

## Morton County Fair Board Minutes

July 18, 2023

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

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

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

**Associate Members presented:** Trina Gress

**Guests:** Wendy Boehm- 4-H Council President, Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant, and Matthew Thiel- Fluffy Owl Bar

**Custodial Report:** Discussion was on keys to the buildings.

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

**Secretary's Report:** Barry moved to approve the minutes as presented, Kristine 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the checking \$98,801.53, Savings account \$191,758.94 and in the web Activity Account \$649.62. Revenue is as follows; Facility Rentals \$250.00, Food Vendors 2023 Fair \$385.85, Vendors \$500.00 Sponsorships \$3,930.00, Trophy/Awards \$400.00, Buckles \$810.00, Livestock Registrations \$ 138.44, Camping \$958.59 and POS Return Surety \$100.00 total of \$7,472.88. Barry moved to approve the treasurer's report, Robert 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**4-H Report:** no report

**Bills to pay:** none

### Old Business:

### **Committee Reports:**

**Amusement & Youth Activities:** Working on goodie bags for the kids. On Friday going to have the Deputy, maybe the ambulance and do a mini touch a truck.

**Beer garden:** Will meet with the Fluffy Owl and go thru what needs to take place.

**Camping:** have 2- 20 amp spots left, working on how many primitive spots that will be available.

Capital Improvements: Received two bids for the water project, 1<sup>st</sup> bid was from Sims Valley LLC for \$166,525.73 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> bid was from Bowers Excavating for \$185,469.38. Robert made the motion to accept the bid from Sims Valley LLC for \$166,525.73 for the water service project, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> Roll call vote: yes- Peggy, Mark, Kristine, Nathan, Taylor, Robert, Thomas, Melissa, Shawn, Barry and Annie. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark made a suggestion to have a barn hydrant along the west fence.

Country Fest: Event went well, contract is on hold, and community members want to meet with the committee about a few items that are in the contract.

Facility Maintenance: Port-potties are ordered, dumpsters are ordered from Trans Trash, will have an extra dumpster for garbage. Need to put signs on dumpster saying no garbage, manure only.

Gates & Parking: Speed bumps shipped from Iowa yesterday, should be here next week. Short help on Friday and Saturday the 4-8pm shift and 8pm-12am shift.

Music & Small Acts: Hotel rooms are booked, will give a list to front gate of the acts and the bands.

Public Relations/Advertising: Got the fair books today, posters are ready. Want to post on Facebook send it either in email or text to Kristine. Dairy Queen gives us certificates for blizzards, will give the certificates for the large blizzard to the Power Wheel participants, certificates for small blizzards will use in the sand box.

Rodeo / Draft Horse Competition: no report

Power Pull: Wayne Hoger will be here with his blade, Bleachers are here.

Competitive Events/ Awards: Fair entry for open class is live, over 200 participants registered, there is a few glitches, working thru it. Will meet on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> to set up barns at 4:00pm. Will have Tellmans do supper on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> start time is 5:00pm

People choice award- Put a picture of the grand prizes on Facebook, most likes wins.

No registration for the day care static projects, will get a participation ribbon, no premium will be paid.

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions: 10 indoor vendors, 7 outdoor vendors. Have nonprofit vendors coming, Foster a Grandparent, like to set up an information booth and Cowboy Hall of Fame is going to sell raffle tickets. Western Plains Health will be here Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup> to inspect the food vendors at 1:00pm

Security: Will meet with Jon on July 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am to do a walk thru.

**Budget:** Budget was presented last Thursday, will be receiving \$100,000.00 from the county. \$55,000.00 of that used for premiums and the other \$45,000.00 is used for building and improvement projects for the fairgrounds.

**New Business:**

**Pepsi:** Sent a check for \$230.00, another check for \$275.00 is coming.

**Resignation:** Robert made the motion to accept Wayne Seeman's letter of resignation, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Next meeting is August 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Morton County Fair Grounds in New Salem.**

Melissa made the motion to adjourn, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm central time

Annie Gartner  
MCFB Secretary 8-15-23