

FAIRGROUNDS SEWER/WATER COMMITTEE

Special Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2014

I. Call to Order

Gene Meier called the meeting to order

II. Roll Call

Attendees:

Vivian Shammel, Commissioner Assistant

Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner

Gene Meier

Mark Machler

Tom Meissner

Abby Hotz

Vicky Ruckman

Minutes were accepted as presented for the April 9, 2014 meeting.

The meeting was called to order and a motion was asked for on the April 9, 2014 minutes. Motion was made by Tom Meissner. Motion seconded by Sandy Youngbauer. Motion carried.

Commissioner Youngbauer indicated that she had checked into the Fire Hydrants and their locations at the Fairgrounds. Moving them is not going to be a problem with MACO. Commissioner Youngbauer also indicated that she had submitted the TBID application to Kathie Bailey.

Tom Meissner wanted to know if anyone knew where we were at on the brochures. No one had an update and Kevin Myhre was to get with Peccia and Associates on getting the changes done. Tom Meissner asked if Vivian could follow up on this and see where they are at. Tom Meissner indicated that we were not going to go with the letter that Erin had drafted as we were going to be sending out the brochures, once they are completed.

Mark Machler indicated that the County and the local RV Park needed to work on an agreement indicating that the County would not be in direct competition with the RV Park for campsite business. Tom Meissner asked that Mark get a letter from RV Park outlining the expectations for this position. Gene Meier indicated that the Fairgrounds has rented out to individuals who were not accepted at the RV Park do to the animals that they had with them such as dogs, horses, etc. Once the letter is received then Gene Meier can take this to the Fair board.

Abby and Vicky from the Jaycees attended the meeting and discussed how the Jaycees would like to help out with educating the public and the community. Abby indicated that the Jaycees had been thinking about doing a one page ad using the entities and groups that use the Fairgrounds. Vicky asked about the previous Mill Levy and what was left at the Fairgrounds to finish up with these funds. Gene indicated that the comfort station, wash bay and the pavilion floor were still left to complete and that the monies were still there to finish up these projects once there were utilities in place to do so. Gene indicated that these were topics at the Fairgrounds meeting last night and that they are hiring an engineering firm to engineer the floor for them and find out how much the floor was going to cost. Vicky indicated that she does not believe that the majority of the community does not realize how much the Fairgrounds facilities are used. Tom Meissner indicated that he thought it would be a great idea for the Jaycees to run their ad between the times that the Committee would be running their ads. Tom Meissner also indicated that Erin and Faith already had a handle on the users list and calling this list. The Fairgrounds users list was distributed to the group.

Tom Meissner wanted to know if there was any documentation out there indicating that the Fairgrounds would be shut down if there was raw sewage surfacing. Gene asked if the current Sanitarian would provide such a letter. Commissioner Youngbauer indicated that she would check with her.

Tom Meissner discussed the opinions that he sent out regarding public employee's participating in educating the public. The opinions indicated that as long as everything was in the form of educational and not promotional that we were fine. Tom Meissner also indicated that it was ok to run the monies that were collected by the committee through a County fund account. Gene Meier already has \$2000 at KXLO for spots, and he also put \$1000 at the News Argus for Advertising. Tom Meissner indicated that he will finish up the ad and get the wording put together for the radio spots, so that these can start running.

It was mentioned that the Committee would like to review the Ad that the Jaycees come up with for consistency with the Committee's ads and that all of the preferences were place prior to the ad being ran.