

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

September 20, 2022

7:00 PM Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

Call the meeting to order: 7:04 PM

Roll Call of Directors Shawn Feiring, Nathan Boehm, Mark Issacs, Melissa Peluska. Annie Gartner, Peggy Brandt, Taylor Freisz, Kristine Koeplin, Melanie Gaebe

Associate Members

Guests Don Lafleur, Mary Doll

Custodial Report

- Got a new lock for the office door with a keypad, everyone can have their own code. Would like to hang the door properly so the light switch is accessible.
- 2 building padlock keys and 2 pedestal padlock keys, outside building keys and office key were in the safe when it was stolen
- Would like to replace the panic bars, actuators, and locks on all outside doors
 - Melanie moves, Annie seconds, roll call vote unanimous

Rentals

- Rentals are currently for Oct 1 – May 15, propose changing that to Sept 15 – May 1. Hog barn will still have to be empty by April 1. This change will take effect for the 2023-24 rental season
- All stored equipment/vehicles pay the same price for a space.
- Will change golf carts to motorcycles and UTVs.
- Taylor recommends changing to a per square foot price for rentals
 - A price will be figured out and brought back to the board

Additions/Approval of Agenda

- Alzheimer's Association
- Heartland Association Annual meeting
- NDSF delegate
- Taylor moves approval of the agenda, Nathan seconds, motion passes

Secretary's Report

- Nathan moves approval, Melissa seconds, motion passes

Treasurer's Report

- Don emailed out – Taylor moves approval, Peggy seconds, motion passes

4H Report – no report

Bills to Pay -

Old Business

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Theo Art and the Rock Wall are lined up for next year.

Beer garden/Liquor: no report

Camping: stipend for not using camping – all members donated back

Capital Improvements

- Trees by the dairy barns need to be cut back – board members will take care of it
- Water project
 - Finish plans by the end of the year
 - 3 contractors to bid early next year to start in April/May and finish by June 1
 - Line is the weigh station's, the park board and city will work with the weigh station to make it a city line
 - Fencing Lee Backhaus originally put in – have him finish fence for parking and to the west
 - Nathan moves to have Lee finish the fence and put in a 4-foot gate unless the cost is over \$2500, Taylor seconds, motion passes
 - Went into executive session to discuss the potential purchase of land for a parking area
 - Executive session ends
 - Mark moves the MCFA enter into a purchase agreement with the land owners, Taylor seconds, roll call passes

Country Fest

- Close to going back into negotiations, pushing hard to get a contract signed
- Please get suggestions to Peggy

Facility Maintenance – no report

Fair Dinner - no bill yet for Farm Bureau to pay for lunch

Gate & Parking – no report

Music & Small Acts

- Preview of small acts
 - Blind Joe is willing to play Friday and Saturday afternoons
 - Brianne Helbling is a possibility
 - The Fizz and Thistle – bagpipes and band
 - Colleen Reinhardt for next year Sunday

- Sister 7 from noon to 1 on Sunday
- Magic Joe contract
 - Contract is for 2 shows Friday and 3 shows Saturday
 - \$2400 contract with a \$250 deposit in the mail by Sept 21
- Wade
 - Contract for next month, working on bands to beat the Sturgis rush, would like to increase the budget for bands
- Hotels
 - Baymont has a block of 10 rooms/night from August 2 – 5
 - \$92/night for a one page ad in the fair book
- Taylor moves to approve Annie's contract for Magic Joe for \$2400 and the hotels, Melanie seconds, motion passes

Public Relations/Advertising

- Keep updating the address change as mail comes in

Rodeo

Power Pull

- Would like to bring in blade operator to be on call for next year
- Thanks to Joel for being so involved while Taylor was busy with livestock
- Full Pull camping spots – need a letter and move camping spots
 - Do's and don't's for camping

Competitive Exhibits

- Corrections to Don and Kristine so checks can be sent out

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions

- Food vendor update
- All of the food vendors from this year are committed for next year

Buckle/Awards

- Found the chicken buckles – date needs to be changed

Security – Annie

- Follow up report is coming
- Annie has a time sheet
- Contract for next year was approved and signed

New Business:

- Update from Sheriff's office on break-in
 - Board was presented with names but no one recognized them
 - Sent an updated open report form to the insurance company

2022-2023 budget

- Can a current/working budget be emailed to everyone for notes
 - Peggy will scan and email it out
- Alzheimer's Association – October 28 rental fee waived for meet your legislator event
 - Taylor moves, Melissa seconds, motion passes
- Heartland Association
 - Nov 17-19 in Minot
 - If anyone wants to attend, decide by next meeting
- State Fair Delegate – appoint one delegate
- New Park Board Rep – Steve Kleinjan

Next Meeting: October 18, 2022 – school schedule conflicts – meeting will be October 11, 2022 at 7 PM

Adjournment: Taylor moves, Melanie seconds, adjourned at 9:27 PM

Melanie Gaebel

Approved October 11