

Southwestern Fair Commission, Inc
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2020

The Meeting of the Board of Directors/Members of the Southwestern Fair Commission, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, was duly called and held at the Pima County Fairground's La Cantina Meeting Room on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Directors Present: Marvin Selke, President; Judy Patrick, Secretary; Alan Levin, Director; Mark Cowley, Treasurer; Jim Murphy, Director; Garrett Ham, Director and Ron Allen, Director.

Staff Present: Jon Baker, Executive Director; Julia Heavner, Administrative Assistant; Bryon Lopez, CFO; Bert Rodriguez, Maintenance; Phyllis Ellis, Concessions and Launa Rabago, Marketing.

Others in Attendance: Chris Young, Young Law Firm; Gary Benoit.

- a. **Call to Order:** Marvin Selke called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.
- b. **Roll Call** All Present. Ron Allen, Director, telephone conference call.
- c. **Call to the Public:** Gary Benoit expressed his concern on Gun Shows and stated that the Southwestern Fair Commission should not discontinue them. He mentioned that the Gun Shows are controlled events and the public is misinformed on the Gun Show loophole.

2. Staff Reports:

a. Executive Director

i. Southern AZ Modelers Club

Jon Baker mentioned that the subleased property has been shut down and all gates are locked. He is working on implementing the property into the SWFC Strategic plan for upcoming uses in the future.

ii. Tucson Kart Club

Jon Baker mentioned Chance Ferrin with the Tucson Kart Club had contacted Julia Heavner with concerns regarding the suspension of racing at the Tucson Kart Speedway subleased property in order to adhere to the CDC recommendations regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. On an email from Mr. Ferrin, he stated: "Unfortunately, we rely on these races to continue operations and they are our only source of income. With the suspension of our races we simply do not have the income to cover the monthly lease amount". Jon stated this is unfortunate and is due to the pandemic.

iii. Southern AZ Eventing Association

Jon Baker mentioned working with Marian LaLonde from SAEA and with Pima County Flood control on solving the complaint regarding the "riparian habitat". He stated that the complaint is largely a result of a misunderstanding regarding the area in question and the efforts that have been made to clean up the area.

iv. Pima County Wastewater

Jon Baker mentioned that the Wastewater Contract document has been signed by both parties. Jon stated that everything is in place for the Wastewater payment plan and is set to start in March, 2023.

v. Interim Events

Jon Baker stated the recent Gun Show on March 7-8, 2020 was the highest in revenue in recent years. He also stated that even though the FMCA RV Rally was canceled the RV park could get around 150-200 RV's.

vi. Projects

Jon stated that there were no projects scheduled at this time.

vii. AT&T Tower

Jon stated that the placement of the AT&T Tower is on a temporary hold until after the Pima County Fair.

b. C.F.O

i. Financial Report

Bryon Lopez went over the Financial report and updated the Board and Staff on the Profit and Loss sheet.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Review, discussion and possible action on minutes of the 1/30/2020 Board meeting.**
- b. Review, discussion and possible action on retaining Regier Carr & Monroe as outside CPAs.**

Jim Murphy made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Alan Levin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Old Business:

b. Review, discussion, and possible action on FMCA RV Rally Agreement. This agenda item relates to legal advice, contracts and/or lease of real property, and may be discussed in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Sec 38-431.03(A) (3), (4) and/or (7). Judy Patrick made a motion to go into executive session. Mark Cowley seconded the motion. The Board went into executive session at 10:03 a.m. Jim Murphy made a motion to go out of executive session. Mark Cowley seconded the motion.

Break out 10:53 a.m.

Break in 11:06 a.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 11:38 a.m. Garrett Ham moved "that the FMCA RV Rally be allowed to use 100% of their deposit for a future date within 2 years". Jim Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. New Business:

b. Review, discussion and possible action on the Management Agreement between Pima County, a political subdivision of the State of AZ and SWFC, Inc. an AZ nonprofit corp. This agenda item relates to legal advice, contracts and/or lease of real property, and may be discussed in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Sec 38-431.03(A) (3), (4) and/or (7). Jon mentioned that he would contact Pima County in reference to the Management Agreement between Pima County and Southwestern Fair Commission regarding the SWFC conducting the Fair.

c. Review, discussion and possible action on the agreement between 116 Music, LLC and Pima County Fair. This agenda item relates to legal advice, contracts and/or lease of real property, and may be discussed in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Sec 38-431.03(A) (3), (4) and/or (7). Jon Baker directed staff to start contacting current contractors pertaining to the Pima County Fair.

a. Review, discussion and possible action on planning for the annual Pima County Fair. Marvin Selke mentioned that 4-H had addressed some concerns about the possible cancellation of the Pima County Fair and what they would do with the 4-H animals. Also, that a 24-hour notice will be posted regarding a Special Meeting of the SWFC that will be held on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. to take action pertaining to the planning of the annual the Pima County Fair.

6. Closing Matters:

a. Announcements: Marvin Selke announced that Garrett and Kris Ham will be this year's Hall of Fame inductees. He also mentioned that they are the first 2 Hall of Fame inductees that were Pima County 4-H members in their younger years. The Board and Staff congratulated them.

b. Adjournment: Jim Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m. Alan Levin seconded the motion. The motion carried. A meeting of the Pima County Fair Commission was not conducted.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Patrick
SWFC Secretary