

Association of Iowa Fairs

Southwest District Meeting Minutes - Saturday, September 26, 2009

The meeting of the Southwest District of Iowa Fairs was held on September 26, 2009 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Red Oak, Iowa, with Montgomery County in charge of registration and the Host County for the evening. There was buffet meal served with the meeting following. Thank you to Montgomery County for hosting and supplying everyone with door prizes.

President Ann Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. with 17 out of 18 counties present for roll call (Mills County absent).

Secretary report was read. Carroll County motion to approve the minutes as presented. Guthrie County seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report was given, with \$225.45 account balance. Kathy Boswell submitted a bill of \$11.74 for stamps and supplies. Audubon County made a motion to pay the bill. Crawford County seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election of District Officers:

- ⇒ Election of District Chairperson: Audubon County nominated Ann Crawford of Monona County and Guthrie County seconded the nomination. Audubon County made motion to cast anonymous ballot for Ann Crawford as District Chairperson. Guthrie County seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ⇒ Election of District Vice Chairperson: Shelby County nominated Paul Quam of Greene County and Taylor County seconded the nomination. Shelby County made motion to cast anonymous ballot for Paul Quam for District Vice Chairman. Taylor County seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ⇒ Election of District Secretary/Treasurer – Taylor County nominated Kathy Bozwell of Adams County for Secretary/Treasurer. Fremont County seconded the nomination. Taylor County made motion to cast unanimous ballot for Kathy Bozwell as District Secretary/Treasurer. Fremont County seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election of District Director for Association of Iowa Fairs Board of Directors:

- ⇒ Crawford County nominated John Straight, Harrison County. Guthrie County seconded the nomination. No other nominations were offered. Crawford County as District Director to the Association of Iowa Fairs Board of Directors, Guthrie County seconded motion. Motion carried.

Iowa State Fair Report:

- ⇒ Gary Van Aernam spoke of the pre-fair activities. The first day food pantry discount. The Bill Riley Talent Show is 50 years old. Big Black from Adams County making record weight in biggest bull contest. Overall attendance was very good. Next year State Fair will be held August 12-22, 2010, with theme being "Non Stop Fun".
- ⇒ Running again for the State Fair Board of Directors will be C. W. Thomas, Guthrie County. CW asked for the support of the fairs at the election. CW also commented on State Fair statistics, such as the State Fair has 445 acres, with 400 employees, 50 food on a stick, 600 concession stands, 59,000 Exhibitors, 7900# of food for the food pantry. The Jacobson Center to be completed by 2010 (this is the building that will have the county barn quilts). Also seats may be purchased in memory of someone and the names will go on the wall.

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Association of Iowa Fairs report:

- ⇒ **Jim Mohr and John Straight reported that many of the fairs that they visited were going by the rules of the infrastructure. The County Fairs looked as though they were having great attendance. They both asked everyone to thank their County Supervisors and State Legislators for any money and support received. They also offered a big thank you to Tom and Sue Barnes for all they do for all the fairs.**
- ⇒ **State Funding: The 'pool' of county fair funds from last year has been dissolved. All funds in the 'pool' will be equally among all qualifying county fairs. Report was given on use of 2009 state funding by the fairs in the SW District. Carroll County made motion approve Report of Use of State Funding by SW District Fairs. Cass County seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- ⇒ **Tom Barnes spoke on several items.**
 - **He said a few counties still not sent entries in for the ISF Barn Quilt Contest.**
 - **Several counties have gone with ICAP Insurance.**
 - **The AIF website will have even more forms on it. Please check them out and watch for the deadlines.**
 - **The Blue Ribbon Fair Awards were announced, with Page County being selected for the SW District.**
 - **All fairs are encouraged to join the IAFE.**
 - **The 2009 Conference will be December 11 to 13. Highlights of the Conference were reviewed.**
 - **There is still a need to visit with your school board to back up school date back into September. This has become an issue with the kids having to make choices of missing out of school or participate at the Iowa State Fair. Visit with your Tourism Boards, Farm Bureau to help support the cause.**
 - **IAFE Zone 5 will be in Des Moines in February 26 to 28, 2010.**
 - **Again thank you to Montgomery County for hosting.**

No old business was brought forward.

Shelby County moved to adjourn the meeting, Crawford County seconded, motion carried.

Next meeting will be March 27, 2010 at Clarinda, Iowa at the Page County Fairgrounds, in Wibholm Hall. Social starts at 5:30 p.m., meal at 6:00 p.m. and meeting to follow. County Host will be Page County.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kathy Bozwell- Adams County