

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

October 11, 2022

7:00 pm New Salem High School- Ag Room

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by board President Shawn Feiring.

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

Associate Members: none

Guests: Don LaFleur and Renae Gress- Extension Agent

Custodial Report: Would like an increase in the commission for winter storage. Discussion followed, Barry made the motion to change the commission for winter storage from 10% to 15%. Peggy 2nd, motion passed

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

Secretary's Report: Change at the top agenda to minutes. Nathan approved with correction, Peggy 2nd motion passed

Treasurer's Report: All electrical bills have been paid. Checking \$92,212.49, Savings \$5,007.11, Savings (County Appropriations) \$186,302.00, Web Activity \$500.10, Payroll Tax Liability \$607.00. Fiscal year is now complete, goes from 10-1-2021 to 9-30-2022. Don will get with Mahoney and Mahoney to do our 1099 for the federal government. Mark moved to accept the treasure report, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

4-H Report: Karla Meikle will be resigning from her position as the 4-H Youth Extension Agent as of October 28, 2022. Anything for 4-H we will have to contact Renae Gress for now.

Bills to pay: none

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Ax throwing group out of Minot is interested in coming to the fair next year.

Beer garden/Liquor: nothing

Camping: nothing

Capital Improvements: Mark presented the purchase agreement for the land to the north, 10 ½ acres plus or minus, depends on the land survey. Would like \$5000.00 earnest money down, 90 days due diligence to figure out how to purchase, close by January 30, 2023. No penalty for paying early if we do a contract for deed. Mark wants to get the land surveyed before winter comes. Need to figure out where we want the west line. Mark made the motion to pay the \$5000.00 earnest money to enter into a purchase agreement for the land north of the fair grounds. Barry 2nd, roll call vote taken, Taylor-yes, Mark-yes, Barry-yes, Annie-yes, Nathan-yes, Peggy-yes, Shawn-yes, Kristine-yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Country Fest: nothing

Facility Maintenance: Peggy talked to Keith Hoesel, the locks can be replaced, actuators on top need to be adjusted. Door into the office it is cheaper and easier to order the door and jamb, then just the door. Peggy told Keith if the door only has not been order to not order the door. Rental storage, Peggy talked to several rental storage places, anywhere from 1.50 to 2.00 a square foot per month for inside storage. Discussion followed, committee will take a look and bring a plan back to the next meeting.

Fair Dinner: nothing

Gates & Parking: nothing

Music & Small Acts: Annie has both bands booked, waiting on contracts, Frank Fletcher booked for Friday night, mostly country with some rock. Urbandale Lane booked for Saturday night, cost will be \$3500.00, play a little bit of everything. Blind Joe is booked for Friday and Saturday for \$1800.00, Brianna Helbling is booked for Saturday for \$550.00. Sister Seven is confirmed for Sunday and Magic Joe is confirmed for Friday and Saturday. Still waiting on the contract from Hooked-up.

Public Relations/Advertising: nothing

Rodeo: nothing

Power Pull: Like to hire Wayne Hoger to have the blade on site, thinking of different ideas with the awards.

Competitive Exhibits: nothing

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions: Tailgate Pizza owned by Bryan Berger has been booked for next year fair as a food vendor.

Buckles & Awards: nothing

Security: Annie talked to Elite Security owner Jon and they are booked for next year's fair.

Budget: Committee's should take a look at their spending and get numbers for the budget to either Don or Kristine.

New Business:

Policy & Bylaws: Nathan made the motion in the policy manual to strike out the line that states a director shall not hold the same officer position for more than 2 years consecutively. Barry 2nd motion passed. Need to look at the policy manual and make some updates.

Electronic Storage of Documents: Kristine stated like to scan and store everything to google, will also do the same with quick books. Barry made the motion to go to electronic storage of documents, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

Member Application: Annie made the motion to add Trina Gress as an associate member, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

Next meeting is November 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Morton County Fair Grounds in New Salem.

Barry made the motion to adjourn, Peggy 2nd, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Annie Gartner

MCFB acting secretary