

## Morton County Fair Board Minutes

April 6, 2026

### 7:00pm Morton County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring after the Annual meeting.

**Directors presented:** Shawn Feiring, Trina Gress, Peggy Brandt, Barry Schulz, Luke Dukart, Brooke Kunz, and Annie Gartner. Directors by zoom: Nathan Boehm and Mark Isaacs

**Associate Members presented:** Amanda Noel

**Guest:** Garisson Risner- Pegasus Illuminations, and Russ Voight- 4-H Council

Garisson talked to the Board about the fire work display they are doing for Country Fest, would like to know if we have any concerns or questions. Did say that the local Fire Chief has the final say if it is a go or not according to weather and conditions. He will email the Board the plan for the fire work display, President will sign it acknowledging that we know the plan and that we are in agreement with them doing the fire work display.

**Custodial Report:** no report

**Additions/Approval of Agenda:** Luke moved to approve agenda, Brooke 2nd motion passed

**Secretary's Report:** Barry moved to approve secretary's minutes as presented, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the checking account per bank \$98,363.91, Savings Account per bank \$28,001.78. Loan balance is \$276,960.11, next payment due 12/26/2026 (\$27,498.81).

Barry moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**4-H Report:** no report

**Bills to pay:** none

### Old Business:

### **Committee Reports:**

**Amusement & Youth Activities:** Shawn signed the contract with Flatbed Ax Throwing- will do the same price and times as last year. Friday & Saturday, 4 hours each day for a total price of \$1,875.00. Trina informed the Board that Theo Art School will not be available to do face painting this year. Brooke will check at the school if anyone would like to do face painting. Trina found a person to build the wooden train for the kid's area, will be some cost for supplies. Wil

do a plaque with BNSF's logo on the train. Angry Calf Pedal Pulls will take place on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> start time will be 2:00pm. Trina will let him know.

**Beer Garden:** Shawn informed the Board the bids for the beer gardens went out, have received on back so far, deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Camping:** Will go live on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Peggy will need a list of who needs a spot by next meeting.

**Capital Improvements/ Facility Maintenance:** Peggy informed the Board that we received 5 bids for the concrete improvement project. The five bids were; Brandoz Concrete for \$122,974.50, Capital City Construction \$125,884.00, Nuss Construction \$127,289.50, Advantage Construction \$79,195.00 and Strata Corp. dba Knife River \$146,032.00. Engineer's estimate was \$83,463.00.

Committee recommended going with Advantage Construction for \$79,195.00, he will have the project completed by the May 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Luke made the motion to approve the Committee's recommendation for Advantage Construction to do the project. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call vote; Peggy-yes, Barry-yes, Trina-yes, Brooke-yes, Luke-yes, Nathan-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimous.

Shawn informed the Board that we received \$16,000.00 from the Civic Club to purchase 15 new picnic tables for the fairgrounds. He had his students assemble them and put them into storage. Peggy will do a thank you on Face Book to the Civic Club and FFA students.

**Country Fest:** no report

**Gate & Parking:** Nathan will get the schedule out in May, know of anyone or groups that would like to work the gate, let him know.

**Music & Small Acts:** no report

**Public Relations & Advertising:** Sponsorships are coming in so far to date \$47,625.00. Still have a hand full to receive.

Trina informed the Board she started on the fair book, anyone with information for the fair book needs to have it to her by May 18<sup>th</sup>. Annie suggested need to increase books and posters. She did not have enough last. Discussion to increase the books to 2,250 and posters to 300. Trina will contact Jane at United Printing and will have quotes for the next meeting.

Peggy asked the Board if you need anything posted on Face Book to let her know, wants to start putting sponsorship ads, etc. on.

**Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition/Ranch Rodeo:** BEK TV will air both nights of the rodeo this year, we will not receive the usually amount as last year as they are going to spread the money over all the rodeo's they air. We will receive something, at this time do not know the amount. Barry explained been rule changes with NDRA and that will affect the cost of the rodeo.

**Power Pull:** Shawn said working on the contracts.

**Competitive Events/Awards:** Committee meet tonight before the meeting, talked about awards, etc.

**Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors:** no report

**Security:** no report

**New Business:**

**2027 Budget-** went thru the budget for 2027 and did a rough draft with the final approval at May's meeting. Have any questions either email, text or call Don or Brooke.

**T-Shirts-** Trina brought the idea of having Board members wear matching shirts of some kind. Discussion followed, Peggy will do some research and bring ideas and prices to next meeting.

Shawn asked if FFA could use the panels for their Ag Day, Luke made the motion to allow FFA to use the panels, Trina 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Next meeting: May 4, 2026 at 7:00pm at the fairgrounds in New Salem.**

Brooke moved to adjourn the meeting, Luke 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm central time.

Submitted by Annie Gartner, MCFB Secretary: Signature Annie Gartner Date 5-4-2026