

## Morton County Fair Board Minutes

March 2, 2026

7:00pm Morton County Fairgrounds

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

**Directors presented:** Shawn Feiring, Trina Gress, Peggy Brandt, Barry Schulz, Luke Dukart, Brooke Kunz, Thomas Friesz, Mark Isaacs and Annie Gartner. Directors by zoom: Nathan Boehm.

**Associate Members presented:** none

**Guest:** Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant (zoom), and Russ Voight- 4-H Council

**Custodial Report:** no report

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** In the checking account per bank \$90,545.45, Savings Account per bank \$27,990.39. Loan balance is \$276,960.11, next payment due 12/26/2026 (\$27,498.81).

Don informed the Board that we need to approve the 2026 Budget at the April meeting.

Mark moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, Trina 2nd motion passed.

**4-H Report:** 4-H Council will put on a showmanship clinic on June 7, 2026 and will be using one of the barns. Russ informed the Board that the Council had a lot of parents and kids that do not want to supervise the inflatables, discussion followed. Mark said we can use the gate workers to help supervise the inflatables, will have to be adults. Russ said that they will do the clean up on the fair grounds and will help set up and tear down the inflatables.

**Bills to pay:** none

### Old Business:

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Amusement & Youth Activities:** Trina has a lead on someone that could build a wooden train. She presented the bill from Angry Calf Pedal Pulls, set for Saturday August 1, 2026, ages 4-11, cost will be \$550.00 plus the \$175.00 for medals for a total of \$725.00, also would like two passes into the fair grounds. Trina will email the bill to Don for payment.

**Beer Garden:** Shawn asked the Board if they are good with the times for each beer garden, made a few adjustments, committee will send the bid letters out.

**Camping:** no report

**Capital Improvements/ Facility Maintenance:** Few final items on the bid process for the concrete project before the bid goes out, Mark will finish the bid packet and give it to Peggy the next day to be put in the local papers and on our fair website. Discussion on the roof on the entertainment building, Peggy informed the Board that March 30, 2026 is the deadline for the New Salem Community Foundation Grant.

Shawn will talk to Gooseneck about getting a tractor donated for the rodeo arena to use during the fair, Action Motor Sports will donate the side x sides.

**.Country Fest:** no report

**Gate & Parking:** no report

**Music & Small Acts:** Annie informed the Board that Outlaw Tree Services will provide the logs for the chainsaw carver and will also deliver them.

**Public Relations & Advertising:** Annie presented the radio advertisement contract from KDKT Sports Radio out of Beulah, air 120 ads from 6-15 to 7-28, 2026 for a total of \$225.00 and will air 32 ads from 7-29 to 8-2, 2026 for a total of \$100.00. Total for both contracts is \$325.00, President signed both contracts. Next radio advertisement contract is from Townsquare, will air 210 30 second ads from July 25 to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 for a total of \$2,205.00. President signed the contract.

**Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition/Ranch Rodeo:** Barry is looking for more sponsorships, Trina said we have received sponsorships for the rodeo. He informed the Board the Civic Club will not be doing demolition derbies no more due to some major rule changes, instead going to do a ranch rodeo. Barry will talk to them to return the derby track to pre derby track status.

**Power Pull:** Shawn said talked to Casey and they will do the antique and the power pull same as last year, will get contracts soon. Annie informed the Board that the portable bleachers have been reserved and that the telehandler has been rented from Bobcat of Mandan for the sound system.

**Competitive Events/Awards:** Committee is looking for a judge for the animal shows.

**Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors:** no report

**Security:** Annie presented the contract from Elite Security Solutions, dates will be July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. 6 personnel per day for a total cost of \$11,500.00, we will provide their hotel rooms and use of a side by side. President signed the contract.

**New Business:**

Barry made the motion to allow the FFA to use the tables for their banquet on March 26<sup>th</sup>, Luke 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed

**Comfort Inn & Suites contract:** Annie informed the Board the contract for hotel rooms will be \$110.00 per night. President signed the contract.

**Community Development Grant:** Peggy presented to the Board a list of projects with estimated prices that we can use to apply for this grant. Board went thru the list and discussed what projects to use. Mark made the motion to have Peggy apply for the grant for \$125,000.00, Luke 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed. Thank you Peggy for all your work on this.

**Next meeting: April 6, 2026 at 7:00pm at the fairgrounds in New Salem.**

Luke moved to adjourn the meeting, Trina 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm central time.

Submitted by Annie Gartner, MCFB Secretary: Signature Annie Gartner Date 4-6-2026