

## Morton County Fair Board Minutes

February 21, 2023

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

**Directors presented:** Peggy Brandt, Shawn Feiring, Annie Gartner, Kristine Koeplin, Barry Schulz, Robert Boehm, Thomas Friesz and Taylor Friesz

**Associate Members:**

**Guests:** Don LaFleur MCFB Accountant and Wendy Boehm 4-H Council President

**Custodial Report:** Door lock codes for each board of director are installed and ready to go.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** In the checking \$77,902.18, Savings account \$191,428.84 (water project \$156,560.00 and Building repairs and upgrades \$29,742.00) and in the web Activity Account \$500.10. Taylor moved to approve the treasurer's report, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

Don reported that we received a bill from ND Tax for tax due. Tax period ending 12-31-2020 \$500.00 penalty and tax period ending 12-31-2021 \$500.00 penalty for a total of \$1000.00. Don stated that this has been reconsidered and since it has been a month he believes they have withdrawn it but he has no confirmation of that. Bill was turned over to Sauber and Associates.

**4-H Report:** Wendy asked the board if the council president, council treasure and maybe the 4-H extension agent could reserve the same camping spots as last year before camping goes online and also the use of 3 UTV's. 4-H Council will find their own, be responsible for insurance and for the signage on them.

Barry made the motion to allow 4-H council president, treasurer and possibility of 4-H extension agent the same camping spots as last year before camping goes online and the use of 3 UTV's max, responsible for getting them, insurance and signage. Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed

Wendy's 4-H club is applying for a grant for a gardening project, plan to put flowers around the fairgrounds during the fair.

**Bills to pay:** Annie presented bill for pediatric defib. Pads from AED Brands for \$108.00

## **Old Business:**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Amusement & Youth Activities:** Bounce Rite from Dickinson gave us a quote for \$3500.00 for inflatables, same as last year, \$900.00 for staffing and \$500.00 loyalty credit for a total of \$4086.96. Same times as 2022 fair and for the mechanical bull the fair will get a percentage from the profits. Kristine made the motion to pay Bounce Rite Rentals \$4086.96 for the county fair, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> Roll call vote; Peggy yes, Taylor yes, Barry yes, Thomas yes, Robert yes, Kristine yes, Shawn yes and Annie yes, motion passed unanimously.

Shawn will check into the rock wall for Sunday, do have a credit from last year due to the weather. Will also check into the corn hole tourney and ax throwing.

**Beer garden/Liquor:** no report

**Camping:** Wayne will not be able to help with camping during the fair this year. He sent a map to Peggy, once snow is gone he will go thru everything with Peggy, Kristine and Robert. Wendy Boehm stated she could help with camping.

18 pedestals that need to be upgraded at a cost of \$300.00 each pedestal. Committee will look into this upgrade before camping spots go live. Stated that this will need to go out on bids if we go thru with the upgrades.

**Capital Improvements:** Barry made the motion to have Independent Land Survey draw up the water plans for the fairgrounds, Kristine 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed

**Country Fest:** Working on the contract, need to have a committee meeting with the Weigh Station, Saddle Club and Park Board.

**Facility Maintenance:** no report

**Gates & Parking:** no report

**Music & Small Acts:** Schedule has been put together for small acts, board should review for next meeting. Waiting to hear back from JD Johnson for Cowboy Church and from Thiz and Fizzle, bagpipes and drums for Saturday.

**Public Relations/Advertising:** Committee meet and updated the letter, Sheyna Strommen will do the setup for the fair book, same price as last year. Estimated printing for 2800 books is \$4800.00 with United Printing. Budget has been around \$10,000.00, try to sell more grand champion packages with the increase costs looking at a budget of \$13,000.00 to \$15,000.00. Committee will look at ways to reduce cost. One idea is posting a QR code that can be used with a smart phone.

**Website-** Save some costs if we better use the website. Pay \$60.00 a month for website. The price is for our website and for the shop. We can combine the two websites. One quote to redo the website was \$2200.0. Peggy found someone that will help her redo the site, combine the two sites, have building and camping rental, calendar (email can be sent up to 3 people with reservation and POS.

**Rodeo / Horse Draft Pull:** Next year need to start early and get bids out for the rough stock. Saddle Club is looking at getting new lights for the arena, with everything underground.

**Power Pull:** no report

**Competitive Events/ Awards:** no report

**Commercial Exhibits & Concessions:** Email reminder was sent to all food vendors that application and payment due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Security:** no report

**Budget:** Like to have committees meet and get an idea on spending. Don and Kristine will put budget together and bring back to the next meeting.

**Google Account:** Ownership is tied to one phone and we cannot have access to the account because it is a free account, need to have a google business account or something similar. Discussion was had on what we need. Business standard that is \$12.00 a month, includes video meetings and storage. Robert made the motion to go with google business standard account for \$12.00 a month, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> roll call taken; Peggy yes, Barry yes, Taylor yes, Thomas yes, Robert yes, Kristine yes, Shawn yes, and Annie yes motion passed unanimously.

**Office:** Gun safe prices can range from \$300.00 up to \$2000.00 or more. At Scheels a 24 gun case is \$329.00, can create 5 shelves to store documents, 91 lbs. 21wx18dx55h, mounts to floor, and is fire proof. Kristine will check with Menards, Runnings and Farmers Lumber and Gambles. Barry made the motion to allow Kristine to spend up to \$500.00 on a gun safe, ½ hr. to 1 hr. fire rating, Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call vote; Peggy yes, Barry yes, Kristine yes, Robert yes, Taylor yes, Thomas yes, Shawn yes, and Annie yes, motion passed unanimously.

**Pay Pal Account:** There is no access to this account, our tax identification number is tied to this account and because of this cannot make changes to the account.

### **New Business:**

**Funerals:** Discussion was had on what we want to do with funerals, do we want to give flowers or something else. After discussion was decided to let the executive board make the call.

**Next meeting is March 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Morton County Fair Grounds in New Salem.**

Taylor made the motion to adjourn, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm central time

Annie Barnes  
MCFB Secretary  
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