

## Morton County Fair Board Minutes

March 12, 2024

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 7:08 on pm central time by board Vice President Taylor Friesz.

**Directors presented:** Peggy Brandt, Nathan Boehm, Kristine Kopplin, Taylor Friesz, Mark Isaacs, Barry Schulz and Annie Gartner

**Associate Members presented:** Amanda Noel and Trina Gress

**Guest:** Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant, Margo Kunz 4-H Council Treasurer, Renae Bleth NDSU Extension Service and Shelby Zachmeier NDSU Extension Service.

**Custodial Report:** Need to do something about the mud on the east side of the concession building, need gravel or no parking till it dries. With the propane smell from the stove should have CO2 monitors in the building, Facility Maintenance Committee will meet and look at both problems.

**Additions/Approval of Agenda:** Kristine moved to approve agenda, Annie 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the checking \$50,071.61, savings account \$35,599.58 and in the secondary account \$500.00 and loan balance is \$295,000.00. Revenue was \$3,295.00 in sponsorships. Mark made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**4-H Report:** Margo let the board know that there is new officers on the 4-H Council, Russ Voigt is President, Jessica Wild is Vice President, Tasha Bohl is Secretary and Margo Kunz is Treasurer. Council is looking for ways to pay for all ribbon placings, discussion was on the kids who do not get paid for all of their ribbon placings and how we can go about making sure all placings get paid. Suggestion was made that the Competitive Committee meet with 4-H Council and come back to the next meeting with a proposal. Should have the President or Vice President of the Fair Board extend a welcome to the 4-H Council, will also include them when the secretary calls for agenda items for the Fair Board meetings.

**Bills to pay:** none

**Old Business:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Amusement & Youth Activities:** no report

**Beer Garden:** no report

**Camping:** no report

**Capital Improvements:** Annie presented a map on putting guardrail around the propane tank and by the fire hydrant, meter pit and shut off valves, Committee will discuss this at their meeting following the regular meeting. Nathan talked to the New Salem Civic Club about moving the derby track to the north parking lot. Civic Club will discuss this at their next meeting.

**Facility Maintenance:** Discussion was on the propane smell from the stove, old beer garden doors need to be replaced and CO2 testers in the concession building, Committee will meet following the regular meeting to discuss those items.

**Country Fest:** Waiting on the contract

**Gate & Parking:** no report

**Music & Small Acts:** Savannah Benz will perform on August 3, 2024 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm for \$140.00 an hour. Kristine made the motion to accept the contract from Savannah Benz for \$140.00, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> roll call vote taken; Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Barry-yes, Mark-yes, Kristine-yes, Taylor-yes and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

**Public Relations & Advertising:** Fair book deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>, need to start working on the schedule for the fair, sponsorship letters went out.

Iheart radio contract is 261(30 seconds) commercials and live remote broadcast on Friday 8/2, for a total of \$2,880.00, Kristine moved to accept Iheart contract for \$2,880.00, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call vote taken ; Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Barry-yes, Mark-yes, Kristine-yes, Taylor-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

**Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition:** Waiting on contract from Wayne Eckroth, draft horse will be similar to last year, looking at possibly expanding it. Working on the ranch rodeo for late Saturday afternoon with a little break then into the rodeo. BEK TV has on the schedule to air the rodeos again, they will get their own sponsors, cannot use the same sponsors as the fair.

**Power Pull:** Pickup & Modified Tractor pulling schedules for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, deposit of \$400.00, remaining balance is \$2600.00. Peggy moved to accept contract from Full Pull, INC. for \$3000.00, Kristine 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call vote taken; Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Barry-yes, Mark-yes, Kristine-yes, Taylor-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Antique Tractor Pulling event will be held on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>, deposit \$400.00, remaining balance \$850.00. Kristine moved to accept contract from Full Pull INC. for \$1250.00, Barry 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call vote taken; Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Barry-yes, Mark-yes, Kristine-yes, Taylor-yes and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously. Taylor has the equipment needed for the track lined up.

**Competitive Events/Awards:** Will be using the Showmen app this year instead of Fair Entry, Kristine will let Fair Entry know that their services are no longer needed. Planning to have a dairy show, Kristine is working with Anita Hoger on a Kiddi calf show.

**Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors:** Dakota Age Iron will be at the fair on Saturday and Sunday, start on noon on Saturday and 10:00am on Sunday. They will be having demos every 2 hours.

**Security:** no report

**Budget:** Went thru the 2024 budget and what the Committees are requesting, will add a budget for utilities and office expenses.

**New Business:**

**Door Codes:** Will have the President and Treasurer for the 4-H Council come up with their own four digit code for the office and will text them to Peggy by end of the week.

**Next meeting:** April 16, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Morton County Fairgrounds in New Salem.

Mark made the motion to adjourn, Kristine 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm central time.

*Annie Kortner met Secretary  
4-16-2024*