

**BOARD OF ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF THE OPEN BUSINESS MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013  
9:30 A.M.**

The Board of Ada County Commissioners (Board) met this date in an Open Meeting in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Ada County Courthouse Complex to act on the following items. Staff members present: Bob Batista, Expo Idaho/Western Idaho Fair; Kelly Paananen, Risk Management. Minutes Recorder: Sue Axtman.

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**I. IN THE MATTER OF CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner David L. Case called the meeting of the Ada County Commissioners to order at 9:30 a.m.

**II. IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners David L. Case and Jim Tibbs were present.

**III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Expo Idaho/Western Idaho Fair
- 2013 Gate Admission Increase Discussion

B. Batista explained that the Fair Board would like to construct some new facilities and make improvements to the fairgrounds. He stated that the Fair Board has researched the various fairs in the Northwest, the events that take place at Expo Idaho and those that take place in the valley. They believe the fair is the best value in town. With the increase of two additional concerts, the Fair Board believes it is necessary to raise the gate admission one dollar across the board so they can begin making the needed renovations. To achieve their goals as an enterprise fund, they need to raise their own money. They currently have \$2 million dollars in the bank and are hoping in three years, with a gate increase this year, status quo the following year, and then potentially raising the admission another dollar in 2015, to meet their goal of approximately \$3.5 million dollars to do substantial improvements.

D. Case clarified that the Fair Board voted to make the increases suggested by B. Batista at the February 12, 2013, meeting. B. Batista affirmed that the Fair Board did vote to proceed with the price increases.

**ACTION: J. TIBBS MOVED TO INCREASE THE GATE ADMISSION PRICE ONE DOLLAR FOR THE 2013 FAIR; KEEP THE SAME GATE ADMISSION PRICE FOR THE 2014 FAIR; AND INCREASE THE GATE ADMISSION PRICE ANOTHER ONE DOLLAR FOR THE 2015 FAIR. D. CASE SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION: D CASE CLARIFIED THAT THE MOTION ITSELF WAS THAT AFTER THE INCREASE OF ONE DOLLAR FOR THE 2013 FAIR, THE 2014 GATE ADMISSION WOULD INCLUDE THAT INCREASE OF ONE DOLLAR. B. BATISTA AFFIRMED THAT THE 2013 GATE ADMISSION PRICE WOULD STAY THE SAME THROUGH 2014. J. TIBBS STATED THAT THE FAIR STAFF AND ADVISORY BOARD HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB MANAGING THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS. HE SAID THAT EVEN WITH THE INCREASE, IT'S STILL A VERY GOOD VALUE FOR FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT AND THAT THE INCREASE GOES RIGHT BACK INTO THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS. D. CASE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE FAIR BOARD HAS BEEN DOING RESEARCH ON THIS MATTER FOR QUITE SOME TIME AND HE AGREES THE INCREASE IS**

**NEEDED TO ENHANCE THE APPEARANCE OF THE  
GROUNDS AS WELL AS THE FUTURE NEEDS OF EXPO  
IDAHO.**

**ACTION: J. TIBBS, AYE, AND D. CASE, AYE. THE MOTION  
CARRIED.**

**VI: IN THE MATTER OF RECESS:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was recessed at 9:36 a.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Christopher D. Rich, Ada County Clerk