

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

June 18, 2024

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 7:00 on pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

Directors presented: Peggy Brandt, Nathan Boehm, Kristine Koeplin, Mark Isaacs, Barry Schulz, Shawn Feiring, Robert Boehm, Thomas Friesz, and Annie Gartner

Associate Members presented: Amanda Noel and Trina Gress

Guest: Margo Kunz and Russ Voight- 4-H Council, Don Lafleur- MCFA Accountant, Cassie Allerdings- NDSU Extension Agent.

Custodial Report: Legend Air and Plumbing was out, said the furnace is getting old and will eventually need to be replaced.

Additions/Approval of Agenda: Barry moved to approve agenda, Nathan 2nd motion passed

Secretary's Report: Robert made the motion to approve the minutes, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$75,084.06, savings account \$35,648.95 and in the secondary account \$500.00 and loan balance is \$295,000.00. Revenue was Facility Rentals \$16,500.00, Camping \$635.00, Commercial Exhibits/Vendors \$550.00, Patronage \$1,482.46 and Sponsorships \$4,425.00, for a total of \$16,110.00. Have a \$391.00 credit with Braun Distributing, discussion on what to do with the credit, decided to spend the credit on items for the fair. Barry made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

4-H Report: Fair entry is open for 4-H members to register, food has been ordered for the concession.

Bills to pay: Capital Restaurant and Supply for \$377.05, Nathan moved to pay the bill, Thomas 2nd motion passed. JT Fire for \$160.00 for maintenance on fire extinguishers, Thomas moved to pay the bill, Nathan 2nd, motion passed

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Will have the deadline to register for the power wheels derby on August 2nd.

Beer Garden: no report

Camping: Opened on Sunday, went well, all the 30 amps and 50 amp spots sold and 2 primitive spots sold. Need to check a few camping pedestals that are not working.

Capital Improvements & Facility Maintenance: Talked to Peterson about fixing the chain link fence on west and SE sides of the fairgrounds and guard rail around hydrant etc. that is east of the concession building. Worked on the water lines in the hoops barns. Jake Voight will look at the ends of the hoop barns and install metal. Peggy will call about getting the dumpster picked up. Mark let the board know where the Security First sign is going over at the north parking lot. The dimensions will be 180" wide and 120" high, ground to bottom of the sign will be 180".

Country Fest: Everything is good to go, they move in starting June 30th.

Gate & Parking: Nathan has the schedule put together, starting to get volunteers for 2024 fair.

Music & Small Acts: no report

Public Relations & Advertising: BEK will televise the rodeo, fair board will receive \$5,000.00 from BEK.

Peggy made the motion to do a Facebook/social media campaign, will draw for 2 weekend passes, one parking pass and two food vouchers to the 4-H concessions, Thomas 2nd motion passed.

Fair book- 1st draft is done, checked with United Printing for other printing needs like posters, etc. is \$432.00, Flash Printing did not respond back and Jill Friesz new owner for the local paper might do some printing for us. Kristine will get a quote from United Printing for 1,500 books.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition: Rough stock and personnel to for the rodeo on August 2nd and 3rd from Wayne Eckroth is \$9,000.00. Kristine moved to approve the contract, Thomas 2nd, roll call vote; Peggy-yes, Barry-yes, Robert-yes, Kristine-yes, Nathan-yes, Mark-yes, Shawn-yes, Thomas-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Power Pull: Discussion on camping and paying an entry fee to pull. Nathan made the motion to have Full Pull Inc. staff and contestants pay for camping for the 2024 fair, Peggy 2nd, motion passed. Gooseneck will be bringing a pullback tractor to use.

Competitive Events/Awards: Showmann App will open July 1st, really simple to use.

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: NoDak Sharpening is coming to the fair as an outside vendor. Specialize in sharpening all types of knives, clippers, etc.

Security: The 3 part trespassing notices are done, Jon will bring them with, had 100 copies made.

Hotel Rooms: Let Annie know tonight if you need rooms.

Pepsi Contract: The Fair Board will be done with the contract end of the year, for future contracts the Morton County Fair Association will not be listed as an agency. 4-H Council will enter into their own contract with Pepsi next year.

County Commission Budget Meeting Proposal: Don presented the justification letter that will be presented to the County Commissioners. He needs someone to write the justification for the funds for building & other improvements. Mark will write one up.

New Business:

Uniform Sales & Use Tax: 4-H Council will fill this out and return to Pepsi.

Heartland Association of Fairs: Annie presented different awards they give out to individuals and to associations.

Refrigerated trailer: Civic Club would like to use it for the Cow Town Hoedown celebration in July, Barry made the motion to allow the Civic Club to use the trailer, Kristine 2nd motion passed.

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

Robert made the motion to adjourn, Nathan 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm central time.

Annie Gortner
MCF Secretary
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