

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

July 16, 2024

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds

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

Directors presented: Peggy Brandt, Nathan Boehm, Mark Isaacs, Shawn Feiring, Robert Boehm, Thomas Friesz, Taylor Friesz, and Annie Gartner

Associate Members presented: Amanda Noel and Trina Gress

Guest: Brook Kunz- NDSU Extension Office, Jaden Russell- NDSU Extension Agent, Russ Voigt, Jessica Wild and Margo Kunz- 4-H Council, Don Lafleur- MCFA Accountant and Silver Dollar Staff- Jason, Wade and Crystal.

Silver Dollar staff meet with the board to answer and questions we may have. They are going to use a point of sales systems for purchases.

Custodial Report: no report

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

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

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$87,790.01, savings account \$35,665...07 and in the secondary account \$500.00 and loan balance is \$295,000.00. Revenue was Facility Rentals/camping \$16,224.67, Showman Test Deposit \$1.00 and Sponsorships \$825.00. Total revenue \$17,050.67. Thomas made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

ND State Fire & Tornado Fund will have a price increase of 25% as July 1, 2024

4-H Report: Everything is on track for the 4-H Achievement Days. 4-H fair cleanup will be July 28th at 3:00pm

Bills to pay: Annie presented a bill from Mandan Progress Organization for the rent of the bleachers in the amount of \$140.00. Taylor moved to pay the bill, Thomas 2nd, roll call vote; Peggy-yes, Robert-yes, Shawn-yes, Nathan-yes, Mark-yes, Thomas-yes, Taylor-yes and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Shawn talked to Barry-Saddle Club is ok with us moving the sandbox behind the rodeo arena's crow's nest, they are ok with the coloring board to go there to.

Beer Garden: no report

Camping: Have a couple of 20 amps spots left.

Capital Improvements & Facility Maintenance: Both the sheep and swine hoop barns got the steel installed on the ends, need to have someone come out and reinstall the lights. Peggy will call an overhead door repair business to come out and fix the overhead doors on both hoop barns and check the ones in the horse barn.

Facility Maintenance: Annie informed the board that the office is being used by people other than the fair board members, custodians and 4-H Council. Peggy has a list of current codes for the door and will give to Mary to delete the codes not on that list.

Nathan has the tents booked for the fair, Peggy will call for locates. Shawn will bring up some kids up and get the entertainment building pressure washed. Nathan will get several price quotes for light plants for the fair.

Robert made the motion to make sure the fairgrounds is not booked from the weekend before the county fair to the weekend after the county fair, Mark 2nd, motion passed.

Country Fest: Everything went well, nothing major took place. Another record setting year.

Gate & Parking: Nathan is still looking for a few volunteers for Sunday. He would like to have banners on either side of the road for speed bumps. Looking at 2x3, yellow with red letters. Should say slow down bump.

Music & Small Acts: Annie will get a list of entertainers and payment to Don and a list to Nathan for the main gate.

Public Relations & Advertising: Annie picked up the fair books from United Printing. Everyone should take books and posters, gave a list where posters and books have been placed already. Morton County News Journal would like to do an interview with someone about the fair. Shawn will do this.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition: no report

Power Pull: Bleachers have been reserved for the fair. Annie will get the bleachers moved from the Derby track to the Power Pull track and on Sunday get them ready for the next town to pick them up at the fairgrounds.

Competitive Events/Awards: For the Dairy Show any lactating dairy cattle are required to be tested for HPAI prior to arrival. After discussion was decided to not have a show and go, up to the exhibitors if they want to come. Discussion on the Kiddi Calf Show, will leave it up to the committee on what to do in its place, the Dairy barn bosses are going to cancel the show due to HPAI.

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: no report

Security: no report

New Business:

Capital Campaign Banner: Nathan would like to do a banner to help raise money for our capital improvements. Any ideas on how to word the writing on the banner let Nathan know.

Fair Set-up: Will be July 28th at 3:00pm at the fairgrounds. Will have pizza for supper. We will get the pizza from Braun Disturbing and use the credit we have with them.

Next meeting: August 20, 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 8:30pm central time.

*Anne Gartner
MCFB Secretary
8/20/24*