette Langer and Paul Barkla (4:20 p.m.) were present.

Approved printed agenda – A motion by K. Schilling/B. Traynor to approve printed agenda. Motion carried.

Review/approve minutes of March 5, 2007 meetings – A motion by D. Reis/K. Schilling to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment - none

Discuss/take action on attendance to WAFE District 2 meeting on April 19th in Polk County –
A motion by B. Traynor/D. Reis to approve two people to attend the District 2 meeting. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on improvements to horse arena by F&K Trucking and Excavation
A motion by D. Reis/B. Traynor to agree with the building/grounds committee to allow F&K Trucking to do the improvements to the horse arena with no cost to the Fair or Building/Grounds committee nor the 4-H horse committee. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on additional 2007 booked entertainment –
A. Webb stated she has \$800. left in the entertainment budget, but has no new acts to approve at this meeting. She will bring them forth at future meetings. No action taken at this meeting.

Coordinator report –
Coordinator Webb addressed the committee on several items. 1) Two different proposals had been received from various beer distributors and were reviewed with the committee. Webb & the committee favored General Beer – Northwest due to the pricing and additional sponsorship they are willing to offer for the event. 2) Clarification needed to be brought up to the Fair Committee

on the exact wording of the Village Ordinance restricting “an open container” on the Pierce County Fairgrounds during the Fair. Committee requested this to be placed on the next month’s agenda. 3) Copy of the ethics regulations added to the Fairbook was given to the committee. 4) Webb has been approached by an oxen farmer who wanted to offer an education exhibit during the fair. It was agreed by the committee to offer him possibly in the grandstand or possibly near horse pull time. Webb would have to talk to the oxen owner to clarify some additional details. 5) Webb brought the committee up to date on the current union bumping/posting situation with the Fair Secretary position. Webb indicated from now until Fair this is a critical time to have regular people staffing her office. The committee was supportive in allowing additional temporary help if the Fair Secretary position becomes unoccupied between now and the end of August.

Future Agenda Items –

Review Village of Ellsworth Beer Ordinance

Meeting Date/Adjourn –

Next meeting was set for Monday, May 21st at 4:00 p.m. in meeting rooms 2 & 3. Motion by B. Traynor/K. Schilling to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Pierce County Fair Committee Meeting
Pierce County Office Building – Meeting Room 2 & 3
May 15, 2007 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Kosin at 4:02 p.m. Other Committee members present were Kirstin Schilling, Bob Traynor, Dan Reis, Don Rohl, and Mike Larson (4:13). Ann Webb, Megen Galoff, Ken Hines, and Curt Kephart (4:14 p.m.) were present. Tony Hines, Darlene Bloomstrand, and Jim Klaas representing the Ellsworth Funsters and Derek Featherstone, Brad Verges, Brad Peterson, and Dave Hausman representing the DNR/Sheriff's department were also present.

Approved printed agenda – A motion by K. Schilling/D. Rohl to approve printed agenda. Motion carried.

Review/approve minutes of April 16, 2007 meetings – A motion by B. Traynor/D. Reis to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment - none

Discuss/take action on additional 2007 booked entertainment

A motion K. Schilling/B. Traynor to approve the additional 2007 booked entertainment. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on Ellsworth Funsters renting First Aid building

J. Kosin presented his ideas on how to calculate the charge for the Funsters to rent the First Aid building for storage. The Building and Grounds committee had set a rate of \$315 to rent the building. It was agreed that it is too late to change the charge for this year, however that the rental rate should be reexamined next winter. A motion by D. Reis/D. Rohl to approve the rental rate of \$315 for this year. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on DNR/Sheriff's Dept. request to add building to fairgrounds

Representatives from the Sheriff's Dept./DNR stated that they were interested in building a storage facility on the fairgrounds. They have wanted to do this for several years but currently have the funding to do so. Committee members thought that there is limited space on the fairgrounds and that maybe land near the Highway Department would be a better location. A

motion by M. Larson/B. Traynor to not allow the DNR/Sheriff's Dept. to build a storage facility on the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on clarification on Village of Ellsworth ordinance

A. Webb said that the village ordinance states that no open container of alcohol can be on the fairgrounds during the fair. In a discussion with Greg Place and Sheriff Hove, they recommended that the fair committee comes up with a policy stating that no alcohol whatsoever is allowed on the fairgrounds during the fair or if we do choose to use the village ordinance that alcohol is allowed on the premises as long as it is not open. A motion by D. Reis/M. Larson to approve the use of the village ordinance and to make signs that state the village ordinance on them. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on fair office staffing

C. Kephart brought the board up to date with the current staffing situation in the fair office. A. Webb asked the committee for permission to hire a temporary person to fill in the hours that are lost by Annette Langer filling both the fair secretary and UW Extension secretary positions. A motion by M. Larson/K. Schilling to approve the hire of a temporary position. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on coordinator's goals for 2007

A. Webb presented her goals for 2007 to the board. After a short discussion, several goals were eliminated due to the inability to be measured. A motion by D. Reis/B. Traynor to accept the coordinator's goals. Motion carried.

