

Morton County Fair Minutes

May 17, 2022

7:00 PM Morton County Fairgrounds

Call the meeting to order at 7:05 PM by President Shawn Fairing

Roll of Directors: Nathan Boehm, Annie Gartner, Shawn Feiring, Kristen Koepplin, Peggy Brandt, Taylor Friesz, Mark Issacs and Barry Schulz

Associate Members: none

Guests: Karla Meikle, Wendy Boehm, Don Taghon, and Mark Fleck

Custodial Report: none

Additions/ Approval of Agenda: Nathan moved, Peggy 2nd, motion passed

Secretary's Report:

- April Meeting Minutes- Kristen moved, Taylor 2nd, motion passed
- Special Meeting on May 2nd- Nathan moved, Peggy 2nd, motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning balance of \$86, 968.94, deposits made of \$ 4, 506.65, interest \$1.42 total ending balance of \$ 91,477.01
- Total expenses of \$4,201.81 for ending balance of \$87,275.20
- Secondary checking account balance of \$500.00 and Savings account balance of \$4,995.18
- Stop payment was made on a check that was issued to North Dakota Junior Point Show, never received the check, Remember tax exempt when making purchases, Treasurer has access to the on-line account with the bank.
- Mark moved, Nathan 2nd, motion passed

4-H Report: Nothing with schedule has changed, waiting to see what happens with the poultry show. If they have the show, it will be a come and go. Can have an early release on some of the 4-H livestock to open up rom in the barns, would like a few days' notice so they can notify the families. Concession is good to go, menu did not change. We will turn freezers on early for them so they can start ordering food early to counteract supply change issues.

4-H Council would like permission to use a minimum of 3 UTVs for the three executive 4-H council members; council president, 4-H Extension Agent and the treasurer. Will find their own UTVs, sponsorship and pay their own insurance. Board would like them to have signage saying on the UTVs saying 4-H Council. Nathan made the motion to allow them up to 3 UTVs/ATVs to

be used on the fairgrounds by 4-H Council, responsible for getting them and identifying them, Kristen 2nd, motion passed.

4-H Council President and Treasurer would like two camping spots reserved before it goes online, Camping Committee will discuss at their meeting, and will let them know. They will pay for their spots.

Bills to pay: \$26.60 to Mary Doll for supplies

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: nothing

Beer garden/ Liquor: Had two applications for the beer garden, The Field, New Salem and the Scape Goat, Mandan. The Field offered us 30% of the profits, the Scapegoat offered us 15% of the profits, and bid was awarded to The Field.

Camping: Remove 4 20 amp breakers from the horse barn on the outside have to pedestals with 30 amp breakers, Barry will check into this.

Capital Improvements: Insurance adjuster looked at the damage in the concession building, no damage to the exterior, so they will not cover the damage inside. Adjuster is saying the damage is caused by condensation. Insurance is thru ND Insurance Reserve, will have Keith Hoesel come in, look at the damage and make the necessary repairs. Coordinate with Mary and Carrie with rental scheduling and when he can come in and make the repairs.

Approach on the north side of cow road should go in before the next meeting, Mark is working with County Engineer. Still need to make a foot bridge, will use a culvert with dirt path over the top. Got on the County list for millings from street repairs to be used on the roads around the grounds.

Country Fest: Talked to Luke about the addendum, said he is ready to sign if we are. He would like to know how early they can come in, who will be doing walk thru before and after and a long term contract. Committee will meet and discuss the addendum. Liquor bill that was sent to MCFA goes to Country Fest, they need to make sure they have the correct info on their bills.

Facility Maintenance: Terrance Brandt will do the mowing and trimming, \$200.00 each time. Kristen moved to hire Terrance to mow the triangle, road ditch and around the buildings, and trim at \$200.00 each time, Nathan 2nd, roll call vote taken; Nathan- yes, Peggy- yes, Mark- yes, Barry-yes, Taylor-yes, Kristen-yes, Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously

FFA purchased 3 gallons of white paint and repainted the beer garden, Wayne will get the light plants and the UTVs/ATVs for the fair.

Fair Dinner: nothing

Gate & Parking: Have the land to the north to use for parking, need to get the approach in.

Music & Small Acts: Savannah Benz will play Saturday the 6th 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, cost was \$165.00, Magic Joe will perform Saturday the 6th, one show will be at 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM and second show 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM, cost was \$1650.00. JD Johnson will do the Cowboy Church on Sunday the 7th at 8:00 AM and Collen Reinhardt will do the Gospel Hour on Sunday the 7th at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, have a ½ hr. break and will perform from 11:00 AM to Noon, cost was \$200.00

Have Lendon Janes & the Highway 34 Band for Friday night, cost is \$3200.00. Have Uptown band for Saturday night, cost is \$2500.00.

