

SWEETWATER COUNTY EVENTS COMPLEX

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 23, 2020

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approvals of May 26, 2020 Meeting Board Minutes
5. Financial Report
6. Approval of Checks:
 - 1st Bank Checks: 57207 – 57219
 - 1st Bank Direct Deposits: 5987 – 6010
 - Commerce Bank Checks: 1374 – 1382
 - Commerce Bank Direct Deposits: 24527 – 24570
7. Public Comment
8. Presentations
9. Listing of July 2020 Events
 - July Board Meeting Date
10. Correspondence
11. Old Business
 - Water Metering Station & MOU with City of Rock Springs
 - FY 2021 Budget
 - Live Horse Racing
 - Fair 2020
12. New Business
 - FY2020-2021 Tax Anticipation Loan
 - FY2019-2020 Budget Adjustment
13. Closing Comments
 - Staff: Executive Director
 - Board: Open Forum for Board Comments
 - Commissioner Comments
14. Executive Session, if needed.
15. Adjournment

Next Board Meeting is July 21, 2020

**Sweetwater County Events Complex
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
June 23, 2020**

Call to Order:

Chairperson Spicer called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present: Paul Zancanella, Roger Torgersen, Bob Spicer and Rob Zotti.
Absent: Faith Harris, Janet Hartford, Kaye Goicolea & Donald Palleson
Also present: Larry Lloyd, Kandi Pendleton and Erika Koshar

Approval of Agenda:

Trustee Zotti moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgersen. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Torgersen moved to approve the May 26, 2020, board minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zotti and passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Cash Balance, June 1, 2020	\$1,265,002
Add Receipts	\$108,384
Less Expenditures	\$944,884
Cash Balance, June 23, 2020	<u>\$428,502</u>

Trustee Torgersen moved to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zancanella and passed unanimously.

Approval of Checks:

Motion to approve-

1st Bank Checks: 57207 – 57219
1st Bank Direct Deposits: 5987 – 6010
Commerce Bank Checks: 1374 – 1382
Commerce Bank Direct Deposits: 24527 – 24570

Trustee Zancanella moved to approve all checks as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Torgersen. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

Presentations:

None.

Listing of Events:

Erika Koshar reviewed the July 2020 events.

Spicer inquired if the Speedway has been well attended. Pendleton noted that all races thus far has been sold out for spectators and the car count has been higher than ever before.

Correspondence:

None.

Old Business:

Water Metering Station & MOU with City of Rock Springs – Executive Director noted that the agreement has been signed and being sent to the City.

FY 2021 Budget – Executive Director Lloyd noted that the budget has been approved by the County Commission. The total will be \$703k less than requested. Trustee Spicer inquired what will change. Lloyd noted that the rental and gate fees will increase in order to cover the costs of putting on the event. One comment Lloyd has heard, “The SEC needs to be more self-sufficient”. Our rates are kept low because we receive money from the mill levy.

For example, the Indoor Arena doesn’t charge for general usage, however, we maintain the ground, and facility. There may be usage fee now associated to any riding. SEC has to take a strong look at the costs of running an event and usage.

Trustee Zancanella noted that it will be extremely difficult for the community because our users are spoiled as they want the arenas and track worked. We are cutting back the use of our fuel, usage of the harrow teeth and wear & tear of machinery.

Director Lloyd noted that we have difficult conversations to have in the next week in regards to labor in regard to who stays and who goes.

It starts at the County Commission level, if they don’t want to fund us, we are going to have to find alternatives.

SEC provides the number 1 recreation outlet for Sweetwater County. Those who cannot take a camper to the mountains, they come out to the complex to blow off some steam.

Entities like the School District, who have taken advantage of our deep discounts for youth events are going to need to pay full rental rates. Especially since these events usually require more setup.

Currently, we get calls and inquiries on a daily basis for teens needing a place to work. We typically hire 54 seasonal positions and many are still not employed.

Commissioner Lloyd noted that it was difficult and quite convoluted overall. He looks forward to the first strategic planning meeting & discussion on June 18th so that we can add budget discussions throughout the year.

Kandi Pendleton noted that Bonnie Berry made a public comment during the budget public meeting noting her disappointment in the Commission for choosing objects over people.

Live Horse Racing – Kandi Pendleton noted that contract is complete. We currently don't know what it will look like exactly, but no spectators. The races will run Sunday, Monday & Tuesday to continue the simulcast. We struggled with this process, but we need to have the space for a jockey changing room, which closes off the facility to the public.

Fair 2020 – The Board was provided a schedule for the week of the Sweetwater County Fair. We are not allowing the beef to tie out in the east arena. The beef and sheep will be housed in the stall area. The only shavings provided will be for the livestock auction. Erika is recycling some awards to prepare for the 4-H events. The horse ring will stay up all week as we do not have the manpower to switch it around. Trustee Zotti noted that many 4-H families have asked for the event to be wholly focused on the kids' projects and this is the year to see how it works. Trustee Spicer reminded the Board that no entertainment or family activities during the project showings. Pendleton noted that we are asking the 4-H kids to clean their stalls before premiums will be paid.

New Business:

FY2020-2021 Tax Anticipation Loan – Director Lloyd indicated that SEC asks the County Commission to approve

Motion to approve Torgersen, Zancanella, approved.

FY2019-2020 Budget Adjustment – Trustee Spicer read the Resolution to change the FY2019-20 budget.

Motion to approve as read by Zotti, Torgersen seconded. Approved.

Closing Comments

Executive Director: None.

Board Members: Trustee Spicer noted that it is difficult to make plans as we do not know which direction to go next week. It is a scary time.

Commissioner Lloyd: None.

Adjournment:

Trustee Zotti moved to adjourn the public meeting and into an executive session and Trustee Torgersen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

*Executive Session

Trustee Zotti moved to adjourn the executive session and public meeting and Trustee Torgersen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Spicer, Chairman

Faith Harris, Secretary