

Greater Grand Forks Fair board of directors meeting 4/8/2020 by Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic

Present: Terry, Pam, Derek, Pam, Dennis, Darren, Kenny, Keith, Bill, Connie, Mark, Diane, and Jeanie

Guests: MaKayla

The board met to discuss the current situation with the coronavirus pandemic across the country. The Fair is still on as scheduled, but that is subject to change at any time as the situation warrants. Diane has been receiving reports through government because of her position on the County Commission. Some of that information is saying that this situation could extend the shutdown longer than most people expect. One thought is that this part of the country may be behind much of the rest of the country as the situation plays out so it may take longer. Mark and Jeanie have been in touch with other Fairs in the region. None have made any decisions at this point, they are waiting until closer to Fair time before deciding whether to cancel or go ahead.

The general consensus of the board is to wait before making any long term decisions. We will let local and state government bodies and the health departments make their decisions or recommendations. It will probably be at least May before we have a better idea about what the situation will be in June. Jeanie will reserve the golf carts and utility vehicles that we normally use for the Fair. She will also proceed with any other normal work that we would be doing this time of year. Kenny will start working on the advertising and the tents. Darren will talk to Mike Spieker about making posters, and the fireworks people.

MaKayla asked whether it would be possible to allow the 4-H program to have a petting zoo during the Fair as a fundraiser for the program. Jeanie suggested waiting until 2021 to have a petting zoo. Several board members agreed that it made sense to wait because of the uncertainty. MaKayla agreed and said she would take that back to the 4-Hers.

Darren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Connie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned. We will have another meeting as it is needed.