Coordinator report –

A. Webb informed the committee of an AgStar county fair grant that she is applying for. The grant is for \$2,500 and would be used to help offset the cost of replacing the roof on the Silver Barn.

Future Agenda Items –

Update on Motocross event.

Meeting Date/Adjourn –

Next meeting was set for June 25th at 4:00 pm, July 30th at 4:00 pm, and August 22nd at 4:00 pm. A motion by D. Rohl/B. Traynor to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. Motion carried.

Pierce County Fair Committee Meeting
Pierce County Fairgrounds—4-H Food Stand
July 30, 2007 4:00 pm

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Kosin at 4:10 p.m. Other Committee members present were Kirstin Schilling, Bob Traynor, Dan Reis, and Don Rohl. Mike Larson was absent. Ann Webb, Annette Langer, Megen Galoff, Ken Hines, and Myanna Lansing were present.

Approved printed agenda – A motion by K. Schilling/D. Reis to approve printed agenda. Motion carried.

Review/approve minutes of May 21, 2007 meeting – A motion by D. Rohl/B. Traynor to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment - none

Discuss/take action on additional 2007 booked entertainment

A motion by K. Schilling/D. Reis to approve the additional 2007 booked entertainment. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on adding one additional mobile food stand to fair

No discussion or action taken.

Discuss/take action on storing Cheese Curd Float, Polka Fest floors and 40-08 American Legion train

A. Webb suggested charging the Cheese Curd Festival, Polka Fest, and American Legion the same fee as winter storage, \$8.25 per running foot for six months. If time frame is longer than six months, a pro-rated fee would be charged. A motion by D. Reis/D. Rohl to approve \$8.25 per running foot for six months and pro-rated fees for storage longer than six months. Motion carried.

Coordinator report –

A. Webb informed the committee that there wouldn't be any fair committee meetings during the fair unless it is an emergency. A. Webb also reported on the Polk County Fair. Webb attended

the fair and viewed Mr. Ed's Magical Midways carnival. She reported that the carnival was clean and had nice rides.

Future Agenda Items –
Discuss 2008 budget.

Meeting Date/Adjourn –

The next meeting was confirmed to be Wednesday, August 22nd at 4:00 pm. A motion by K. Schilling/B. Traynor to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm. Motion carried.

Pierce County Fair Committee Meeting
Pierce County Office Building – Meeting Room 1
August 30, 2007 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Kosin at 4:00 p.m. Other Committee members present were Kirstin Schilling, Bob Traynor, Dan Reis, and Don Rohl. Mike Larson was absent. Ann Webb, Fair Coordinator and Jim Ross, representing the Pierce County Partners in Tourism were present.

Approved printed agenda – A motion by B. Traynor/D. Rohl to approve printed agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment - none

Review/approve minutes of July 30, 2007 meetings – A motion by D. Rohl/D. Reis to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on Ellsworth Funsters follow-up on Demo Derby results - Funsters were not present, will place on October agenda.

Discuss/take action on Pierce Co. Partners Tourism repainting of food stand - Jim Ross representing the P.C. Partners in Tourism addressed the committee about repainting the food stand out at the Fairgrounds. Building and trim colors discussed were of the “autumn” theme to reflect back towards local tourism. Motion by B. Traynor/K. Schilling to approve painting the building and trim (2 colors maximum) with autumn colors to be approved by Coordinator Webb prior to starting and forward onto the Building Committee for final approval. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on 2008 budget - The 2008 budget expenditures and revenues were presented and reviewed by the fair committee. Motion by D. Reis/D. Rohl to approve the 2008 Fair budget as presented. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on 2008 Fair events - Motion by D. Reis/B. Traynor to give Coordinator Webb the authority to book 2008 entertainment up to the budget limit yet this year in order to maintain the contracts on activities we want to bring back for the 2008 Fair. Motion carried.

Coordinator report – Numerous items were discussed. 1) The 2008 Fair will be the 125th Pierce County Fair. Webb indicated that she'd like to do extra things throughout the year to promote the 125th celebration. 2) Fair results were handed out to the committee for review. 3) Webb indicated that 4 carnivals are interested in obtaining Pierce County as a fair. A survey to the carnivals was discussed and should be discussed at the October Fair committee meeting. 4) \$2500. was obtained by a grant from AgStar to help replace the roof on the Silver Barn. 5) Coca Cola would like to see all food concessions go to 20 oz. bottles of pop at next years fair due to the increase in breakdowns in equipment this year. Also groundskeeper Hines would like to see all food stands go to fluorescent lights before next year fair. A meeting will be planned with the food stands yet this fall and these items will be discussed. 6) We have 50 recycling bins now, but more should be purchased especially if we are going to be switching to all 20 oz. bottles of pop instead of cups. Webb had budgeted some within her budget for 2008. 7) The Fair Secretary position is still unfilled. Webb will have discussion with Curt Kephart and Sandy Langer to get the position back into the paper with a tentative fill date of January 1, 2008 and also to see if the Union would approve Annette Langer to fill in 2 days a week until the end of the year.

