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**AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
January 5,6,7,8 2025
Chula Vista Resorts, Wisconsin Dells, WI**

Sunday, January 5

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Roger Guthrie, in addition to Chairperson Guthrie, were Pat Schroeder, Joe Mumm, Kathy Kopp, Bob Keeney, and Amy Olson.

The meeting notice was posted at the Administration Building, UW-Extension Office, Youth & Ag Center, and media by Amy Olson.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Joe Mumm to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Contracts were signed for the 2025 Grant County Fair for the following:

- Bungart Motorsports - \$8,100

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Joe Mumm to accepted the above contract. Motion carried.

Discussion on what entertainment we have left to look for at the trade show for both the kids tent and entertainment tent.

Amy was asked to contact Tricor Insurance and ask about waivers that we have spectators sign for the back pits. Do they need updated? Who has to sign? Are we good with the current practice we have?

Recess till call of chair

Monday, January 6

Those present were Pat Schroeder, Roger Guthrie, Kathy Kopp, Joe Mumm, Bob Keeney, and Amy Olson

Committee board members and I attended workshops and the trade show today to find entertainment for the fair.

The board met with the WAF Auction Committee to discuss how the auction will run Monday and Tuesday night. The Grant County Fair Board volunteers their time to help at the auction. I attended the showcase committee meeting and premium committee meeting.

Discussion was held on having Brew City Wrestlers back for Sunday, August 17 in the entertainment tent with a show starting at noon. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Kathy Kopp to sign the contract tomorrow with Brew City Wrestlers in the amount of \$3500. Motion carried.

Discussion on kids tent entertainment. After discussing we are going with Kid Davie which will have strolling robots and one magic show daily. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Joe Mumm to sign a contract with Kid Davie in the amount of \$3600 for the 2025 fair. Motion carried.

Joe Mumm and Kathy Kopp attended the We Are Family session and Kathy shared some ideas that other fairs do that we may be able to implement.

Recess til call of Chair.

Tuesday, January 7

Those present were Pat Schroeder, Roger Guthrie, Joe Mumm, Kathy Kopp, Mark Vosberg, Bob Keeney, and Amy Olson

Committee board members and I attended workshops and the trade show. I attended the Associated Members meeting.

Meeting was held with Tower Sound on the sound system in the barn. They will come back this spring and fix the issue.

We met with Badgerland Midways to discuss the 2024 fair and sign a two-year contract with them for 2025 and 2026. Prices for rides will increase for the next two years so all counties they provide services for will have the same prices. They will also extend their hours and open on Friday and Saturday at noon instead of 1pm for us. We have the option to sell advanced daily passes for the first time this year. They will be good for one day the midway is open and can be purchased on Badgerland Midways website or in the fair office. This will be discussed further at our January board meeting.

We met with Badger State Tractor Pullers to discuss a contract for Thursday, August 14. After discussing we will have them at the fair this year for \$18,550 and Kelly will be emailing Amy the contract to sign. Motioned by Joe Mumm, seconded by Mark Vosberg to have Badger State Tractor Pullers at the fair for Thursday night's grandstand event. Motion carried.

Recess til call of Chair.

Wednesday, January 8

Those present were Roger Guthrie, Joe Mumm, Bob Keeney, and Amy Olson.

Members of the board and I attend the WAF business meeting and attended workshops along with the fairest of the fair banquet that evening.

We had our District meeting with discussion on the convention. Suggestions were made from our district on workshops for next year, speakers for next year, and overall issues at Chula Vista.

Our Spring District Meeting is April 3, 2025 at the Chula Vista and encouragement for everyone to attend was stressed with having Ian Hill back as a speaker.

Next year's convention will be held January 11-14, 2026.

All concerns and suggestions that were discussed at the district meeting will be brought to the rest of the Wisconsin Association of Fair's Board at our next state board meeting February 16 and 17, 2025 at the Chula Vista Resort, which Amy will be attending as the District Director.

Next meeting is Monday, January 27, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Olson, CFE
Grant County Fairgrounds & Operations Director