

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

March 21, 2023

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

Directors presented: Peggy Brandt, Shawn Feiring, Kristine Koeplin, Barry Schulz, and Robert Boehm

Directors presented by zoom: Melissa Plesuk and Annie Gartner

Associate Members presented by zoom: Trina Gress

Guests by zoom: Don LaFleur MCFB Accountant

Custodial Report: They have some ideas on the pricing of storage rentals, would like to go small, medium and large. This would simplify the process.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$84,711.06, Savings account \$191,472.89 and in the web Activity Account \$500.10. Revenue is as follows; 2022-2023 Winter Storage \$16,985.00, Jan-March Facility Rentals \$900.00, Gambles patronage \$19.10, Food Vendors 2023 fair \$450.00 for a total of \$18,354.10. Melissa moved to approve the treasurer's report, Robert 2nd motion passed.

4-H Report: No report

Bills to pay: none

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: no report

Beer garden/Liquor: no report

Camping: Will reserve the food vendors camping spots before camping goes live.

Capital Improvements: no report

Country Fest: Peggy asked the board for permission to go to Mahoney & Mahoney for them to look at the contract before get to in depth with it. \$200.00 an hour to do a consultation and any corrections that need to be made. Robert made the motion to hire Mahoney & Mahoney for \$200.00 an hour to look over the Country Fest contract, Kristine 2nd, Roll call vote; Kristine yes, Peggy yes, Robert yes, Barry yes, Melissa yes, Shawn yes and Annie yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Barry has tickets from Country Fest for the Hometown Concert, if you want a ticket let Barry know.

Facility Maintenance: no report

Gates & Parking: Nathan has the schedule for working the gate figured and will give it to Peggy to be put online.

Music & Small Acts: Robert stated the sounds system equipment for the small acts is old and will need to be upgraded in the next year or to. Annie will notify the small acts of their performance times.

Public Relations/Advertising: Pushed back the sponsorship letter mail out date to April 1st, due back on May 15th. Going to save some money by printing the letter ourselves, left all the horse awards off the letter for now, revamped some of the packages and eliminated one.

Rodeo / Draft Horse Competition: Good to go.

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/ Awards: Created a mock fair so people can go in and learn the fair entry system. Can do it in one day or a few evenings. If you would like access, talk to Kristine. Have a list of volunteers to help out during the fair. Discussion on premium payments are they going to increase or stay the same, table to next meeting. Discussion was had on the Jr. Point Show.

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions: Getting the food vendors booked, have two more to book. Discussion was had on having the inside vendor show, had eight vendors last year. Will do the vendor show again, reevaluate for the following year. Melissa will take care of the vendors, both inside and outside ones, Trina will help the committee.

Security: no report

Budget: The following committees request these amounts; Amusement& Youth Activities-\$6500.00, Commercial Exhibits/Vendors-\$500.00, Competitive Events/Awards-\$55,000.00, Country Fest- \$6,000.00, Music & Small Acts- \$21,000.00, Power Pull- \$14,000.00, Public Relations- \$ 15,000.00, Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition- \$21,000.00, and Security-\$ 11,000.00. Will try to complete the budget at the next meeting.

Office: Can make a 20-24 gun safe work in the office. Runnings has one for \$518.00 on clearance, Scheels is pretty close to that price. Kristine will work on this.

New Business:

Binders from past board members: Need to get the binders back from past fair board members and pass them on to the new members. Annie will get the necessary paper work together for directors to sign at the next meeting.

Received a thank you from the Glyn Hoger family for the floral arrangement.

Next meeting is April 18, 2023 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 8:03 pm central time

Annie Gartner
MCFB Secretary
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