

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

July 20, 2021

Call the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. central time by board President Shawn Feiring.

Directors present: Tracy Boehm (zoom), Nathan Boehm, Peggy Brandt, Shawn Feiring, Melanie Gaebe, Annie Gartner, Kristine Koeplin, Karla Meikle (zoom), Barry Schulz, Wayne Seeman and Josh Valleroy

Associate Members present: Wendy Boehm, Mark Isaacs and Jackie Buckley (phone)

Guests present: Don Taghon & Mark Fleck

Additions/ Approval of Agenda: Kristine made the motion to approve the agenda, Melanie second, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: June 15 minutes- Karla made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Peggy 2nd, motion passed. June 28th zoom meeting- Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes with correction made, Barry 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: In the checking account we have \$ 107,642.66. On line account balance is \$5,336.31 and the savings account (2020 sponsorship money) has \$ 14,000.00, for a total of \$126,978.97. Received the rest of the mill levy money last week. Kristine made the motion to approve the treasurer report, Nathan second, motion passed.

Bills to pay: 3D Specialties- guard rail bolts- \$228.90 and bill from Wendy Boehm for the delivery of fair books and posters to nearby towns.

Custodial Report: AC in the fair building office does not work. \$225.00 for 6,000 BTU and \$260.00 for 8,000BTU both quotes from Gambles. Barry made the motion to buy the 8,000 BTU AC from Gambles for \$260.00 for the office, Wayne 2nd Roll Call vote taken, Nathan-yes, Peggy-yes, Shawn-yes, Melanie-yes, Annie-yes, Kristine-yes, Karla-yes, Barry-yes, Wayne-yes, Josh-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Damages to tables from the entertainment building by Country Fest, also left a mess inside buildings and on the grounds. Committee needs to be revisited, Saddle Club and Weigh Station would like to be on. Karla will get a roll off and Josh will get a skidder to clean up wood chips. Bill will be sent to Country Fest for cleanup.

Mary stated she needs contracts from events, so she know what is going on.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Have corn hole teams signed up, looking for more boards. Two sand volleyball teams signed up so far. Sent out estimate 20 invites to local day cares, enable and other organizations for Friday.

Beer Garden: Beer tickets came and also got the 21 and over wrist bands.

Camping: Packages went out today July 15th, have a handful of 20 amps left.

Capital Improvements: WIFI hotspots have been ordered, working on completing the POS system. Talked about putting the rolling gate that was purchased from Fire Department in the NW corner and move that gate to the gate down by North Park to make the clearance wider, Josh will talk to Park Board about having the gate locked.

Wayne has all the equipment finalized. Ruds will deliver fuel and gas during the week of the fair, no charge to deliver. Shawn and Wayne will work on the water truck/ trailer, Barry will run a 2 ½ "fire hose to wash rack.

Country Fest: discussed under custodial report.

Facility Maintenance: Overhead door on the hog barn does not close, need to clean the weeds away from the photo eyes. Door on east side of the concession building does not close properly, Shawn and Nathan will check into it. Barry contacted Hertz Electrical to replace outlets in the barns and will have him test the camping pedestals.

Fair Dinner: Everything ready to go. Farm Bureau will be serving free dinner on Sunday.

Gate & Parking: 2 people movers from Fort Lincoln have been secured, need to have drivers pull them. Shawn will take care of it. Fair Board Members where given parking passes for the grounds. Shawn visited with Chad Wild from the Vet clinic about parking trailers in the field to South, not storing out of them, could park the trailers there. Tracy will have someone monitor over flow, still looking for people or groups to work the gates, 16 and older.

Annie made the motion to allow Senior Citizens to park on the grounds, Peggy 2nd motion passed.

Music & Small Acts Entertainment: nothing

Public Relations: Advertising this year will be done on radio and on-line and will start shortly. Fair Posters are hung up in nearby towns, fair books have been delivered to all businesses in the nearby towns.

Rodeo: nothing

Power pull: Morton County has been contacted for the blade and operator, Northern Plains has been contacted about pull back tractor and operator. Wristbands given to pull back tractor operator, Full Pull crew and the announcer.

Competitive Exhibits: Fair entry is up and running and going well. 4-H kids in poultry and rabbit will automatically be enrolled in open class, Livestock deadline was moved up to August 3rd. Static-judges are lined up. Have to August 4th to enter their projects on-line and the trophies have been ordered, p/u will be around August 1st.

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions: Have 3 machinery vendors and will be located behind the bleachers on the east side of the track, 4 outdoor vendors, 4 food vendors located by beer garden, and 11 vendors inside and will be located north end of the entertainment building. Committee meet and mapped out where all the vendors will go.

Buckles/ Awards: Buckles came today July 15th, rest of the awards have been ordered.

Security: Committee will meet with Jon before the fair to do a walk thru of the grounds, contract was signed by the president and e-mailed back. Got security parking passes and wrist bands?

Tents: Need to have 811 called for tent going up on the east side of concession building, other two spots are free from underground. Peggy will call 811 and Nathan will also help.

New Business:

Set-up: August 1st at 2:00 p.m. central time supper will be provided.

Sand: Getting two side dumps of sand from Knife River for the volley ball court, after the fair use sand in barns and where ever else we need it.

Canopies: Need to purchase 5- 10 x 10 ez-up canopies for use on the grounds. Barry made the motion to buy 8 canopies from Runnings for under \$800.00, Josh 2nd Roll call vote taken; Tracy-yes, Nathan-yes, Peggy-yes, Melanie-yes, Annie-yes, Shawn-yes, Kristine-yes, Karla-yes, Barry-yes, Wayne-yes and Josh-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Morton County Fair Grounds, New Salem

Melanie made the motion to adjourn, Nathan 2nd motion passed. Adjourned at 9:26p.m.
Central time.

Anne Gerthel
8-17-2021
McFA secretary