



CACHE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

December 18, 2024

The Cache County Fairgrounds Advisory Board met in a regular session Monday, December 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cache County Event Center, 490 South 500 West, Logan, Utah 84321

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members in Attendance:

David Zook, County Executive
David Erickson – County Council
Justin Clawson – USU Extension Agent
Rob Smith – County Fair Manager
LaMont Poulsen – County Rodeo Manager
Dirk Anderson – Chief Deputy County Executive

Advisory Members in Attendance:

Bart Esplin, Fairgrounds Manager
Ron Bjorkman – CCEC Marketing Director
Casadee Hudson – CCEC Assistant Mark. Direct
Julie Hollist-Terrill – CV Visitors Bureau
Bartt Nelson – Cache County IT Director
Taylor Sorensen - County Attorney

Voting Members Absent:

Sandi Goodlander, County Council
Mark Hurd, County Council
Kathryn Beus, County Council

Advisory Members Absent:

Shawn Milne – Economic Development

Also in Attendance:

Margaret Gittins – Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: A motion was made by David Erickson and seconded Rob Smith to approve the minutes of Dec. 10, 2024 as written.

10:10 am –guest Jayce Farnsworth, Conservation district; arrived

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

2. Long range capitol plan (went first because of guest)

Esplin - One year ago, the vision plan was completed. Esplin would like to put together a capitol plan for a long range budget (5years). A few items not in the vision plan that currently have more importance. Event Center customers are currently facing difficulty with requests from Logan City. We do not currently have adequate parking for the events held here. We need to look at potential options for more parking at the Fairgrounds. Options include grass area North of Event Center, Outfield, or east of Rodeo arena.

Zook - What about pool parking?

In the separation agreement, the clause with Logan City does state that we will work together with the use of facilities during events on both sides. Discussion of options and agreements to address this ongoing growth issue and working together with Logan City to make this possible.

Hudson -Logan City is requesting that a special event permit is done for any event held here at the Event Center. Those organizers are requested by Logan City to attend meetings with Logan City.

Esplin- Other event centers in Logan are not currently required to have the same permits. Parking issues seem to be the main drive of the concerns. The shared use of the pool parking lot is obviously a seasonal issue.

1. Request for fee waiver (conservation district) - guest Jayce Farnsworth

The Conservation District is under State, USU and federal. They have received a grant for the Soil Health Conference to be held in Northern Utah Oct 29-30. This includes the North Cache and Blacksmith Fork conservation (250 people)

Esplin -The proposed fee is \$1000 and we are seeking a waiver for this event. We do not bill local extension offices but do charge UDOT and other state organizations.

Zook-Do we pass this in council?

Farnsworth - Went before council in 2023

Esplin - would like to vet the options here before going to council

Open discussion of what the cost is to the county to have events like these and the appropriate rental cost for staff, supplies, maintenance.

Erickson - Recommendation to move to council

Zook - motion to move to council

Erickson - 2nd

Zook - Send recommendation to council

10:29 Farnsworth left meeting

Zook- Back to previous discussion of capitol plan and parking.

Discussion of the costs associated with long term parking. We could potentially have 200-300 more parking stalls, but would also be adding asphalt, curb, gutter, lighting and cameras. This is a discussion that will be had with Logan City to more clearly define the needs and requirements of future options.

3. Indoor Arena

Esplin - The County Fair and other historical events have outgrown the indoor arena. In 2023 we had 550 animals and 620 in 2024. We are running out of room even with the rental of temporary tents.

Zook - What is the current floor?

Esplin - concrete/dirt, would like to convert that. This is a major expense for improvement, considering where we are and what the future of the Fairgrounds are in the Long Term Capitol plan. Some things to consider for our next meeting would be the bowery, restroom, stage, curb and gutter.

- a. If we do not build new for 15 years, we will need to add a lean to the North side. It can also serve with potential storage use. Removal of connex. We are still working on long range ventilation issues in arena.
- b. Horse Stalls - What do we see/do with long range plan and the time frame of vision plan

Zook - When do we transition to a new facility and start investing in that?

How much land would we need to acquire? Neighboring issues, facility noise?

Esplin - Intern in 2025 to look at long term transition plan, parking and acreage needed.

Hollist Terrill - Do we even have land or location?

Zook - If we found acreage, what would happen with the existing Fairgrounds?

We cannot replace the Fairgrounds and what it currently offers. We need to consider options outside the box and what stays or goes. How do we make changes with generational changes and community needs? We need to allow the community to know and understand the growth and the options we have before us. A discussion with Logan City and the future of the current area would be beneficial.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cache County Event Center

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.