

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

February 16, 2021

Call the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

Directors present: Nathan Boehm, Kristine Koeplin, Peggy Brandt, Karla Meikle, Josh Valleroy, Melanie Gaebe, Annie Gartner, Shawn Feiring, Barry Schulz, Tracy Boehm, and Wayne Seeman.

Associate Members presented: Wendy Boehm and Jackie Buckley. **Guests presented:** Wendy Bent HR Morton County.

Additions/ Approval of Agenda: Melanie made the motion to approve the agenda, Peggy second, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Kristine second, motion passed. Secretary let the board know that Dawn Rohn Morton County Auditor and the Commission of Agriculture have the fair dates for 2021, as well as who the current president and secretary are. Melanie stated that we no longer need to report the fair dates to the Commission of Agriculture.

Treasure Report: In the checking account we have \$ 54, 299.96 - \$1,364.90 outstanding checks for a total of \$52,935.06. On-line account has a balance of \$528.52 and the Savings account (2020 sponsorship money) has a balance of \$ 14,360.00. Treasure filed the non- profit organization with the Secretary of State, fee of \$ 15.00, and all taxes have been approved and filed with IRS and the bond has been paid.

Nathan stated that the century code states that we have to have two separate accounts, one for mill levy money and one account for all other funds. Karla and Nathan are working on this.

Karla presented the tentative budget, the items highlighted in yellow (building maintenance and premium/awards) can only be paid for with mill levy money. Wayne asked about expanding the rabbit and poultry barn according to the budget, no action taken.

Barry made the motion to approve the treasure report, Melanie second, motion passed.

No bills to pay.

Old Business:

Sewer Project: Jackie stated that Boehm seeded the grass after the road was fixed and sewer project completed, also put in erosion control in the ditches till the grass starts to grow. She explained received a grant from the DOT, Park Board, Sportsmen's Club and Fair Board contributed funds towards the

project to raise the road from HWY 10 to the cream can and to redo the drainage. Added crushed asphalt, the only concern is the approach is narrower for bigger stock trailers and semi's, may have to move the ticket hut back to make room. Barry stated sewer project went well.

Point Show: Karla handed out three years, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019- 2020 of profit loss/ income and a comparison sheet of premiums paid out from other point shows in the state. Jackie presented Sunday livestock show entries and payouts from 2020 point show. Kids pay entry fee of \$10.00 on Sunday, no fee for Saturday's point show. Presented what other counties charge for an entry fee. Horse and dairy do something different with their premiums. Wayne asked about increasing the entry fee to \$15.00 to help offset the cost, Kristine echoed. Wendy stated going to \$20.00 entry fee for beef and \$15.00 entry fee for all other species. Tracy made a correction that entry fee for 2020 was \$15.00 not \$10.00. Barry made the motion to raise entry fee for beef to \$20.00 a head and entry fee for all other species to \$15.00 a head and to have a point show on Sunday, Kristine second, motion passed.

Purchase of PA's: Jackie has two proposals for pa systems. First from Night Life Music & Sound for \$1965.00 and second proposal from Dakota Sound Systems, system one \$2.775.00 and system two \$2350.00 microphone options are extra. Barry stated that rodeo pa would be good, system is only a few years old. Melanie made motion to table and to put out a request for PA systems to fit our needs, Tracy second. Discussion: Melanie will take care of the proposals, motion passed.

Sealing of concrete floor in concession building: Mary Doll is getting quotes for sealing the floor, tabled till we have bids.

Fence repairs: Table for now and let the Facility Committee check into the repairs and bring back to a meeting.

New Business:

Country Feast: Karla presented the board with the old and current contract to review. Nathan Boehm made the motion to have Karla, Tracy, Peggy and Kristine on the committee, Melanie second. Discussion: One task for the committee is to work on a new contract, Country Feast would like an extension to contract, motion passed.

By-Laws & Policy: Tracy stated by-laws are the laws that run the organization and the policy manual are the details that support the laws. Committee looked at verbiage, organized and tried to keep it simple. Table till next month so everyone can read thru both documents, have any corrections or suggestions please e-mail the Association members.

Secretary Questions: Peggy has a few copier/ printers that she would donate to the fair to use for making copies. Another suggestion would be to e-mail items to Karla and have her make copies. Wendy suggested to have copier/ printer at secretary's house with paper and ink. Will work on this next month.

