

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

February 20, 2024

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds

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

Directors presented: Shawn Feiring, Peggy Brandt, Nathan Boehm, Thomas Friesz, Kristine Koeplin, Melissa Pleuska and Annie Gartner

Associate Members presented: Amanda Noel

Guest: Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant

Custodial Report: no report

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

Secretary's Report: Kristine made the motion to approve the minutes, Melissa 2nd, motion passed. Annie reminded the board that all contracts have to come before the board and get voted on before they are signed.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$46,875.09, savings account \$35,584.03 and in the secondary account \$500.00 and loan balance is \$295,000.00. Revenue was \$150.00 facility rentals, food vendors \$1350.00 and sponsorships \$1,000.00 for a total of \$2500.00. Melissa made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

4-H Report: Nathan gave an update on what is going on with the Morton County Extension Service, there will be Morton County 4-H Achievement Days for the youth and they are in the process of looking for 4-H agent.

Bills to pay: none

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Shawn got in contact with Bounce Rite, asked for the save equipment and same times as last year. They will send him a quote. Melissa will call on the Rock Wall for Sunday and the ax throwing for Friday Night. Shawn will check 701 Corn hole and Send It about putting on a corn hole tourney Friday Night.

Beer Garden: Will meet to get the beer garden applications updated and mailed out.

Camping: no report

Capital Improvements: no report

Facility Maintenance: no report

Country Fest: Country Fest has the contract and is going over it with their attorney, waiting for the contract to come back.

Gate & Parking: Committee needs to get together.

Music & Small Acts: Peggy made the motion to approve the contract for Weston Frank for \$3500.00 and 3 rooms, Nathan 2nd Roll call vote taken; Peggy-yes, Kristine- yes, Thomas-yes, Melissa-yes, Shawn-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Nathan made the motion to approve the contract for Lizzy Hofer Band for \$3500.00 and 3 rooms, Peggy 2nd, Roll call vote taken; Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Kristine-yes, Thomas-yes, Melissa-yes, Shawn-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Annie explained why the fee for Hooked up Entertainment went from \$500.00 to \$350.00. Fargo AV (Wade Stein) will do the sound and production for the same price as last year for \$4,000.00. Also presented the schedule for the small acts, waiting to hear back on one performer.

Public Relations & Advertising: Strommen Livestock Services has the same estimate as last year \$850.00 for 68 page book, if the book is smaller or larger will adjust the price. Everything for the fair book needs to be submitted to Shayna by **MAY 1st**. Melissa made the motion to go with Strommen Livestock Services, Peggy 2nd motion passed.

Annie presented bids for the advertisement from KDKT Sports radio out of Beulah and from Townsquare Media, waiting on Iheart yet. Kristine made the motion to approve contract from KDKT for 120 ads for \$225.00 and to approve the contract from Townsquare Media for \$2,205.00 for 120 ads, Melissa 2nd, Roll call vote taken; Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Kristine-yes, Thomas-yes, Melissa-yes, Shawn-yes, and Annie- yes, motion passed unanimously.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition: Karson Henke would like to have a ranch rodeo during the fair. Discussion followed, he needs to contact the Saddle Club.

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/Awards: Kristine plans to send out a form the buckle sponsors with follow phone calls several weeks after they are sent. Let her know if you have anyone that would like to sponsor a buckle.

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: Annie said we have the following food vendors that sent their application and money back for the 2024 fair; Tailgate Pizza, Sugar Monster, Sweet Creations, Tim Dandy's BBQ and Smoked Meats and Little Blue Elephant.

Melissa has 7 indoor vendors coming back, has both the indoor and outdoor vendor form updated with May 1st deadline, She will put the both vendor forms on face book and our web page. Shawn will talk to Dakota Age Iron.

Security: Jon from Elite Security will be at our May 21st meeting.

Update on emergency manual: Annie has the manual completed and sent it to Jon to review, will also be in contact with Morton County Emergency Management.

Update on Zoom: Robert put together a quote for what we need, owl 3 conference hub \$1049.00, laptop \$350 – 600.00, cables-\$100.00, chrome cast-\$45.00 for a total of \$1550-1800.00. Nathan moved to allow Robert to set up our owl conference up to \$1800.00, Peggy 2nd, Roll call vote taken; Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Kristine-yes, Thomas-yes, Melissa-yes, Shawn-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Memorials: Discussion was on what we could do for memorials, bench with name plates, something that enhances the appearance of the grounds, or dedication at the fair were a few ideas. Check with local groups and see how they do it.

New Business:

Committees: Went thru the list of committees and updated. Nathan stated that when committee's meet need to have notes taken, when, where and topics discussed. All committee meetings need to be announced on face book as soon as we know.

FFA tables: Nathan made the motion to allow FFA to use the tables for their banquet on March 19th, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

Budget: Went thru the 2024 budget and what each committee is requesting. Some committee's will need to meet soon and decide on a figure.

Next meeting: March 12, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Morton County Fairgrounds in New Salem.

Melissa made the motion to adjourn, Peggy 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm central time.

*Annie
3-12-2024
MCS Secretary*