

Morton County Fair Board Agenda

January 18, 2022

7:00 PM Morton County Fair Grounds, New Salem

Call the meeting to order: Shawn called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM

Roll Call of Directors: All directors present

Associate Members: No associate members present

Guests: Karla M

Custodial Report: The custodial staff was out sick.

Additions/Approval of Agenda: Additions of country fest, mail, sponsorships, and vendors were made to the new business. Nathan moved the amended agenda, Kristine seconded. Agenda approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Barry moved and Josh seconded the Sept. Minutes as presented, approved unanimously. Nathan moved and Annie seconded the Nov. Minutes as presented, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Outstanding Checks of \$65,866.25; Outstanding Deposit of \$4,893.83; Current Balance of \$70,760.08. Treasurer's report as presented moved by Barry, seconded by Peggy, approved unanimously.

Bills to Pay: \$21.37 due to Annie for memory cards for the digital recorder.

Old Business

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: no report

Beer garden/Liquor: Karla made the letters to the vendors available for whoever takes the committee.

Camping: no report

Capital Improvements: Josh talked to Josh Eggers in Dec., no price was given for the land to use as parking. Josh and Barry will follow up. Water lines and other capital improvements discussed after the fair. Our projects did not qualify for the grant discussed in the fall so none of the improvements were made. Melanie will send out a poll on capital improvement wants so board members can choose priorities. Will be discussed at the February meeting.

Country Fest – Update on contract and invoice for the clean up
Paid \$3,915 for clean up

Facility Maintenance: Gas needs to be checked to stove. 4H group said there was a strong smell of gas, gas was turned off. Pilot lights should be checked to see if high winds blew them out.

Fair Dinner: Will be held again this year

Gate & Parking: no report

Music & Small Acts Entertainment: Want to go back to having the free stage. Suggestion of bluegrass group. Kristine knows them and will talk to them. Suggestion of Sister 7. Also a suggestion to change up the evening musical acts.

Public Relations/Advertising – Kristine – booklet quote from Shana is the same as last year. Kristine will meet with Wendy Boehm before next month regarding the website and info email account.

Rodeo: NDRA meeting this weekend. Barry sent in approval letter with the same set up as last year.

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Exhibits – Kristine – requested the judge list.

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions – Kari will not be working on this anymore.

Buckle/Awards: no report

Security: no report

New Business

Lease Agreement from the Park Board – Shawn – Two year lease for \$500, Barry moved to sign the lease and pay the \$500, Kristine seconded. Roll call vote: AYES: Barry, Kristine, Annie, Nathan, Tracy, Mark, Peggy, Josh, Melanie

Introduction of changes to the by-laws – Melanie and Nathan explained the proposed changes. Karla explained how the State Fair Board functions. Tracy had concerns with some of the proposed changes. Proposed changes will be discussed at the February meeting, vote cannot be taken until March meeting.

Country Fest – Tracy – explained the negotiations are starting for the next potential contract with Country Fest. The organizers are set on a 10-year contract. Meeting with stakeholders to include the Park Board, the Saddle Club, the Weigh Station, and Morton Co. Sheriff to discuss the things that need to be included in a new contract. Suggestions were made to include requiring a private ambulance service to ease some of the burden of the county, consideration of the damages from the previous year that were not

included in the clean-up costs, review of the contract by an attorney on the behalf of the MCFA.

Mail – Currently going to the Morton Co Courthouse care of Extension. Will continue to go there and picked up

Sponsorships & Vendors – information will be in the fair office at the fair grounds for the people who take over those committees

Next Meeting: February 15, 2022, 7:00 PM Morton County Fair Grounds, New Salem – majority of board members have conflicts with this date. Meeting will be February 8, 2022, 7:00 PM and the New Salem Fire Hall.

Adjournment: Tracy moved and Peggy seconded, meeting adjourned at unanimously at 8:15 PM

Melanie Gasbe

MCFB Secretary
Feb. 22, 2022

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