

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

October 15, 2024

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 7:06 on pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

Directors presented: Peggy Brandt, Mark Isaacs, Shawn Feiring, Thomas Friesz, Barry Schulz, Taylor Friesz, and Annie Gartner

Associate Members presented: Trina Gress, Amanda Noel and Luke Dukart

Guest: Don Lafleur- MCFA accountant.

Custodial Report: no report

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

Secretary's Report: Barry made the motion to approve September minutes, Mark 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$53,358.77, savings account \$35,714.54 and the loan balance is \$295,000.00.

Revenue: Facility Rentals \$75.00, Camping \$15.00, Winter Storage \$11,400.00, total revenue \$11,490.00

Thomas made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, Barry 2nd, motion passed.

4-H Report: Received a plaque from 4-H Recognition night. Plaque read 2024 Friends of 4-H, Morton County 4-H Council.

Bills to pay: Barry moved to pay for Trina's and Amanda's registration to attend the Heartland Association of Fairs Conference in Minot, registration cost is \$330.00 for both, Mark 2nd, motion passed.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: no report

Beer Garden: no report

Camping: no report

Capital Improvements: Nathan filled out the community grant, they are meeting tomorrow October 16th. Bill for electrical repairs this summer from Braun Electrical \$8,425.59, Barry

moved to pay the bill, Mark 2nd, roll call vote; Mark-yes, Peggy- yes, Shawn-yes, Barry-yes, Thomas-yes, Taylor-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Facility Maintenance: no report

Country Fest: They would like permission to come in two days early, additional \$1,000.00 per day. Peggy made the motion to allow Country Fest to come in 2 days earlier, Mark 2nd motion passed.

Gate & Parking: Trina entertained the idea of having 4-H youth work the gate with parents, board liked the idea.

Music & Small Acts: Following contracts were signed by the President, Slamabama for August 2, 2025 at a cost of \$5,500.00, Randy Buker- hypnosis show on August 2, 2025 at the cost of \$1,450.00 deposit of \$200.00 due now, remaining to be paid on the day of performance and Jeremy Lepak- two ventriloquist show on August 2, 2025 at cost of \$1,600.00.

Public Relations & Advertising: Discussed about the different ways to do the sponsorships, talked about the book, deadlines. Need to do more advertising earlier, books need to be out by the middle of June.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition: no report

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/Awards: Premium checks are ready to go.

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: Annie informed the Board that on October 1st she meet with Lisa Ponzer with the Mocha Moose, she will do the meal tickets for the 4-H judges and for the board (barn bosses, judges, and band). Asked the board about the freezers in the entertainment building are ours and if they are can she use them. Board said we own them and she could use all of them if she needs them.

Security: no report

Code of Conduct: Add judges to under behavior, conduct part. Annie made the motion to accept the Code of Conduct with changes, Thomas 2nd motion passed.

New Business:

Written Warning Form: Taylor moved to approve with changes, Peggy 2nd motion passed.

Hotel Contract: Annie presented a contract for hotel rooms at Baymont in Mandan, Discussion followed, Annie will check with a couple of more hotels.

Loan Payment: First payment on the land is due on December 28, 2024, Barry moved to make the payment of \$27,498.81, Mark 2nd, roll call vote; Mark-yes, Peggy-yes, Shawn-yes, Barry-yes, Thomas-yes, Taylor-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: January 21, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Morton County Fairgrounds in New Salem.

Barry made the motion to adjourn, Thomas 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm central time.

Submitted by Annie Gartner, MCFB Secretary: Signature Annie Gartner Date Jan. 21, 2025