Future Agenda Items – Demo Derby results from Funsters, survey for carnivals, dates on motocross, attendance to state convention.

Meeting Date/Adjourn – Next meeting was set for October 15th at 4:00 pm in meeting room 2 & 3. A motion by D. Reis/D. Rohl to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. Motion carried.

Pierce County Fair Committee Meeting
Pierce County Office Building – Meeting Room 2 & 3
October 15, 2007 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Kosin at 4:00 p.m. Other Committee members present were Kirstin Schilling, Bob Traynor, Dan Reis, and Don Rohl. Mike Larson was absent. Ann Webb, Fair Coordinator and Jim Klaas, representing the Ellsworth Funsters were present. Paul Barkla arrived at 4:35 p.m.

Approved printed agenda – A motion by K. Schilling/D. Rohl to approve printed agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment - none

Review/approve minutes of August 30, 2007 meetings – A motion by K. Schilling/D. Reis to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on Ellsworth Funsters follow-up on Demo Derby results – Motion by D. Reis/B. Traynor to accept the report from the Ellsworth Funsters as presented. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on letter to Tip Top Carnivals – Coordinator Webb had prepared a survey for all interested carnivals to complete and return back to the committee for review at the November committee meeting. Minor changes were made to the survey. Motion by B. Traynor/D. Rohl to sent the survey to the 4 interested carnivals and review results at the November meeting. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on attendance to State Convention on January 7-9 in Green Bay – Motion y K. Schilling/B. Traynor to approve 2 rooms for 4 people for 3 nights. Motion carried.

Coordinator report –. Numerous items were discussed. 1) Union approved Annette Langer working two day per week in the Fair Secretary position until the end of the year with refilling the position to be complete by January 1. The ad should be in the paper by early November. 2) Fairground usage calendar was reviewed for an alternative motocross dates. Coordinator Webb is to check with Motokazie about July 25 or August 1. 3) Webb reported that the food stand meeting had been held and the decision to go with bottled pop and changing to fluorescent lights within the food stands were discussed and no objections from the food stands were expressed. 4) AMT figures were reported to the committee with payment expected within the week. 5) Farm Technology dates of July 20, 21, 22, 2010 were told to the committee and the effect that may have on the fair. 6) Webb advised that she would be starting the negotiating with the non-fair time renters on their contracts such as Polka Fest, Cheese Curd and also the Funsters for the demo derby.

Future Agenda Items – Survey results from carnivals.

Meeting Date/Adjourn – Next meeting was set for November 19 at 3:00 pm in meeting room 2 & 3 and December 17 at 3:00 pm in meeting room 2 & 3. A motion by K. Schilling/D. Reis to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm. Motion carried.

Pierce County Fair Committee Meeting
Pierce County Office Building – Meeting Room 2 & 3
November 19, 2007 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Kosin at 3:03 p.m. Other Committee members present were Bob Traynor, Dan Reis, and Don Rohl. Mike Larson & Kirstin Schilling were absent. Ann Webb, Fair Coordinator was present.

Approved printed agenda – A motion by B. Traynor/D. Rohl to approve printed agenda. Motion carried.

Review/approve minutes of October 15, 2007 meetings – A motion by D. Reis/B. Traynor to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Dan Reis mentioned that even though Farm Technology Day 2010 seems to be a long ways off, there are many committees that will be forming and that they need everyone's involvement so please consider joining a committee.

Discuss/take action on fair food stand rates – Motion by D. Reis/B. Traynor to approve the proposed 4% increase as present by the Fair Coordinator. Motion carried.

Discuss/take action on fairgrounds rental rates – Motion by B. Traynor/D. Rohl to recommend to the Building Committee the proposed rounded rates for 2008 as present by the Fair Coordinator. Motion carried.

Coordinator report –. Numerous items were discussed. 1) Fair Secretary position has been placed in the paper with a November 30th application deadline. Interviews would take place in early December for a proposed January 2nd start date. 2) The Motocross will be Friday, August 1st; the July 25th date was unavailable. 3) State Fair Convention reservations are due by the end of the month, anybody interested in attending must let Webb know as soon as possible. 4) The effects to the fair/fairgrounds of the proposed bonding issue were discussed. 5) Carnival surveys were due back and reviewed. Wenzel Amazements responded with a letter and didn't complete the survey or send the required information. Mr. Ed's Magical Midway sent a professional portfolio with all the required information. Tip Top Shows faxed a letter and survey. After reviewing the information provided, it was determined that due to each carnivals available dates, that we would proceed with a contract with Tip Top Shows again for 2008. The committee requested a letter be sent to Mr. Ed's Magical Midway to ask them to keep us informed if they ever become available for our fair dates.

Future Agenda Items – Update on carnival.

Meeting Date/Adjourn – Next meeting was set for December 17 at 3:00 pm in meeting room 2 & 3. A motion by B. Traynor/D. Reis to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm. Motion carried.