

## **Morton County Fair Board Minutes**

**May 18, 2023**

**7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem**

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

**Directors presented:** Shawn Feiring, Kristine Koeplin, Barry Schulz, Robert Boehm, Melissa Plesuk, Mark Isaacs, Taylor Friesz, Peggy Brandt, Thomas Friesz, Nathan Boehm and Annie Gartner

**Associate Members presented:** Wayne Seeman

**Guests:** Wendy Boehm- 4-H Council President and Renae Gress- Morton County Extension Agent

**Custodial Report:** Gerving Exotic sale- barns and grounds looked good, panel put away. Kitchen and meeting room took 10 hrs. To clean (5 hrs. each) to clean up the mud mess, garbage not taken out, tables not wiped off and the chairs were muddy. Barry made the motion to not give their deposit of \$200.00 back, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

Steve Werchau checked the air condition and furnace and serviced both, good to go. Office remodel- Need to go thru the stuff in the cupboards, Carrie and Mary will remove the cupboards, maybe could be used in the old fair office. Buy a new shelf for the cost of \$180.00 to \$225.00 and install in the same spot, file cabinet and safe will be behind the door. New air condition for the office, 10,000 to 12,000 Btu will cost from \$360.00 to \$450.00. Need new anti-fatigue floor mats with holes for kitchen and showers. 36x60 is \$74.45 need 3 for kitchen and 24x36 is \$46.51 need 4 for showers. Paper products and plastic utensils from the chicken supper will be put in the kitchen to use.

Barry made the motion to go with the office remodel \$1200.00 and to purchase anti fatigue mats for \$415.00, mark 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote taken, Peggy yes, Kristine yes, Robert yes, Shawn yes, Taylor yes, Thomas yes, Nathan yes, Barry yes, Mark yes, Melissa yes, and Annie yes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Additions/Approval of Agenda:** Melissa moved to approve agenda, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Kristine moved to approve the minutes as presented, Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the checking \$83,345.56, Savings account \$191,598.81 and in the web Activity Account \$530.10. Revenue is as follows; Facility Rentals \$1300.00, Food Vendors 2023 Fair \$785.85, Sponsorships \$1440.00, Insurance payment \$823.93 and Memorial Donation

\$500.00 for a total of \$4849.78. Nathan moved to approve the treasurer's report, Barry 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**4-H Report:** The fair board will give the Extension Office weekend passes to sell by July. Poultry Show- need to do lots of cleaning and cannot stack the cages. Board agreed to have a show and go for all poultry in 4-H and the open class shows. July 30<sup>th</sup> 4-H will do fair grounds clean up, fair board will provide supper. 4-H Clubs will do fairground clean up on Saturday and Sunday morning of the fair, will include the parking lot to the north, clubs will get paid \$100.00 for cleaning. Wendy's 4-H club will redo the flower bed by the flag pole, they did get the grant and will be doing 5 flower pots for the grounds.

**Bills to pay:** Robert presented a bill for TV's, brackets and microphone for \$449.95. Kristine made the motion to reimburse Robert, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call vote, Peggy- yes, Kristine- yes, Shawn- yes, Taylor- yes, Thomas-yes, Nathan- yes, Barry-yes, Mark-yes, Melissa- yes and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously,

### Old Business:

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Amusement & Youth Activities:** Shawn called Corn hole 701, do not have enough help to put a tourney on, called Candy from the Fluffy Owl about doing a corn hole tourney at the fair, they will do the tourney for \$500.00. Theo Arts will come on Friday and Saturday, hours for both days will be 10 to 5. Pass on the petting zoo, still working on the ax throwing and plan to have a power wheels derby.

**Beer garden:** The committee did not receive any bids back by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Nathan left a message for Jacey from the Field Bar. Barry will check with the golf club members about doing the beer garden for the fair.

