

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

June 17, 2025

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

Directors presented: Peggy Brandt, Shawn Feiring, Barry Schulz, Nathan Boehm, Robert Boehm, Trina Gress and Annie Gartner

Zoom: Amanda Noel and Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant

Associate Members presented: by zoom

Guest: Jaden Russell- MC Extension Agent, Mary Doll, Jessica Wild and Russ Voight-4-H Council

Custodial Report: Mary informed the Board that the roof on the entertainment building is leaking. She is depositing the checks for the rentals and for the storage, Board is fine with this, Don asked her to write either rental or storage by their name so he knows. The fryer needs to be moved under the hood to be compliant.

Additions/Approval of Agenda: Barry moved to approve agenda, Robert 2nd motion passed

Secretary's Report: Trina made the motion to approve minutes as presented, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking account per bank \$91,675.44, Savings Account per bank \$29,805.28. Loan balance is \$287,605.11, next payment due 12/26/2025 (\$27,498.81).

Barry made the motion to approve the treasurer's report presented, Trina 2nd motion passed.

4-H Report: Jaden has been in communication with mark about the inflatables. He informed the Board the total number of livestock, looks like it is the same as last year. Fair entry opens tomorrow June 18th on line. Discussion on discount for wristbands for 4-H was the same as last year, \$3.00 off for youth and \$8.00 off for Leaders and adults. Peggy had a few families tell her that they are hauling back and forth. REMINDER NO TRAILERS on the fairgrounds, they need to park in the North parking lot, Jaden said they will remind all 4-H families of this.

Bills to pay: none

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: no report

Beer Garden: Silver Dollar will be at July meeting to meet with the Board and go thru things.

Camping: 5 spots left, 3-20amp, 1-50amp, and 1-30amp. Peggy asked for a designate handicap spot for campers. The spot will be on the west side of horse barn, campers will sit east and west, 30 amp spot.

Capital Improvements: Nathan said they should approve the grant next week. 30 out of 31 fairs applied for the grant. Fill dirt for the barns- Knife River has sand/dirt mix, estimated \$425 delivered for the 17th. Committee asking for approval for \$2,500.00 worth of material for barns. Committee will meet on this.

Barry ordered doors and windows for the old concession , 2-3'x6' windows, new door for the south entrance, old office- 36" door for the inside, wall will get moved south to make more room, close outside door and window.

Shawn ordered 5-6 panels from Peterson Fencing for \$400.00 a piece, full height, Levi will weld on each panel MCF. Levi told Shawn if we need more panels for the fair we can borrow some panels. He will look at the chain link west side and SE corner.

Facility Maintenance: Committee will look at the entertainment building roof, and for the fair we will be getting 6 UTV's from Action Motor Sport.

Country Fest: Will do the walk thru with them on June 26th at 6:00pm, they will start moving in on June 27th at 8:00am. Bugs and weeds will be sprayed before they move in.

Gate & Parking: Nathan informed the Board that volunteer sign up to work the gate is going well.

Music & Small Acts: no report

Public Relations & Advertising: Got the book to United Printing last Monday June 9th, did not get printed in time to have the book by June 17th, they will print tomorrow. Trina will let us know when the books are done and at the fairgrounds for pick up. Trina talked to Sheyna she would like to discontinue doing the book for us, committee will look for someone else to do the fair book next year.

Trina presented a bill from United Printing for \$3,620.81. She explained to the Board what happened and that this is for the postage for the mailbox fliers. Trina made the motion to pay United Printing for \$3,620.81 for postage, Robert 2nd roll call vote, Robert-yes, Barry-yes, Trina-yes, Peggy-yes, Shawn-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Annie will meet with the local paper to have articles and poster put in, and will also have posters in both Glen Ullin Times and Hebron Herald.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition/Ranch Rodeo: no report

Power Pull: Shawn talked to Casey, he said everything is coming together and that they will have someone prep the track.

Annie informed the Board what Peggy and her come up with parking in the pits; No livin horse trailers, campers or motorhomes allowed in the pit area unless the motorhome is pulling the trailer with their pulling rig inside, or they have living quarters either in the trailer that has the pulling rig in or on the semi. No vehicle parking on the east and west sides of the power pull track.

Competitive Events/Awards: Showman.app has been published and is ready to take entries. This should be advertised on Facebook consistently.

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: Annie has the meal tickets done, will be using Mocha Moose as the food vendor, let her know how many you need.

Security: no report

New Business:

Civic Club: They would like to use the refrigerated trailer during the Cow Town Hoe Down. Barry made the motion to allow them to use the trailer, Trina 2nd, motion passed.

Discussion on moving the meeting date, will revisit after the fair.

Next meeting: July 15, 2025 at 7:00pm at the New Salem Fire Department in New Salem.

Robert made the motion to adjourn, Trina 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm central time.

Submitted by Annie Gartner, MCFB Secretary: Signature Annie Gartner Date July 15, 2025
MCFB Secretary