Date-Time-Location: Wendy suggested to keep the meetings at the fair grounds and make the court house the second place. Jackie stated there are times when you show up and for example no heat, need to go somewhere else. Shawn stated could use high school, Barry stated could also use the fire hall.

Wayne made the motion to meet 3rd Tuesday every month at 7:00 p.m. at Morton County Fair Grounds in New Salem unless otherwise specified, Nathan second, motion passed.

Paneling: Shawn stated the paneling in the concession building is all chipped up. Mary and Carrie were going to paint but decided to check with metal wainscoting. Farmers Lumber & Gambles- \$526.35 for materials, \$100.00 for trim. Menards was \$50.00 cheaper. Carrie and Mary will do the work, will have Gambles get the materials. Barry made the motion to put tin on the wall where paneling is, Wayne second, motion passed.

Facebook: Wendy asked to open the original Facebook again and to close the one Jackie started. Karla went in and started to open the original one, Public Relations Committee will monitor and approve, anyone can post. Wayne made the motion to reactivate original Facebook and close other new one, Melanie second, motion passed. Nathan asked Jackie to let the followers know that this one is closing and original one is opening back up.

Committees:

Amusement & Youth Activities- Wayne Seeman, Josh Valleroy, and Wendy Boehm

Beer Gardens- Shawn Feiring, Karla Meikle, and Nathan Boehm. Karla started work on it and contacted Dot Frank and sent info out to executive committee. Tracy Boehm volunteered to help on committee after meeting.

Camping- Wayne Seeman, Josh Valleroy, and Wendy Boehm

Capital Improvements- Peggy Brandt and Barry Schulz

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions- Melanie Gaebe and Karla Meikle. Karla will ask Kari from the Ext. Office if she would help.

Competitive Exhibits- Melanie Gaebe, Jackie Buckley, Kristine Koepplin, Tracy Boehm, Connor Kaelberer, Taylor Friesz, and Jess Sanders

Facility Maintenance- Shawn Feiring, Barry Schulz and Peggy Brandt

Fair Dinner- Kristine Koepplin, Melanie Gaebe, Nathan Boehm and Peggy Brandt. Peggy suggested doing a chili cook off or a barbecue cook off. Barry stated did the chili cook off years ago, had electrical problems but got that problem fixed, something to look at to get people in the gate. Shawn suggested doing the chicken supper different week end, Barry suggested letting the Fire Dept. doing the chicken supper as a fund raiser. Melanie suggested to let the committee bring back ideas to the board.

Gate & Parking- Tracy Boehm, Annie Gartner and Shawn Feiring

Music & Small Entertainment- Karla Meikle and Melanie Gaebe

Power Pull- Annie and Joel Gartner

Rodeo- Barry Schulz, Peggy Brandt and Josh Valleroy

Volunteers- no one

Security- Karla Meikle and Annie Gartner

Buckles/ Awards- Peggy Brandt, Barry Schulz and Jackie Buckley

Public Relations- Kristine Kopplin, Wayne Seeman, and Wendy Boehm

Karla made the motion to accept everyone assigned to their committees, Annie second, motion passed.

Ext. Hub: Karla stated extension office will be the hub for communications, from there be filtered out to the proper people.

Concrete floor in entertainment building: Wendy stated floor has chunks of concrete coming out, ramp needs to be repaired- will let the Facility Committee look at it.

Keys: Margi Engleter wants a key for the concession building for cooking. Karla made the motion to give her a key, Annie second. Discussion- Jackie asked who is paying the rent for the extra day. Karla stated look into it more, motion failed. Karla will get more keys made, have spares in office.

Karla suggested that the Facility Committee work with Saddle Club and Weigh Station to keep the entire grounds mowed and picked up. Nathan passed out an updated map for the fair grounds and who owns what.

4-H Usage of concession building: Karla stated that the pop that 4-H sells goes to the fair, she would like to turn the check back to 4-H and 4-H will write a check for rent. Will discuss at next meeting. Stated 4-H looking to serve breakfast and dinner and a gentlemen from Mandan would serve German food for supper.

Next meeting March 16, 2021 7:00 p.m. Morton County Fair Grounds New Salem

Melanie moved to adjourn, Kristine second, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Annie Gartner
MCFB secretary
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