

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

September 19, 2023

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

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

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

Associate Members presented: none

Guests: Wendy Boehm- 4-H Council President, Becky Bargman-4-H Council Treasurer, Jayden Erdmann 4-H Council Secretary and Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant

Custodial Report: Exotic Sale was a muddy mess, took Carrie and Mary 4 hours each to clean the building. Need to look at additional fees for extra cleaning. Sawdust and manure in the garbage dumpsters. Robert made the motion to withhold the \$200.00 deposit and charge them for a roll off after 2 day notice, Peggy 2nd motion passed. Motion was amended by Robert 2nd by Taylor to give them 2 day notice to clean out the dumpsters, motion passed.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$150,200.95, Savings account \$128,422.69 and in the web Activity Account \$4, 510.47. Revenue is as follows; Facility Rentals \$725.00, Gate \$352.00, Sponsorships \$5,000.00, Livestock Registrations \$ 30.00, Camping \$30.00, Wristbands \$540.00, and Rodeo \$255.00 for a total of \$6,932.00

Annie explained the bill for the rental bleachers from Mandan Progress, they charged us for 5 days per set of bleachers instead of the 2 days per set of bleachers. They will cut a check back for the overpayment of the bleacher rental and also for the rental of the bleachers for 2024. Total payment back to the fair is \$5,550.00.

Don went thru the budgets for each committee, any corrections let him know

Nathan moved to approve the treasurer's report, Barry 2nd motion passed.

4-H Report: E-mail from Renae Gress was read, 177 4-Her's participated in static projects, with 615 exhibits being judge. 95 4-Her's participated in livestock, horse and small animal events. Despite the weather and other challenges the shows went well, anything that we can improve upon let her know. Thank you to all the fair board members that helped during the 4-H events.

Pepsi bill was 4-H and they paid it. 4-H Executive Council said that normally they get \$1500.00 and at the last meeting the board reduced it to \$1000.00 for the misuse of the free voucher pass. There was nothing said about being penalize as this was on a trial basis. Asking to have \$500.00 back, after discussion leave as is for now. 4-H Council is waiting on a list of free voucher passes given out, Nathan has them and will get that list to them.

Bills to pay: Morton County 4-H Council \$667.75 for food voucher/ food

\$200.00 for grounds cleanup

Morton County 4-H \$6,651.00 for premiums

Barry moved to pay all 3 4-H invoices, Nathan 2nd. Roll call vote: yes, Peggy, Robert, Mark, Shawn, Taylor, Barry, Nathan and Annie, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: no report

Beer garden: no report

Camping: no report

Capital Improvements: The main water line is in, working on installing the barn hydrants. Running thru the new water meter, need to remove the old water meter in the mechanical room. Committee will meet with the Weigh Station to work out details, they are hooked up and running thru our meter. Need to have the grounds and the track bladed before winter, Taylor will call the county.

Discussion was on the damage to entertainment building when Pepsi truck back in too far, Keith Hoesl was up and did some fixing.

Dakota Carrier Network- Discussion on them installing internet hookups, Robert made the motion to allow DCN to start placing internet hook ups, they have to locate the electrical lines, Peggy 2nd motion passed.

Country Fest: Peggy went thru the contract with the board, she will make corrections and then send the contract to Luke. Any changes let her know by Thursday.

Facility Maintenance: Shawn has the welding class working on the dumpsters, also fixed 6 sets of bleachers, new boards, paint and welded the frames where broke. Nathan made the motion to pay for the expense to fix the bleachers \$1100.00 and to have the board cover the expenses for the dumpsters. Kristine 2nd, Roll call vote taken, yes: Nathan, Kristine, Peggy, Robert, Mark, Shawn, Taylor, Barry and Annie, motion passed unanimously.

Form a committee to look at purchasing bleachers, Country Fest is also interested in participating. Those on the committee are Kristine, Shawn and Peggy.

Gates & Parking: no report

Music & Small Acts / Hotel: Contract for the block of rooms for 2024 was signed by the President. Most of the small act entertainment has been booked, waiting on the last two, contract for Magic Joe was signed by the President. Ward is working on the bands for 2024.

Public Relations: no report

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition: no report

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/Awards: Committee is working on getting the premium checks ready.

Commercial Exhibits/Concession/Vendors: no report

Security: Jon said the use of the side by side really helped them out, hope to have one next year. Went thru the list of incidents from Jon that happened during the fair. Will have him come to a meeting in the spring so both parties understand what is expected of them. Security is booked for 2024 Fair. Annie will be working on completing the emergency manual, she will meet with Kyle Kirchmeier to have him go thru the manual.

Pepsi Check/contact: Nothing back from the attorney, very hard to read, Peggy will retype the contract and then give it back to the attorney. Robert will help.

New Business:

Community/ Foundation Grant: Robert presented speaker quotes for the small acts, Tricorn Audio \$15,650.00 and Dakota Sound System \$19,850.00 without any options. Barry moved to have Robert apply for the grant for the Tricorne Audio Equipment, Kristine 2nd motion passed. Mark made the motion to purchase the sounds equipment if the grant is not rewarded, Peggy 2nd, roll call vote yes- Nathan, Kristine, Peggy, Robert, Mark, Shawn, Taylor, Barry and Annie, motion passed unanimously.

Extension Office: Renae Bleth would like the approval from each board member to give their cell phone numbers out when they are contacted about fair items. All board members where ok with this.

Next meeting: October 17, 2023 at 7:00pm Morton County Fair Grounds

Barry made the motion to adjourn, Nathan 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm central time.

Annie Barker
MCF Secretary
10/17/23