

Minutes of: 25th District Agricultural Association
Buildings & Grounds and Friends of the Fair Committees

Meeting Held on: Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Directors Present: Myrna Abramowicz, Don Carr, Dave Dickson, and Hope Lugo

Friends Board Members Present: Mark Coleman, Tala DeWynter, Tom Feutz, Jack Hussey, Nancy Pridmore, Jim Roberts, John Salmon and Ray Sercu

Staff Present: Joseph Anderson, Denise Davis and Rosemary Stockwell

Others Present: Muriel Fagiani

CALL TO ORDER

President Dickson called the meeting to order at 12:23 p.m. and offered a brief introduction of the purpose of the meeting today.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Dickson called for approval of the agenda.

Friends Director Sercu moved approval of the agenda. Friends Director Hussey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Dickson opened the floor for public comment.

Muriel Fagiani asked about the progress of the Soscol Corridor project, and if the Expo owned any property on Soscol Avenue. President Dickson addressed her questions.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

President Dickson called for approval of the minutes of the December 14th Board meeting.

Vice President Abramowicz moved approval of the minutes from December 14, 2004. Director Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE REVENUE GENERATING IDEAS FOR THE EXPO

A discussion of the Governor's CPR report and the proposed legislation to convert the DAA's to public benefit corporations took place.

The Boards discussed the current financial condition of the Expo and examined a five year trend analysis prepared by staff.

Future revenue generating ideas were discussed, including the downward trend in bingo gaming in the State due to an increase in Indian gaming establishments; the recent submission of a Revenue Generating Grant to renovate one-third of the RV Park; possible taxation; current rentals and the rates currently in place.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Friends Board President Nancy Pridmore thanked the Buildings & Grounds committees for the update in information. Currently, the Friends Board has no say in the planning of the grounds. If the DAA Board makes a decision one way or another, they can then come to the Friends Board for assistance, either for financial support through fund-raising or just general support.

ADJOURNMENT

The joint committee meeting of the 25th District Agricultural Association Buildings & Grounds and Friends of the Fair Committees adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Joseph Anderson, Interim CEO

Date

David Dickson, President

Date