

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

April 16, 2024

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 7:03 on pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

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

Associate Members presented: Amanda Noel and Trina Gress

Guest: Russ Voigt 4-H Council President, Jessica Wild Vice President 4-H Council and John Mahoney from Mahoney and Mahoney.

Custodial Report: no report

Additions/Approval of Agenda: Kristine moved to approve agenda with an executive session that may be called, Peggy 2nd motion passed

Secretary's Report: Barry made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$57,366.95, savings account \$35,616.21 and in the secondary account \$500.00 and loan balance is \$295,000.00. Revenue was \$375.00 facility rentals, \$11,040.00 in sponsorships for a total of \$11,415.00. Barry made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

4-H Report: 4-H Council thanked the Fair Board for paying all the premiums for static, livestock and horse. Kristine moved to let the 4-H use the refrigerated trailer during the fair to keep pop and water cold, Peggy 2nd motion passed

Bills to pay: none

Old Business:

Pepsi Contract: John Mahoney an attorney was here to discuss the contract with Pepsi, discussion followed. Annie made the motion to have the attorney go thru the contract, and find the weak points, and then write a letter to Pepsi saying the Morton County Fair Board is terminating the contract, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Will do the power wheels derby like years past. Shawn report Bounce Rite is longer in the business. Shawn has found several different companies; JK out of Menoken or \$10,300.0 for a weekend similar to what we had before, Dakota Party Rental from

Minot-\$4000.00 for Friday and \$3000.00 for Saturday. Neither one of these has a mechanical bull. Games Galore out of Fargo has a mechanical bull, Shawn is waiting on a price quote for similar setup as years past, looking at the \$10,000.00 price range.

Beer Garden: Nathan presented the letter for bids on the beer garden, went thru made corrections, committee will meet and get the letters sent out.

Camping: no report

Capital Improvements & Facility Maintenance: Barry got bids on lighting in the concession building and some outside lights \$6400.00. Waiting on bids for grass seeding in North parking lot, also need a bid for mowing the parking lot before seeding can take place. Waiting to hear back from the Civic Club with moving the derby track to the North parking lot and making the track permanent. Still working on finding a contract to the ends on both hoop barns.

Stove in the kitchen got a new ignitor switch, areas around the wash rack will get fixed. Looking at putting concrete on east side and south side of concession building. Robert has applied for a grant for this project. Talked to Security 1st Bank about the installation of their sign for the North parking lot.

Country Fest: Contract is ready to sign, will go into executive session at the end of the regular meeting.

Gate & Parking: no report

Music & Small Acts: Waiting to hear back from Savannah Benz if she could perform on Sunday from noon-1:00pm. Robert said the speaker guys will be out once the building is emptied, take about an afternoon to install, they will train on how to use the system.

Public Relations & Advertising: Fair book deadline is May 1st, reminder all items need to be sent by email to the committee. Need to update the schedule for the fair. Kristine made the motion to give West River Equipment a grand champion sponsorship package and their vendor spot rent free for donating the equipment that we use during the fair, Nathan 2nd motion passed. Print Works an Oregon based company contacted Kristine about doing our printing, she told them we do our printing local, she will call back and tell them not interested.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition: Barry is working on the contracts for the rodeo, ranch rodeo will be Saturday afternoon after the horse show and before the rodeo. Looking at asking the Civic Club to help sponsor the ranch rodeo, estimated cost to put on will be \$6000.00 to \$7000.00. Robert made the motion to allow Barry and the ranch rodeo to find their own sponsors for this year's ranch rodeo, Nathan 2nd motion passed. Draft Horse Competition is ready to go.

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/Awards: Committee meet with the 4-H Council about the 4-H premiums. Fair Board will cover the premium payments for the 4-H Static, Horse and Livestock.

Kristine made the motion to have the Jr. Point Show on Saturday and Sunday for \$350.00, Mark 2nd; roll call vote, Nathan-yes, Peggy-yes, Barry-yes, Shawn-yes, Robert-yes, Mark-yes, Kristine-yes, Thomas-yes, Melissa-yes and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: 4-H will do concessions this year, similar as years passed.

Security: Jon from Elite Security will be out May 21st, security will set up under the tent on the east side of the concession building, close to AED and PA system and if any fair goers would need anything. Security is requesting the use of a side by side for the fair, huge help last year. Price quote for security for the 2024 fair is \$11,870.00. Board has a few questions on the scoop of practice, will be addressed when Jon is out.

Emergency Manual: All fair board directors, associate members and 4-H Council where given a packet, went thru and highlighted some items. Let Annie know of any corrections or changes by May 13th. Nathan will give a packet to Morton County Emergency Management.

Budget: Went thru the 2024 budget and made adjustments as needed. This is the following budget for 2024:

Amusement & Youth Activities-\$12,000.00	Competitive Events/Awards-\$80,000.00
Beer Garden-\$5,000.00	Country Fest-\$6,000.00
Camping-\$500.00	Facility Maintenance-\$5,000.00
Capital Improvements-\$50,000.00	Gate & Parking- \$500.00
Commercial Exhibits/Vendors-\$500.00	Music & Small Acts-\$23,000.00
Office Expense/Payroll- \$35,000.00	Power Pull- \$14,000.00
Public Relations- \$13,000.00	Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition-\$23,000.00
Security-\$12,000.00	Donations-\$ 15,000.00
Utilities-\$20,000.00	
Total for 2024 budget is: \$314,500.00	

Nathan made the motion to approve the 2024 budget, Peggy 2nd, roll call vote; Nathan-yes, Peggy-yes, Barry-yes, Melissa-yes, Shawn-yes, Robert-yes, Mark-yes, Kristine-yes, Thomas-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Regular meeting recessed for executive session at 8:56pm

Executive session closed at 9:21pm, Robert made the motion to approve Country Fest's contract as written, Kristine 2nd, roll call vote; Nathan-yes, Peggy-yes, Barry-yes, Shawn-yes, Robert-yes, Mark-yes, Kristine-yes, Thomas-yes, Melissa-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

None

Next meeting: May 21, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Morton County Fairgrounds in New Salem.

Nathan made the motion to adjourn, Melissa 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm central time.

Annie Barker MCFB Secretary
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