

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

January 16, 2024

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 7:17pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

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

Associate Members presented: Trina Gress and Amanda Noel,

The Board received an application from Amanda Noel to become an associate member. Mark made the motion to approve Amanda's application, Nathan 2nd, motion passed. Welcome to the Board Amanda.

Guest: Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant

Custodial Report: The blower motor on the furnace in the concession building went out and was replaced, need to change the furnace filters more often.

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

Secretary's Report: October minutes- Barry made the motion with one correction to approve the minutes, Nathan 2nd, motion passed. December minute's- Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$50,931.85, savings account \$35,567.42 and in the secondary account \$500.00. Revenue was \$300.00 from Facility Rentals. Loan balance for the purchase of the land \$295,000.00. Taylor made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

4-H Report: no report

Bills to pay: Nathan presented a bill for \$342.88 from Signs Solution for speed bumps

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Working on getting quotes for the inflatables and rock wall.

Beer Garden: no report

Camping: no report

Capital Improvements: Committee talked to several local contractors on finishing the ends in tin on both hoop barns and fixing the leaks in the concession building.

Facility Maintenance: Committee will look into the furnace in the concession building and the outlet that is in the northwest corner that does not work.

Country Fest: Received the contract back from our attorney, committee will meet next week to look the contract over.

Gate & Parking: no report

Music & Small Acts: Ward Hilger our booking agent has Weston Frank band booked for Friday night August 2, 2024 for \$3500.00 plus 3 rooms, and Lizzy Hofer band for Saturday night August 3, 2024 for \$3500.00 plus 3 rooms. Wade Stine will do the audio/visual production. Most small acts are booked, received email from Blind Joe he would like to perform for our fair, Annie will get him the dates and times.

Public Relations & Advertising: no report

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition: no report

Power Pull: Will contact Full Pull, INC. end of March for a contract.

Competitive Events/Awards: no report

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: Letters for the food vendors will go out January 29th, with due date of February 13th. Melissa has 5 people interested in the indoor vendor show, she will update the vendor show form and get it to Kristine by the end of the month for our Facebook page and website.

Security: no report

Update on emergency manual: Annie has completed the research on the manual and rules, will start putting it together. Once she has it together will have the Sheriff and Security look at the manual and rules and then will bring it to the Board to review.

New Business:

Custodian Salary: Both custodians are currently at \$15.00 an hour each. Robert made the motion to give a \$0.50 raise to \$15.50, Barry 2nd Discussion followed, Roll call vote taken; Taylor- yes, Thomas -yes, Robert- yes, Mark- no, Barry- no, Peggy- no, Nathan-no, Shawn-no and Annie-no motion failed.

Mark made the motion to give \$1.00 raise to \$16.00 an hour, Robert 2nd, Roll call vote taken; Taylor-yes, Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mark-yes, Barry-yes, Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Shawn-yes, and Annie-yes Motion passed unanimously.

Board will have Kevin Doll fill out an application so he is covered by insurance.

Zoom Equipment: Discussion was on what we need, and to have Robert look into the hardware and a computer. Peggy stated she will donate one of her Teams Account to the Morton County Fair. Barry made the motion to allow Robert to buy the equipment that is needed, Thomas 2nd, discussion followed. Barry made the motion to amend the current motion on the floor to spend up to \$1500.00 Mark 2nd motion passed.

New motion is to allow Robert to purchase equipment for zoom, owl and lap top up to \$1500.00, over that price he will bring the quote back to the Board. Roll call vote taken; Taylor-yes, Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Mark-yes, Barry-yes, Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Shawn-yes and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Barn Boss's: Nathan made the suggestion that someone else should be the main barn boss so it is not a director. Mark suggested barn boss should be able to contact a director if something arises. Competitive Committee will look into this.

Next meeting: February 20, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Morton County Fairgrounds in New Salem.

Barry made the motion to adjourn, Peggy 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm central time.

Annie Barber
MCF Secretary
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