Still looking for someone to run the sounds system for the small acts and entertainment. Will contact Rob Boehm to see if he would be interested in doing it.

Public Relations/Advertising: Please get ads, scheduled events and info for the book to Kristen ASAP, will not be going to print before June 1st.

Need to set up a Zoom account for meetings, Kristen has the info- \$150.00 a year for small teams, most common one used, up to 100 participants with group meetings up to 30, something to think about.

Signed the contract with Townsquare Media for \$2000.00, includes 30 second commercials, 5 ads per day 6AM to 10PM, will run the ads from July 27th to August 3rd. Signed the contract with IHeart Media for \$2880.00 includes 261, 30 second commercials, 10,000 streaming for online listeners and live remote broadcast on Friday the 5th. Schedule of the fair and 4-H activities will be e-mailed to both once the schedule is completed.

Rodeo: Does not have the contract yet.

Power Pull: Still looking for a pullback tractor and announcer. Checking about getting scraper tires for the south end of the track.

Competitive Exhibits: Kristen said she was able to access the fair entry. We will use the scale we have, will get some panels for the side or will pour a concrete pad. Looking at getting more panels and pen dividers. Double gate is \$336.00 plus freight, \$325.00 single gate plus freight. Discussion was had on the number of pens and animals Barry made the motion to spend \$2000.00 for more panels and dividers, Kristen 2nd, Nathan amended the motion to increase from \$2000.00 to \$3000.00, Peggy 2nd amended motion passed.

Motion to allow the committee to spend up to \$3000.00 for panels and dividers, roll call vote taken; Nathan-yes, Peggy-yes, Mark-yes, Barry-yes, Taylor-yes, Kristen-yes, Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Asked if the scale head could be left in the office, Karla will talk to Jackie first, scale head was left at the extension office and platform on the grounds so that the scale does not leave the grounds.

Commercial Exhibits & Concessions: Still accepting food vendor applications, running into issues where food vendors are parking in one location for the season or shutting down because of workforce issues, supply chain issues and high fuel prices. Food vendors that are booked; Sugar Monster, and The Line Camp. Have verbal confirmation, waiting on applications from Sweet Creations and Bacon Me Crazy. There is nine vendors inside and three outside vendors.

Buckles & Awards: nothing

Security: nothing

New Business:

Change of address: cannot change thru the postal service, so all updates have to be done manually, please get Kristine a list of all the change of addresses that we need to notify.

Porta Potties: Barry will take care of this, and will order what we had last year.

Trans-Trash: Peggy will take care of this and will order the same number of dumpsters as years past.

Hotel Rooms: Annie called The Baymont Inn & Suites. Have the room block set-up for August 3-7, each night have 15 rooms reserved for a rate of \$89.00 per night. They will need a list with names, dates and how many rooms as well as payment information no later than July 20th. After that any unclaimed rooms go back into inventory. For giving us the rooms at a discounted rate, we are giving them a free full page color ad in the fair book.

Inventory/Clean-up: May 31st and June 1st start at 6:00 PM each night. Nathan will call for a roll off dumpster.

Horseshow events: Peggy will add monkey on the barrel- 2 person team and hey hole event, will be three divisions; pee-wee, yr. and sr.

Safety deposit box: Kristen made the motion that we discontinue the safety deposit box and have the key hole drilled out for \$125.00, Barry 2nd, roll call vote taken, Nathan-yes, Peggy-yes, Mark-yes, Barry-yes, Taylor-yes, Kristen-yes, Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Accountant: Nathan has talked to Don Lafleur and he has agreed to do our books. We will give him a job description and then he will give us a price. Nathan will get him the job description that was written up.

Printer: Discussion was had on getting a printer for the office, Mark made the motion to spend up to \$500.00 on a printer for the office, Nathan 2nd, roll call vote taken; Nathan-yes, Peggy-yes, Mark-yes, Barry-yes, Taylor-yes, Kristine-yes, Annie-yes motion passed unanimously. Kristine and Melanie will take care of this.

Next meeting will be June 21, 2022, 7:00 PM at the Morton County Fair Grounds, New Salem

Adjournment: moved by Nathan, 2nd by Kristine adjourn at 9:15 PM

Minutes approved June 21, 2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie Gaebe".