FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2016

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on June 14, 2016, and came to order at 7:05 p.m. Those present were: Dana Escott, Randy Lowder, Nick Novich, Chad Armstrong, Bob Lancaster, Dan Allhands, Abigail Dennis, and Commissioner David Schulz. Dana Escott took minutes.

Minutes: Nick moved to approve the May 17, 2016, minutes with no corrections. Chad seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Randy advised that the agenda was short and the Board wanted to stay on task with agenda items to avoid keeping Dana for more hours since she is short on hours.

Budget: Cash is $73,006.04.

Bills: The list of bills for June, 2016, was presented to the Fair Board. Chad moved to pay June bills with the exception of the Franklin Rooter, Inc. bill in the amount of $300 due to work was performed without fair board approval prior to work being performed and to have Dana send a letter to Commissioners. Further discussion was that Franklin Rooter was brought in without prior approval from the fair board or notifying the fair board to get final approval. Quotes were supposed to be sent to Fair office and then forwarded to Board for review and acceptance which never occurred. Nick seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Commissioner Schulz took Franklin Rooter bill.

Public Input on Agenda and/or Non Agenda Items: None.
Communications: None.

Commissioner Schulz arrived at 7:23pm.

REPORTS:

4-H: None.
FFA: None.
Livestock Committee: None.

Fair Board Report: None.

Fair Manager Report: The Highwinds Rodeo Club hosted a youth rodeo over June 11 and 12. It was unorganized and someone cut a hole in the wire behind grandstands, garbage was not hauled off, and there was a mess left under grandstands and on parts of the ground. The group was advised by email and contract of what the rules for using the facility are. The consensus of the Board is to keep the rodeo deposit and send them a letter explaining why they don't get their deposit back. There were approximately 30 arena signs last year and to date we have 63 this year.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Bathrooms:** Randy advised that the bathrooms are open to try. One toilet in each side is blocked off (one in back and one in front) so that toilets are at a diagonal in both bathrooms and the urinal has been taken out of bathroom.

2. **Senior Pro Rodeo:** There are 202 entries for the Sr. Pro. Cattle will be coming in Thursday evening, secretaries, timers, and grounds help is in order. The Veterans will be honored Saturday night of Sr. Pro Rodeo, Cowboy Church hosted by one of the contestants on Sunday in grandstands at 1:00 pm. There is a gun show and craft fair also on the grounds.

3. **Bylaws:** Commissioner Schulz advised that the County Attorney is working on some operating guidelines that the commissioners are looking at. Also, they will get bylaws drafted for Board to look at.

4. **Building Update:**
   a. **Planning Grant**: Abby from the Madisonian was invited to the meeting to get some quotes on how the Fair Board felt about the Planning Grant. Chad advised that the number of kids in 4H (specifically hogs) has outgrown the facility and the Board needs to look at ways to expand to make room for hogs. Whether the Board enlarges hog barn or builds a multiuse new building, the Board has to have the Flood Plain Study completed first. Nick mentioned that the Board really needs to consider the complexion of the facility and possibly Jefferson County could help with the needs of the facility. Randy advised with a site map, the Board can work where they need to, whether it's building something new or remodeling an existing structure. This plan will help for future growth. Randy read Tom's email, which reflected the Board is exploring the possibility of a pavilion type building. The fact that livestock has outgrown the buildings, how much the usage of facilities has increased, and the increased attendance at the fair. Tom feels the Board is getting a better understanding of the flooding and more susceptible areas, as well as, prioritizing maintenance areas on the historic buildings. "If you build it, they will come."

   b. **Fair Manager:** The commissioners are finishing up the budgets and have not made any decisions yet.

5. **Fair**
   a. **Miscellaneous:** No action.

Unfinished Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm. Next meeting, July 21, 2016, at 7:00 pm. Minutes typed and prepared by Dana Escott.

Randy Rhueden 7/14/16
Approved: Fair Board Chairperson / Date
And/or Vice Chairperson