**Camping:** Shawn will ask Steve about using the old paint sprayer for making the lines.

Discussion was held on the electrical upgrade, electrical inspector says already over loaded and would need a bigger line coming into the camping grounds. Campers using 20 amp will be notified that it is a GFI and to bring a generator for back up.

**Capital Improvements:** Barry is working with Herz Electrical to install outlets below the furnace room door for the TV's. Wayne suggested on getting a quote for the one pole by the track to add power and a light to, Barry will do some checking with Braun Electrical.

Mark said the water project plans are done, waiting on the new electrical line to get located, once that is done can go to bids. Weight Station and Saddle Club would like to tie into the water line on our side of the meter, each group would pay for their expense, and committee will take

care of this. Robert made the motion to extend the purchase agreement for the land to the north by 6 months, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Country Fest: Would like a gate installed on the west fence line, so people are not standing on the road. Country Fest will pay for everything. Mark made the motion to allow Country Fest to install the gate as long as Park Board approves, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

Facility Maintenance: no report

Gates & Parking: Nathan presented a quote from Sign Solutions for speed bumps. Would like to have one speed bump for traffic coming east on cow road, 6 foot speed bump is \$61.99 and end caps, need 2 is \$15.90. Mark made the motion to buy \$200.00 worth of speed bumps and end caps to try, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call vote taken, Peggy- yes, Kristine- yes, Robert-yes, Shawn-yes, Taylor-yes, Thomas- yes, Nathan-yes, Barry-yes, Mark-yes, Melissa- yes, and Annie- yes. Motion passed unanimously. Nathan suggested \$500.00 spending for the 2023 budget, and is also working on the schedule for ticket takers during the fair, will post on face book.

Music & Small Acts: Peyton Walker will perform on Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>, the cost for a one hour performance is \$100.00.

Public Relations/Advertising: Kristine presented a list of information that is needed for the fair book, information is due by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held on the gate prices and weekend passes. Robert made the motion to raise the daily gate, senior citizens to \$8.00, adults to \$12.00, and kids 6-17 to \$8.00 and weekend passes to \$28.00 for adults, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

Rodeo / Draft Horse Competition: no report

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/ Awards: Committee gave the board a fair entry staff account info sheet so one can do the mock fair, start doing the training in section. Have any questions let Kristine know. Kristine made the motion to change the age for horse open show to 21 and younger, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions: no report

Security: Will allow security to use the side x side to patrol the north parking lot and camp grounds as long as we have enough side x sides.

### New Business:

T-Shirts: Found a tote of t-shirts in the office, Peggy washed them up, look at selling them at the fair.

**Keys for Horse Barn:** None of the directors have keys to the barn, Barry will look for a key.

**Spring Cleaning:** June 12, 2023 at 6:00pm, will get a roll off dumpster.

**Flag Pole:** Nathan will pick up the flag pole that is at the court house. Discussion was held on placing the flag poles permanently so they are available for people to use. Robert made the motion to leave the flag poles up permanently, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**Pepsi:** They would like to bring out items for Country Fest before June 23<sup>rd</sup> and store in the entertainment building, board agreed to not allow them to come in early and store their items in the entertainment building.

**Resignation:** Nathan moved to accept the letter of resignation from Natalie Pierce, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>, and motion passed.

**Antique Equipment Show:** Perry Schlosser from Dakota Age Iron would like to do a small antique equipment show on Sunday to go along with the antique pull. Need 75 to 100 feet,

**Mowing:** Peggy will talk to Terrance Brandt about mowing the fairgrounds like last year, Nathan will talk to Tim to get the bigger areas mowed on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Pepsi Contract:** Any event on the fair grounds that sells concessions need to sell Pepsi products. Discussion was held on the legality of the contract, Peggy will take the contract to the attorney for him to renew. Nathan stated should go thru the old minutes and do some research on this.

**Next meeting is June 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Morton County Fair Grounds in New Salem.**

Taylor made the motion to adjourn, Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm central time

Annie K. Anderson  
MCEB Secretary  
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