

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

May 20, 2025

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, Shawn Feiring, Thomas Friesz, Barry Schulz, Nathan Boehm, Luke Dukart, Brooke Kunz, and Annie Gartner

Zoom: Trina Gress and Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant

Associate Members presented: Amanda Noel

Guest: Jaden Russell- MC Extension Agent, Amanda Davis- Administrative Assistant MC Extension Service, and Jessica Wild- 4-H Council

Custodial Report: Fire extinguishers were serviced.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: In the checking account per bank \$85,811.85, Savings Account per bank \$29,791.36. Loan balance is \$287,605.11, next payment due 12/26/2025 (\$27,498.81).

Luke made the motion to approve the treasurer's report presented, Brooke 2nd motion passed.

4-H Report: They are working on the volunteer clean up schedule for the days of the fair and for watching the inflatables.

Bills to pay: Barry presented a bill from Braun Electrical for installing light switch, safety lights, switched lights over to led all in the concession building for \$7,877.23. Nathan moved to pay the bill, Robert 2nd, roll call vote; Nathan-yes, Robert-yes, Shawn-yes, Luke-yes, Thomas-yes, Barry-yes, Peggy-yes, Trina-yes, Brooke-yes and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: no report

Beer Garden: Committee received bids from ND Country Fest/726 Services- Luke Shafer, Venue Twenty 5- Kirsten Heid, and Silver Dollar- Wade Meschke. Committee recommends going with the Silver Dollar Bar for the 2025 Fair, Discussion followed, Silver Dollar bar will give \$1,000.00 sponsorship to the fair, our total sales redeemed will drop by 3%. Luke moved to accept the

recommendation of using the Silver Dollar bar and to accept \$1,000.00 sponsorship from them, Brooke 2nd, motion passed.

Camping: Peggy asked for a list of Board members, volunteers, etc. that need camping spots.

Capital Improvements: Lights in the concession building got installed, new stove is in and will get seasoned this weekend. The new state Ag grant is open till May 30th, discussion followed, Committee will meet and get the grant filled out.

Facility Maintenance: Dusty Fleck will be coming to spray the weeds along the fence, wash racks etc.

Country Fest: no report

Gate & Parking: Starting to get volunteers for the gate.

Music & Small Acts: no report

Public Relations & Advertising: Sheyna is working on the book, would like to go to print by June 1st. Trina presented a quote from United Printing to print the fair book 1800 books total of \$3,035.16. Trina made the motion to go with United Printing to print the fair books, Barry 2nd, roll call vote; Nathan-yes, Robert-yes, Shawn-yes, Luke-yes, Thomas-no, Barry-yes, Peggy-yes, Brooke-yes, Trina-yes and Annie-yes, motion passed.

Trina presented a quote from United Printing for posters, 200 full color posters 1 side is \$93.83. Trina made the motion to go with United Printing to print 200 posters for \$93.83, Annie 2nd, discussion followed, Barry moved to call for previous question, Annie 2nd motion passed. Roll call vote; Brooke-yes, Peggy-yes, Barry-yes, Thomas-yes, Luke-yes, Trina-yes, Shawn-yes, Robert-yes, Nathan-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Trina presented a quote from United Printing for a direct mailer that will be mailed to every house and business in Morton County, schedule on one side, sponsorships on the back with a QR code for \$2,325.27 for 16,780 mailers. Luke moved to accept the quote from United Printing for 16,780 direct mailers for \$2,325.27, Thomas 2nd, roll call vote; Nathan-yes, Robert-yes, Shawn-yes, Luke-yes, Thomas-yes, Barry-yes, Peggy-yes, Brooke-yes, Trina-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Trina informed the Board the sponsorship agreement from Enel, agreement states what they will receive for the dollar amount given.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition/Ranch Rodeo: The rodeo for Friday night August 1st and Saturday August 2nd will start at 7:00pm. Barry presented the contract for the rodeo, Abrahamson Rodeo for times event cattle. Contract includes tie down calves, ladies breakaway calves, steer wrestling steers, Sr. men's breakaway steers and team roping steers \$35.00 per animal per run.

Wayne Eckroth for \$9,000.00 August 1st and 2nd, includes bulls, rough stock horses, 2 p/u men, 2 bull fighters, 2 judges, 1 announcer, and 1 timer. Contracts were signed by President.

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/Awards: Thomas and Trina meet with the Showman app gal to make a few edits to the sites, like to have it posted by June 1st.

Barry suggested checking with Knife River and Northern Improvement for wash sand for the barns.

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: Annie informed the Board the event food coordinator application was filed with Western Plains Public Health, the \$100.00 application fee was waived.

Security: no report

New Business:

Hotels: Any one that needs rooms for judges, small acts, etc. let Annie know by June 17th.

Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant: Trina presented to the Board the information on the grant for possible future use.

Saddle Club: They pay \$75.00 for using the meeting room for their monthly meetings, asking for a rent reduction. Robert moved to forgive rental fee of \$75.00 for the Saddle Club's monthly meetings and they have to haul their garbage out, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

Peggy presented different clothing options with our Morton County fair logo on.

Next meeting: June 17, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Morton County Fairgrounds in New Salem.

Luke made the motion to adjourn, Robert 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm central time.

Submitted by Annie Gartner, MCFB Secretary: Signature Annie Gartner Date 6-17-2025
Secretary