

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

October 17, 2023

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

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

Associate Members presented: none

Guests: Wendy Boehm- 4-H Council President, Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant, and Wendy Bent-Human Resources for Morton County

Custodial Report: Kristine asked the board if anyone had any information on the safe that was stolen, no one had anything. She will let the Sheriff Department know what she found out.

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

Secretary's Report: Kristine moved to approve the minutes, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$138,759.36, Savings account \$35,486.58 and in the web Activity Account \$4,390.47.

Barry moved to approve the treasurer's report, Peggy 2nd motion passed.

4-H Report: Wendy Boehm 4-h Council President gave an update on the 4-H vouchers that were misused during the fair. She also informed the board on the 4-H misuse of the side by side and wants to make it clear that there was misuse by the fair board also, stated need to have a policy in writing on the use of side by sides. Annie will work on this.

Bills to pay: Annie presented bill for AED pads for a total of \$207.00

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: no report

Beer garden: no report

Camping: no report

Capital Improvements: Mark gave an update on the water project. The project is complete, had a few over runs on a few items. The change order is as follows: concession building tie in

\$4,600.00, weigh station tie in \$2,475.00 and removal of old hydrant and misc. equipment \$3,022.00 for a total of \$10,097.00. Kristine moved to approve the change order of \$10,097.00 for water project, Peggy 2nd Roll call vote; yes- Peggy, Kristine, Shawn, Taylor, Nathan, Thomas, Barry, Mark and Annie. Motion passed unanimously.

Nathan and Mark have been working with the bank to purchase the land to the north.

Option one: Purchases price of land is \$400,000.00, Security 1st Bank will donate \$75,000.00 towards the land purchase, 15 or 20 year loan and if we are tax exempt under their guidelines we qualify for a lower interest rate. The bank would need a down payment of \$100,000.00 and would have the naming rights to the land, at the bank's expense they would put a sign up.

Option two: Original owners would do a contract for deed with a down payment or a 1 year lease to buy.

Barry moved to go with Security 1st Bank, Nathan 2nd

Barry amended his motion if we can get into the 4-5% interest rate, Kristine 2nd motion passed

Barry made the motion to go thru Security 1st Bank at the 4-5% interest rate, Nathan 2nd. Roll call vote, yes- Nathan, Peggy, Kristine, Mark, Thomas, Barry, Shawn and Annie. No- Taylor, motion passed ~~unanimously~~.

Mark made the motion to pay \$10,000.00 down to land owners to give more time to figure out the finances, Nathan 2nd. Roll call vote, yes- Barry, Thomas, Taylor, Mark, Kristine, Peggy, Nathan, Shawn and Annie, motion passed unanimously.

Committee will meet with the Weigh Station to figure out the details with them.

Dakota Network Carrier will start next spring with the internet installation.

Country Fest: Contract is with them, waiting to hear from them.

Facility Maintenance: no report

Gates & Parking: no report

Music & Small Acts / Hotel: Clyde Baumann is booked, waiting on a contract. Will work with 4-H Council on doing bingo in the open time slots.

Public Relations: Committee will meet before the end of the year.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition: Barry will work on the rodeo after the 1st of the year.

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/Awards: Discussion on fair entry and which direction to go with them. Committee will look at different options and bring back to next meeting.

Commercial Exhibits/Concession/Vendors: no report

Security: no report

Community Foundation Grant Update: No decision has been made, Robert ordered the speakers, etc. Will install next spring.

New Business:

HR Morton County: Wendy Bent presented several personnel items to the board. Mark made the motion to have a committee formed to work with HR when matters arise, committee will be portfolio holder from county, president and one fair board director at the presidents discretion. Thomas 2nd motion passed.

Next meeting: November 21, 2023 at 7:00pm Morton County Fair Grounds

Nathan made the motion to adjourn, Barry 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm central time.

*Annika Garthwaite
MCF Secretary
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