COMMITTEE: Oneida County Fair Planning Team

PLACE: Curran Professional Park Basement Conference Room

315 S. Oneida Avenue, Rhinelander

DATE: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 **TIME:** 5:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Craig Mandli, Tina Werres, Cindy Eckardt, Jenny Zier, Theresa Seabloom, Patricia Broukal, Nancy Gehrig, Bill Bell, and Melanie Ostermann

Excused: Lisa Kuczmarski, Denise Rheaume-Brand,

Absent: Freda Waalkens

Others Present: Tom Swearingen, Tom Peterson, Susan Glentz.

Call to order and President's announcements: The meeting was called to order by President Craig Mandli at5:15 p.m. The meeting has been properly noticed and the facility is handicap accessible.

No announcements were made. Tina welcomed Tom Peterson and Susan Glentz to the meeting. Both are prospective new members for the board. Tom was one of the trolley drivers at the 2010 fair. Sue has participated in other fairs in other parts of the country. Craig requested that Tom fill out an application for the board.

The meeting with an open discussion with the public, to be led by Dan Kuzlik tonight was canceled. Tonight's meeting will be a regular business meeting.

Approve agenda for today's meeting. <u>Jenny Zier made the motion to approve the agenda</u>, with the order of agenda items at the discretion of the President. <u>It was seconded by Cindi y Eckardt</u>. All ayes. Motion passed.

Approve minutes of Sept 8,, 2010: Cindy Eckardt made the motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. It was seconded by Nancy Gehrig. All ayes. Motion passed. Pat Broukal abstained as not present at the last meeting.

Correspondence. Craig noted that Lisa Kuczmarski has submitted her resignation from the fair committee. Her letter will be put on file.

Purchase of gas cards. This discussion was tabled for further discussion. Melanie is to locate the minutes from the previous year so members will know what was decided previously.

Update on carnival agreement with KM Amusements.

There is nothing to report at this time as Phyllis from A & P Amusements has not been available. It is anticipated that negotiation can begin now that the carnival season has ended and she will be available in the near future. K&M has not been notified of our intent at this time. Several members expressed interest regarding the use of wristbands and/or the commission percentage that, might be negotiated. After a brief discussion Tina said she would notify committee members when negotiations would occur so those that want to participate may be included (if it is possible). Hopefully there will be more to report at the next meeting.

<u>Discussion on interested or prospective board members.</u> Tina reported she had contacted several people who seem to be interested in being on the fair board, fair. Several kits for potential members were given out and have been distributed among those who express an interest on being added to the committee, however not all paperwork has been turned in. The members were advised they will have to fill out intent forms as well. The sheet listing the possible intent of current members indicates there may be 4 additions possible. Discussion on this topic

will be tabled to the next meeting, however the committee did thank both Tom Peterson and Sue Glentz for attending tonight's meeting.

Financial reports. The committee reviewed the report dated September 13 2010. Discussion was held regarding the invoice submitted by Gaber Electric in the amount of \$6,192.90. Tina advised the committee the city does not have funds to pay this bill. Bill Bell reported the city has made a \$57,000 commitment to improve Pioneer Park so the problems we experienced should not occur again. He stated the city is committed to improving water distribution by \$30,000.00 and upgrade the electrical system by another \$27,000 before the 2011 fair. Craig Mandli made the motion to approve invoices submitted for payment as indicated on the current sheet, with the addition of the invoice written on from the television station. The amount for approval was \$11,957.64. It was seconded by Jenny Zier... All ayes. Motion passed. Bill Bell abstained from voting because of his position as City Administrator.

Update on the District Fair Meeting Tina Werres reported the Wisconsin Fair Association members were pleased that Bill Bell, Dan Kuzlik, and Jim Winkler were available to greet them at the district meeting. This meeting was held at Northwood's Golf Course, Wednesday Oct 6, 2010. Attending from the Oneida County Fair Committee were Tina Werres, Tom Swearingen, Theresa Seabloom, and Melanie Ostermann. A total of 42 participants attended the meeting. It was noted that many other fairs had difficulty with weather, entertainment cancellations, and public forums available in anticipation of a picketing event. Our fair received many favorable comments during the event.

Public comment. None

Next meeting date. The Fair Planning Committee will meet Wednesday, November 17, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Curran Professional Building at 5:15 pm in the basement conference room.

Items to be included on the next agenda

Approve expenses for payment
Negotiations with A & P for 2011 fair.
Possible Shirts for Next Year's OCF Committee
New Board Members Pending
Gas Cards
Chamber of Commerce Request regarding vendors
Determine if need to have Dec. 15 meeting

Adjournment. <u>Bill Bell motioned to adjourn.</u> <u>Seconded by Jenny Zier</u>. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Ostermann, Fair Secretary