

DATE: 7-23-16
MEETING OF: 7-26-16
FROM: David Kegebein CEO
RE: Fair Board & Foundation Board Planning Session

BACKGROUND:

After 4 years, 7 months & 23 days of incredible effort on the part of many talented individuals I am happy to report to the board that the overall condition of the fairgrounds facilities & business continue to improve every day. One of the most important pieces to this complicated puzzle is having an extremely well organized Foundation that supports the fairgrounds in a broad variety of different ways. I am also happy to report that their success is improving daily.

Everyone on both boards always expresses a strong interest in insuring long term stability of the 14th DAA.

While we have a lot more work to do repairing and modernizing our existing facilities it is time to start planning for a healthy and sustainable future beyond the next 10 years. This planning can go in many different directions but first I think we should review the many ideas and projects, some of which have been discussed for years. At this first planning session we will focus on catching everyone up so that all members of both boards and the public understand the various concepts and conversations.

We will follow up this introduction with additional planning sessions at board meetings this winter. As we move these planning efforts forward I envision conducting at least one or more large community meetings with everyone who currently or may plan to utilize facilities here at the fairgrounds.

I encourage everyone to keep an open mind and welcome new ideas. As always one individuals "new idea" might "gore another person's ox" so let's be friendly and respectful while we have some fun reviewing some great possibilities.

FISCAL IMPACT: Big

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Keep an open mind!

ATTACHMENTS: Foundation Board Retreat Ideas