

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

June 1, 2026

7:00pm Morton County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm central time by board Vice President Mark Isaacs.

Directors presented: Trina Gress, Peggy Brandt, Luke Dukart, Barry Schulz, Mark Isaacs, Thomas Friesz and Annie Gartner.

Associate Members presented: none

Guest: Russ Voight- 4-H Council President and Jeromie Taylor- Morton County Extension 4-H Agent

Custodial Report: no report

Additions/Approval of Agenda: Trina moved to approve agenda, Peggy 2nd motion passed

Secretary's Report: Barry moved to approve secretary's minutes as presented, Luke 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking account per bank \$149,521.73, Savings Account per bank \$28,022.85. Loan balance is \$276,960.11, next payment due 12/26/2026 (\$27,498.81).

Barry moved to approve the treasurer's report with correction (under fair income should be vendor income for \$300.71, not camping income) Trina 2nd motion passed.

4-H Report: none

Bills to pay: none

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Trina p/u the wooden train for the kid's zone, all other kids activities are ready to go.

Beer Garden: no report

Camping: will open on-line today June 1st at 8:00pm

Capital Improvements/ Facility Maintenance: Horse barn roof- Peggy talked to contractors, Dale Hoyer could work us into his schedule, no action taken. Concrete project is completed and looks great. Barry looked at the ramp by stage, plan is to place green treat plywood over the top and screw to concrete, put 45 degree angle top and bottom, and add thread grips to ramp.

He will contact contractors to get it fixed. Electrical upgrade for kitchen, need to add more outlets, this needs to be completed before the fair. Peggy will contact several electricians and bring quotes to next meeting. Wall in the storage room needs to be completed, will have the contractor that fixes the ramp, and finish the wall. Barry talked to Runway Heating and Air about putting ac/heat in office, be thru the wall needs 220 amp. They have a split unit and will do the carpentry work, unit is \$927.55 plus labor to install is \$3,100.00 plus we need an electrician to install 220 amp, table till we get an electrical quote.

Dustin Fleck sprayed the fairgrounds for weeds.

Country Fest: They would like permission to use our north parking lot entrance, Board approved.

Gate & Parking: no report

Music & Small Acts: no report

Public Relations & Advertising: Big thank you to Peggy for doing the fair book and poster, both look awesome. June 15th should go to print, will send the postcard out like last year to every household in Morton County. Annie is working on the newspaper and radio ads.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition/Ranch Rodeo: Barry presented the contracts for the rodeo, in Presidents absent, secretary signed them. Received \$17,350.00 in sponsorship for the rodeo, ranch rodeo and draft horse competition.

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/Awards: Thomas is looking for a rabbit and poultry judge and a dairy judge. He will meet with the showman app representative tomorrow to get website ready.

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: no report

Security: no report

Hotel Rooms: Annie will send Comfort Inn and Suites the list tomorrow to reserve the rooms we need.

T-Shirt Update: Peggy said no sales so far, but will do some more advertising on Facebook and website.

New Business:

Trina will reach out to Sophie Jochim, and have her fill out an application to be an associate member.

Next meeting: July 1, 2026 at 7:00pm at the fairgrounds in New Salem.

Luke moved to adjourn the meeting, Barry 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm central time.

Submitted by Annie Gartner, MCFB Secretary: Signature Annie Gartner Date July 6, 2026