

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

September 17, 2024

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 7:02 on pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

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

Associate Members presented: Trina Gress

Have two applications applying for associate member, they are Luke Dukart and Brooke Kunz. Nathan informed the board background checks have been completed and are good to go. Barry made the motion to accept the applications from Luke and Brooke, Peggy 2nd motion passed. Welcome to the board.

Guest: Luke Dukart, Brooke Kunz, Margo Kunz and Russ Voight- 4-H Council, Don Lafleur- MCFA accountant.

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 August minutes, Nathan 2nd, motion passed. Nathan made the motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes, Thomas 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$73,503.42, savings account \$35,698.40 and the loan balance is \$295,000.00.

Revenue: Facility Rentals \$875.00, Wristbands \$105.00, Vendors \$ 125.00, total revenue \$1,105.00.

Barry made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, Peggy 2nd, motion passed.

4-H Report: Margo informed the Board that 4-H has voted not to do the concessions next year. She said Annie has another food vendor to take their spot. The Board received a number of thank you's form 4-H members.

Bills to pay: Trina presented a bill for \$110.40, Kristine made the motion to pay Trina \$110.40 and Robert \$32.10, Mark 2nd, roll call vote; Thomas=yes, Peggy=yes, Kristine=yes, Robert=yes, Nathan=yes, Mark=yes, Shawn=yes, Barry=yes, and Annie –yes, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: no report

Beer Garden: no report

Camping: One certified letter has been picked up, the other one has not been picked up.

Capital Improvements: Annie presented a quote from Container Pro's for a 20 foot single latch storage container. There is two options in purchasing the container:

- 1) Pay the \$3,850.00 now and take delivery after Country Fest (he provides the containers for Country Fest) and pay the difference, he would cap it at \$300.00, no transportation cost.
- 2) Wait, call him middle of June and pay the current price, leave one after Country Fest, no transportation cost.

Discussion followed, table for now. Kristine informed the Board the Community Foundation Grant is opened, Nathan is working on the grant.

Facility Maintenance: Need to check the locks on the entertainment building and the sliding door on the north end of the beef barn. Committee is working on getting bids for different items that need to be fixed.

Storage prices where gone thru, new prices are as followed; Boats \$200.00, Pontoon \$300.00, Automobiles \$200.00, Camper (\leq 28') \$300.00, Camper ($>$ 28') \$400.00, Jet Ski/Golf Cart/Motorcycle \$100.00, Balers \$150.00, Swathers/Combines \$500.00, Tractor (51 hp or less) \$100.00, Tractor (51 hp or more) \$200.00, Large tractor w/loader/duals/tracks \$500.00. Committee made the decision that the renter who rents the new dairy barn will start paying the unit, Board has to have access to the building. Robert moved to approve the new storage prices, Barry 2nd, motion passed.

Peggy will update the contracts, and get new ones printed for Mary.

Mark made the motion to get a new furnace/ac unit for the concession building based on the bids from Legend Air and Heating in New Salem, Thomas 2nd, roll call; Kristine- yes, Thomas-yes, Robert-yes, Barry-yes, Nathan-yes, Mark-yes, Shawn-yes, Peggy-yes, and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Country Fest: no report

Gate & Parking: no report

Music & Small Acts: no report

Public Relations & Advertising: Heartland Fair Festival in Minot on November 21-23, 2024. Anyone is interested let the Board know next month's meeting.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition: no report

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/Awards: Need to purchase the premium additional modular for the Showman App before the 2025 fair.

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: Annie informed the Board that Lisa Ponzer from Anamoose will be the food vendor taking 4-H spot.

Security: no report

New Business:

Code of Conduct: Peggy presented the Code of Conduct that she has put together, everyone is to read thru before the next month's meeting.

Next meeting: October 15, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Morton County Fairgrounds in New Salem.

Barry made the motion to adjourn, Nathan 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm central time.

Submitted by Annie Gartner, MCFB Secretary: Signature Annie Gartner Date 10-15-2024