

**PRICE COUNTY FAIR**  
**Regular Meeting May 17, 2020**  
**1 p.m. U.W. Extension Office – Normal Bulding**

**Members present:** Peter Dahlie, Michelle Drobnik, Amy Karpenske, Jan Hardginski, Sue Nordall, Wyatt Lebal, Pat Vlach, Brooke Lebal, , Jed Hallstrand, , Denae Walcisak

**Absent/Excused:** Doug Kirby (E), Hannah Eibergen (A), Greg Hughes (A)

**Others present:**

**Meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Dahlie at 1:12 pm.**

**Minutes:** Tabled until next Meeting

**Public Comments/Correspondence:** Flambeau Rama for 2020 has been cancelled.

**Antiques Association:** The Antique Expo has been cancelled. The Antiques buildings will also not be open during the Price County Fair 2020 and we will need to find out how to get access to the electrical box inside the building. It is not determined if they will be open for future fairs.

**Open Class/Livestock Buildings:** With the collapse of the roof of part of the livestock barn, inspection determined the no part of the building may be used at this time. Inspection of the open class building was also done and deemed to not be safe. These buildings will be fenced off and will not be able to be used during the Fair. Price County will be holding an ad hoc committee meeting on Tuesday regarding what do about the buildings. Peter Dahlie and Michelle Drobnik plan on attending if they are allowed.

**Covid-19 Will there be a fair in 2020?:** This situation is still very fluid and how to make decisions. Public Health is still recommending social distancing measures. Even though things are starting to open back up, if infections/deaths start to go up again, things could be shut down again. Discussions were had about 4H not being able to exhibit, liability issues-keeping public safe, many fairs have already cancelled, can the market animal sale still be held and where and many other items including the impact of two important buildings not able to be used for the fair. The Rodeo, as they are separate from the fair, they will make their own decision if this event will still go on as planned. Many things still impact the decision to hold the 2020 Fair. Jan Hardginski made a motioned to wait until after the County Boar Ad Hoc meeting and until next month's meeting regarding holding the fair. Michelle Drobnik seconded. Motion carried.

**Committees**

**Advertising/Entertainment/Fundraising:** We are currently looking at entertainment contracts to see how they may be impacted by Covid-19. Donations are currently down from last year. The Home Show fundraiser was cancelled, and not sure about the ability to hold the proposed Drive in Movie fundraiser. This is being looked at and different ways to hire or purchase items for the event. Superone Foods in Park Falls is going to begin opening their brat stand so that is still one possibility for fundraising. T-shirts have been received for selling. Ways to advertise – new digital billboard, how much lead time for printing posters, etc. were discussed.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Buildings have been condemned – see comments above. The church building could perhaps be utilized in other ways. We have a new maintenance/grounds person this year.

**Commercial Vendors:** No contracts have come in. Jan Hardginski has contacted some food vendors and will start contacting more.

**Policy:** We have current agreements with 4H, Boy Scouts and the Hockey association. We do not have any agreement with the Antiques Association.

**Exhibits/Livestock:** Besides the Livestock and Open Class buildings, all other buildings can be used. Discussions were had regarding having animals go home each day, making/using pens from the horsebarn, and where to put open class entries. The Market Animal Committee will know more at the end of the month.

**Finance:** Treasurers report was read. State aid for entry premiums were received.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** The lease agreement from Price County was received. A new 4H Coordinator has been hired and will start the middle of July, sharing duties between Price and Taylor Counties.

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Fair Grounds.

**Meeting Adjourned** at approximately 2:20 p.m.