

**Agenda – Morton County Fairboard**

**May 21, 2020**

**7:30pm via Zoom**

**Call the meeting to order** – Taylor Friesz

**Roll call** – Shawn Feiring, Tracy Boehm, Annie Gartner, Barry Schulz, Paul Brandt, Tony Heins, Don Taghon, Jackie Buckley, Meredyth Werchau, Kelly Kuylen

**Associate Members** – Mark Fleck, Karla Meikle

**Guests** – Renae Gress, Nathan Boehm, Wayne Seeman, Erin Ourada

**Custer District Health** – Erin Ourada – Erin has agreed to meet with us to discuss the fair. She will answer any questions we may have

- Erin reported about the COVID status. She explained what the health department and the governor has set forth for guidelines for conducting public events. As of this date large groups are limited to 250 people. Social distancing is recommended. At this time the fair events will be very limited.

**Secretary's Report** – Moved by Barry seconded by Shawn to approve the minutes as sent out. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – There is \$500 in the online account and \$144,125.10 on the checking account. Moved by Shawn seconded by Kelly to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay - None

Old Business

**Sewer Project** – Jackie – Jackie reported that the bid specifications are done and being sent out. The bid opening will be June 10, 2020 at 11:00am. Barry mentioned that these bids will probably be quite high as the specifications state that there is to be a main line not a lateral line. It was stated that we may need to reject all bids and meet with the city to change the specifications so that we can do it cheaper. Barry moved seconded by Tracy that the President appoint a committee to be at the bid opening. Motion carried. Jackie Buckley, Joel or Annie Gartner and Mark Fleck will be at the opening.

**New Salem Park Board** – Karla and Mark – The park board has donated \$1200 for the road project. We need to meet with the weigh station. They will allow an approach at the gate at the west end of the trees. No decision has been made about a small walk through gate at the east end near the fair entry gate. Mark and Karla will attend the next park board meeting.

**Yard light in NW Corner** – Mark – Blain submitted a bid of \$2595.21 to put the light in. It will also include an outlet. Mark has a pole. Moved by Shawn seconded by Barry to put the pole up. Motion carried.

**Home Economics Superintendent** – Meredyth – No suggestions

Other Old Business

## New Business

**Fair Insurance** – Shawn – Kevin from Security Insurance has advised us that all renters should have proof of insurance coverage for their event that is held at the fairgrounds. The insurance should state that the renter is responsible for the liability insurance. Signs should be posted about the washing of hands, and sanitization schedule. Karla will get this put up. Shawn will ask Kevin about the insurance for the people movers.

**Morton County Fair – Plan B** – A question was asked if the fair is not held will we have to return the mill levy money to the county.

Tracy moved to have the next meeting May 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion dies for a lack of a second.

Moved by Barry seconded by Shawn to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM at 7:30pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Barry seconded by Tracy to table the rest of the meeting agenda until after the county commission meets on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

### **May 27, 2020 7:30 PM – Re-convene the meeting – via Zoom**

Moved by Shawn seconded by Meredyth to take the rest of the meeting agenda from the table. Motion carried.

Those attending the Morton County Commission meeting May 26<sup>th</sup> were: Shawn, Karla, Tracy and Jackie. Jackie reported that the commission encouraged us to have the events of the fair that are related to the youth.

#### Fair Reports

Moved by Annie seconded by Meredyth to only have the 4-H Show and the Open Livestock Shows along with the Static Exhibits. 3 Ayes – 6 Nays. Motion defeated.

**Trophies & Buckles** – These are taken care of. Not sure if the buckles are ordered.

**Fair Book** – There will not be a fair book.

**Advertising** – Tracy will do the advertising and Barry will get her the information. At the present time not a lot of advertising will be done because of the limited events that may be held.

**Rodeo** – Barry will check with the stock contractors. Barry doesn't know if he has enough help to put on a rodeo. Can we afford to put one on if we are limited to attendance. Moved by Annie seconded by Meredyth not to have a rodeo. See attached spread sheet. 8 ayes and 1 nay. Motion carried.

**Entertainment** - See vote on spread sheet No entertainment 9 nay – 0 aye

**Bands** – See votes on spread sheet

- Thursday – 9 Nay – 0 Aye
- Friday – 4 Aye – 5 Nay
- Saturday – 6 Aye – 3 Nay

**Chicken Supper** – There will not be a chicken supper

**Pedal Pull** – Meredyth will check with them. If we want them on Saturday, they may not be able to come.

**Beer Garden** – See vote on spread sheet 7 Aye – 2 Nay

**Power Pull & Antique Tractor Pull** – See vote on spreadsheet –

- Power Pull – 9 Aye
- Antique Pull – 9 Nay

**Livestock Shows** – 8 Aye

**Camping** – Moved by Tony seconded by Meredyth to have camping but no 20 amp spots. This will give more distance between sites. 7 Aye – 2 Nay. Motion carried. Moved by Tony seconded by Barry to charge \$20 per night. 8 Ayes – 0 Nay. Motion carried. Vote on spreadsheet.

**Ticket Takers** – See spreadsheet – No ticket takers needed

- First vote 9 Ayes – 0 Nay – There was a misunderstanding on this vote
- Rescind the prior vote – 9 Aye

**Free Noon Meal** – Nathan will check on the Farm Bureau doing the noon meal on Saturday instead of Sunday. He will let us know.

**Security** – Not sure if any is needed with no major events planned. We will decide more at the meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark will talk to them about a more scaled down security event.

**Inflatables**- Karla will check with them. We will not have them because to the need to sanitize them so often.

4-H Report NDSU Extension is working on a plan for their events on Wednesday-Friday. At the present time their will be no interview judging. Youth will bring their project to New Salem in shifts and they will be released in shifts. The livestock day is still scheduled for Friday. Nothing was reported on the premium sale. Some livestock may be going home on Friday night.

- 4-H Exhibits arrive Tuesday and Wednesday – Judge on Thursday
- Pick them up on Friday and Saturday
- Livestock Show Friday
- Horse Show – Thursday
- Speed Events Wednesday night

**Vendors** – 4-H will not be doing the concession stand. Karla and Kari will check on some additional food vendors. The inside vendors have cancelled their spots.

Moved by Shawn seconded by Tony to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Jackie Buckley

Morton County Fair Secretary