

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

June 20, 2023

6:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds, New Salem

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

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

Associate Members presented: Trina Gress

Guests: Wendy Boehm- 4-H Council President, Renae Gress- Morton County Extension Agent, Renae Bleth- Morton County Extension Office, Mary Doll-Custodial, Don Lafleur- MCF Accountant, Allison Mason and Jayden Erdmann- Crown Butte Wranglers 4-H Leaders

Custodial Report: Dumpsters are rusted out on the bottom, either need to weld new metal in the bottom or purchase new dumpsters. West River Rodeo bible Camp did an amazing job of cleaning up after their event.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$98,379.74, Savings account \$191,680.17 and in the web Activity Account \$530.10. Revenue is as follows; Winter Storage 2022-2023 \$275.00, Facility Rentals \$1495.00, Vendors 2023 Fair \$1100.00, Sponsorships \$7650.00, Trophy/Awards \$825.00, Buckles \$540.00, Patronage \$ 1103.34, Camping \$5595.52 total of \$18583.86
Melissa moved to approve the treasurer's report, Peggy 2nd motion passed.

Nathan moved to approve the updated budget adding \$500.00 to Gates & Parking, Robert 2nd motion passed.

Budget will be presented to Morton County Commissioners on July 13, 2023

4-H Report: Renae presented a list of areas where the fair board needs help and if there is anything else we need help with. Stock trailers will be parked in the north parking lot, west end. Board will allow 4-H to put their menus on the TV screens, they will talk to Robert. When 4-H does morning cleanup they will focus on the grounds and by the main gate. Annie made the motion to let 4-H use the Styrofoam cups and napkins left over from the chicken supper supplies, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

Crown Butte Wrangler 4-H Leaders Allison and Jayden lead a discussion on waiving the requirements for 4-H students and families to have wristbands to be on the fairgrounds if they

are only tending to their livestock, working concession shift or clean up shift, picking up animals and static projects. Any 4-H'ers who choose to participate in the Morton County Fair open shows or other fair activities would need to either purchase a wristband or pay the daily entrance fee, as those activities are separated from 4-H Achievement Days. Barry made the motion to give 4-H Leaders wristbands to come in on Friday or the day they are working, Nathan 2nd motion failed.

Nathan made the motion to use the 4-H member's volunteer pass, one per day Annie 2nd motion passed

Bills to pay: none

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Have letters ready to go out to area daycares, will have goodie bags for the kids. Ax throwing is coming for 2 hours on Friday 5-7pm and 2 hours on Saturday 5-7pm. \$100.00 an hour. Power Derby is ready to go.

Beer garden: Received 2 bids, The Field and The Fluffy Owl. The Field received the bid, due to personal reasons denied the bid. The Fluffy Owl will be doing the beer garden.

Camping: Opened on line on Sunday night, sold out of 50's and 30's in an hour. Primitive camping gets two parking passes, no wristbands.

Capital Improvements: Water project plans are out on bids, waiting on getting fence fixed and the electrical inside the concession building.

Country Fest: Will hold off with WIFI installation, will start after the water line project. Start their leveling and laying of crushed asphalt along north fence around June 21st. Contract is still at the attorney, may have to call a special meeting.

Facility Maintenance: Action Motor Sports gave the fair 4 side x sides to use, Peggy will take care of light towers, porta-potties and dumpsters. Mark talk to Bobcat, we will get two skid steers with attachments. West River Equipment will provide a loader and a pullback tractor for power pull. Dustin Fleck will spray before Country Fest for \$1000.00 and before the fair for \$500.00, will also spray weeds along the fence at \$75.00 an hour plus the cost of the spray.

Gates & Parking: Still looking for volunteers to work the gate, contact Nathan if interested.

Music & Small Acts: no report

Public Relations/Advertising: KDKT Sports radio- \$225.00 for 120 ads from July 10th to August 2nd. Kristine moved to accept the bid of \$225.00 from KDKT in Beulah, Nathan 2nd Roll call vote:

Yes- Peggy, Thomas, Shawn, Melissa, Barry, Nathan, Robert, Kristine, Mark and Annie motion passed unanimously.

The bid from United Printing to print the fair books will be \$4,746.89

Rodeo / Draft Horse Competition: Working on the contract for timed events.

Power Pull: no report

Competitive Events/ Awards: Buckles have been ordered, chicken buckles sent back to put New Year on them. Going to do the mock fair entry July 3rd in the afternoon, meet at Mark's office in Mandan. Will have the new Miss. Agriculture hand out awards on Saturday.

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions: 9 indoor vendors, 4 outdoor vendors. Will reimburse West River Equipment their vendor fee because of the equipment they donate during the fair for the board to use.

Security: no report

New Business:

ND State Fire & Tornado Fund: need to add the north parking lot and need to change the property location address. Mark made the motion to pay the insurance policy with additional of land and corrections made, Peggy 2nd, Roll call vote;

Yes- Peggy, Thomas, Shawn, Melissa, Barry, Nathan, Robert, Kristine, Mark and Annie. Motion passed unanimously.

Civic Club: They would like to use the beer trailer during Cow Town How Down, will add insulation to the inside and put a new lock on the side door. Barry moved to allow Civic Club to use the beer trailer, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

Hotel Rooms: Anyone that needs rooms for judges etc. Let Annie know by July 12th.

Next meeting is July 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Morton County Fair Grounds in New Salem.

Barry made the motion to adjourn, Nathan 2nd, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm central time

Annie Goetz
MCFB Secretary
7-18-23