

## **Morton County Fair Board Minutes**

**July 6, 2026**

### **7:00pm New Salem Fire Department**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

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

**Associate Members presented:** none

**Guest:** Russ Voight- 4-H Council President, Jeromie Taylor- Morton County Extension 4-H Agent, Amanda Davis- Morton County Extension Office. By zoom: Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant.

**Custodial Report:** no report

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** In the checking account per bank \$73,789.52, Savings Account per bank \$28,033.21. Loan balance is \$276,960.11, next payment due 12/26/2026 (\$27,498.81).

Barry moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

Don informed the Board the list of outstanding checks that go back to 2021, Discussion followed. Barry moved to go from the date of September 15, 2023 to date of August 6, 2021 & have those checks taken off the books, Trina 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**4-H Report:** Fair entry will close on July 7, 2026 at 11:59 pm, wristbands were given to the extension office to sell. Russ informed the Board the Council purchased both canopies for the bleachers. 4-H would like to put flowers in pots thru out the fairgrounds, Board is ok with this.

**Bills to pay:** none

### **Old Business:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Amusement & Youth Activities:** Annie informed the Board Special Visitors Day ad is in the Morton County News Journal, Glen Ullin Times, & Hebron Herald. Also has goodie bags for the kids ready to go.

**Beer Garden:** Silver Dollar would like to use the refrigerant trailer during the fair, Barry moved to allow Silver Dollar to use the trailer, Brooke 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Camping:** Have 6-20 amp spots left, sold 10 primitive spots so far.

**Capital Improvements/ Facility Maintenance:** Committee meet prior to the regular meeting. The following are the electrical quotes for the kitchen and office;

1. Lillis Electric-Mandan install 4-20 amp outlets in kitchen, each on their own breaker, replace ceiling fan and controller in main area & run 2 pole 20 amp circuit for new ac/heating in office- \$4,510.00
2. RK Electric, LLC- Bismarck install 2 outlets on ceiling in kitchen, 2 outlets on the wall, each on their own breaker, replace 3 blade fan & run 1- 208 voltage, 20 amp wire for the ac/heating in office- \$4,475.00
3. Braun Electric-Minot provide 220v circuit to office, 4 outlets in kitchen, two between the serving windows & 2 on back wall, each on their own breaker and provide & install 2 new ceiling fans, & 1 speed control switch- \$7,900.00

Nathan presented the idea of getting a portable ac unit for the office & try that for this year. Recommendation from Committee is to go with Lillis Electric.

**Nathan made the motion to have Lillis Electric complete the electrical project in concession building, Annie 2<sup>nd</sup> discussion followed, going to try the portable ac unit in the office, bid of \$4,510.00 will be less. Secretary did the roll call vote, Brooke-yes, Mark-yes, Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Thomas-yes, Luke-yes, Trina-yes, Barry-yes, Shawn-yes and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.**

Plumbing bids for the bathrooms from Premium Plumbing and Rooter, LLC- Bismarck,

1. Replace 6 toilets & 2 urinals, strip both showers of old caulking, clean and dry out, and apply 100% silicone to all wet area seams
2. Install 20 gallon pressure tank in-line with versa boost pro pump & loop into water main via 1" copper piping. Will install pressure gauge & pressure relief valve-total bid \$12,200.00. Discussion followed, Nathan suggested to install the pressure tank to see if toilets & urinals work better & to replace the caulking in both showers.

**Barry made the motion to try the pressure tank & pump first & to replace the caulking in bot showers, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion followed, Barry amended the motion to spend up to \$6,500.00, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> amended motion passed.**

**New motion, to install pressure tank & pump to see if toilets & urinal work better & to replace the caulking in both showers, spending up to \$6,500.00, Secretary did roll call; Brooke-yes, Thomas-yes, Mark-yes, Peggy-yes, Nathan-yes, Luke-yes, Barry-yes, Trina-yes, Shawn-yes and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously. Both projects to be completed before the fair.**

Update on ramp: Barry said they can grind the bottom of the ramp with a cup grinder and put flow able caulking in there, will talk to Tyrel Schulz and Keith Hoesel about getting done before the fair.

**Country Fest:** no report

**Gate & Parking:** Nathan has most of the schedule filled for the gate and inflatable workers, know of anyone that wants to work let him know. Shawn talked to Andrew at DFC and Levi at Peterson Fencing about portable panels, both have panels for us to use.

**Music & Small Acts:** Robbie will do the sound system in the entertainment building.

**Public Relations & Advertising:** Books & posters have been delivered to area towns, post card flyer was being sent out today to all residents of Morton County. Final sponsorship total was \$88,925.00. Huge thank you to all the sponsors. Annie has radio & newspaper ads ready to go. Huge thank you to Peggy for an awesome job on the book and poster.

**Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition/Ranch Rodeo:** Everything is coming together.

**Power Pull & Antique Pull:** Shawn talked to Casey, good to go, also talked to Tyrel about equipment for the track. Peggy will do the award banners for the power pull and antique pull, thank you for doing this.

**Competitive Events/Awards:** Peggy asked the Board if anyone needs ribbons, banners or signs need to be ordered this week, let her know.

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

**Security:** no report

**T-Shirt Sales-** Peggy informed the Board that we sold so far 10- t-shirts, 5- hoodies and 3 different styles of tank tops. She asked if they want to order extra shirts, discussion followed, Trina made the motion to pre-make t-shirts, small-10, medium to x-large- 20, 3x to 2x- 10, ½ a light color other ½ a dark color with design on the front only to sell at the fair. Brooke 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed. Trina & Amanda will sell them during the fair.

### **New Business:**

**Associate Members:** Craig Hort & Sophia Jochim have filled out applications to become associate members with the Board. Mark moved to approve both applications as associate members pending Morton County Commissioners approval, Trina 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed  
**Welcome to the Board.**

Fair work night will be July 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm- supper will be provided. Brooke will order pizza. July 27<sup>th</sup> FFA kids will help at 5:00pm

**Next meeting: August 10, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Morton County Fairgrounds in New Salem.**

**Brooke moved to adjourn the meeting, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm central time.**

Submitted by Annie Gartner, MCFB Secretary: Signature Annie Gartner Date 8-31-2026