

Morton County Fair Board Minutes

August 20, 2024

7:00 pm Morton County Fairgrounds

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

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

Associate Members presented: none

Guest: Luke Dukart, Brooke Kunz, Margo Kunz and Jessica Wild- 4-H Council, Keely Graves-Riders of the Future 4-H Club, Don Lafleur, and Mary Doll.

Keely addressed the board that the Riders of the Future would like to put a sign up on the horse barn in memory of Delmer Schlenker, discussion followed, Taylor stated to have the 4-H Club, Peggy and the Saddle Club to come up with different options for a sign and prices and bring it to the next meeting.

Custodial Report: Mary will clean the freezers that were used by 4-H Council for them, we will submit a bill to them. Been having issues with the AC unit, freezes up, lights in the concession building need to be fixed. The lights in the kitchen have to have a plastic cover over them, Shawn will talk to Jesse Braun. Still having issues with the stove, for right now the gas is turned off. Rental prices will need to be looked at before the storage season starts. Facility committee will meet to discuss the stove, lights and rental prices.

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

Secretary's Report: Kristine made the motion to approve the minutes, Taylor 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking \$148,863.37, savings account \$35,681.73 and in the secondary account \$500.00 and loan balance is \$295,000.00.

Revenue: Facility Rentals \$675.00, Camping \$47.00, Wristbands \$1,979.00, Gate (3 days) \$30,701.00, Vendors \$ 150.00, Showman Livestock Registrations \$ 4,244.40, Shavings \$100.00, Sponsorships \$ 7,720.00, and Beer Garden \$7,748.00, total revenue \$51,385.40

Barry made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, Nathan 2nd, motion passed.

4-H Report: 4-H Council will have Jayden give the board totals in a bill form so we can pay them. There is a survey out for feedback on the Achievement Days.

Bills to pay: Annie presented a bill for first aid supplies for \$178.35, Kristine moved to pay, Mark second motion passed. Kristine presented a bill from Office Depot- print rodeo programs, Nathan moved to pay the bill in full including the tax, Thomas 2nd, roll call vote; Thomas-yes,

Taylor-yes, Peggy-yes, Kristine-yes, Robert-yes, Nathan-yes, Mark-yes, Shawn-yes, Barry-yes, and Annie –yes, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Amusement & Youth Activities: Need to adjust times on some of the events. Look into the inflatables on what we can do different, moving the sandbox went well, lots of good comments.

Beer Garden: Total revenue was \$7,748.00, went well

Camping: Good compliments on the site sizes, went 18' to 20' in between, easy to find your spot.

Capital Improvements & Facility Maintenance: no report

Facility Maintenance: Committee will meet in the next week to discuss the items listed in the custodial report.

Country Fest: no report

Gate & Parking: There was 33 volunteers that covered the gate for 3 days, north parking lot went well. Will have to have banners made to show where to park.

Music & Small Acts: Will not do the small acts on Friday afternoon for next year fair, Annie suggested do more kid activities on Friday afternoon. She talked to Ward on bands for next year, looking at a dj for Friday night instead of a band, he will look into both options. For Saturday night have Slamabama , \$6000.00 for two – 90 minute sets, Mark made the motion to book Slamabama for Saturday night for \$6000.00, Kristine 2nd, roll call vote; Thomas-yes, Taylor-yes, Peggy-yes, Kristine-yes, Robert-yes, Nathan-yes, Mark-yes, Shawn-yes, Barry-yes and Annie-yes, motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations & Advertising: Committee will meet with 4-H Council and look at combining sponsorship letters.

Rodeo/Draft Horse Competition: went well

Power Pull: Discussed somethings that will need to be changed for next year, show went well.

Competitive Events/Awards: Check out process in barns went well, cleanup on Sunday went really good. Showman App was awesome to use. Peggy is looking at a different company for the buckles.

Commercial Exhibits/Concessions/Vendors: Food vendors did well, will be back for next year's fair. Had one food vendor Dee's Doughnuts that did not make it do to reasons out of his

control, will refund him his \$300.00 vendor fee. Outside vendors went well, committee will look into different areas on the grounds to put vendors, and inside vendors went well.

Security: Jon is working on some ideas to better deal with certain problem areas on the grounds. Went thru one concern and how security responded to it, look into ways of improving this area. Annie explained why the bill is higher than the quote, overall went well.

New Business:

Thank yous:

Action Motor Sports-thank you & meat/cheese tray-one

West River Equipment- thank you & meat/cheese tray-one

CHS Southwest Grain- thank you & large meat/cheese tray-one

Morton County Parks-thank you

New Salem Ambulance-\$750.00

New Salem Fire Department-\$300.00

Saddle Club-\$1,000.00

Mandan FFA-\$500.00

New Salem FFA-\$2,500.00

Jason Doll- thank you

Sims Valley LLC-\$1,000.00

Garyl Gartner-\$500.00

Barry moved to do the donation and thank you's, Nathan 2nd roll call vote; Thomas-yes, Taylor-yes, Peggy-yes, Kristine-yes, Robert-yes, Nathan-yes, Mark-yes, Shawn-yes, Barry-yes, and Annie- yes, motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: September 17, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Morton County Fairgrounds in New Salem.

Nathan made the motion to adjourn, Peggy 2nd motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm central time.

*Annie Gartner
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Secretary
9-17-2024*