



## **FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **January 17, 2019**

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on January 17, 2018, and came to order at 6:10 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), Chad Armstrong (Board Chairman), Bill Holden (Vice-Chairman), Tom Leo (Fair Board), Heather Puckett (Fair Board), Jake Barnosky (Fair Board), Ron Nye (Commissioner), Bob Lancaster (Maintenance), Bonnie O'Neill (CAO), Stan Olsen (4H Council President), Vicki Doddridge (4H), Colton Hellwinkel (FFA), Van Puckett, Lindsay Seidensticker (4H). Jimilea took minutes.

- 1. Officer Elections:** Jake moved to leave officers as they are, Chad as Chairperson and Bill as Vice Chairperson. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- 2. Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Board's Jurisdiction:** None.
- 3. Communications:** A thank-you card from Teri Larsen was read.
- 4. Minutes:** Heather moved to approve the December 13, 2018 minutes with no corrections. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- 5. Budget/Bills:** Cash is \$108,560.
- 6. New Indoor Arena:** Heather advised to wait and see how the year goes and get more public input. Commissioner Nye advised that he would like to start a Friends of the Fairgrounds Committee to help with decisions concerning the new indoor arena building. He would like to possibly do a needs assessment study and get input from public and study costs and how to pay for new building.
- 7. Bylaws:** The changes in the bylaws were reviewed. The changes will be sent to the County Attorney for review and then put on the February agenda.
- 8. Safety Report:** The safety report from Madison County Safety Coordinator was reviewed. There was public input and ideas on how to mitigate some of the issues. Dana stated some of the issues will take time to fix. Dana will put together a plan. Stan advised that the 4H council has a fund for the 4H building and they agreed to help work on the safety issues with their funds in the 4H building. Dana will get them a list of repairs.
- 9. Reports**
  - 4-H:** Stan advised that there is a new Extension Agent starting on February 4, 2019. She has a strong background in 4-H and grant writing. There is also the possibility of hiring a second person to aid in the 4H program. Stan stated that when there is no agent the program suffers. The Madison-Jefferson 4H program was fourth in the state. Now it is ranked ninth in the state. The panels were brought back. Stan suggested having a policy or a sign in/out sheet when it comes to borrowing items between Boulder and us. Stan then introduced Vicki Doddridge, the new 4H rabbit superintendent. Heather left at 7:00 pm. Colton entered at 7:10 pm and Commissioner Nye entered at 7:13 pm.

**FFA:** Colton advised the FFA would be hosting the petting zoo during fair. He also asked if it would be alright to sell the FFA Officers for a fund raiser on Saturday night of the Rodeo.

**Livestock Committee:** There will be a meeting on January 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Wagon Wheel in Twin Bridges.

**Fair Board Report:** Bill advised that the roping pens from Dillon are on the fairgrounds.

**Fair Manager Report:** The County Safety Coordinator did a safety inspection with Dana and some of the things that everyone needs to be aware of is that you cannot block power boxes, electrical panels, or fire extinguishers. Broken outlet covers were fixed, bad extension cord ends fixed, and extension cords from where Christmas lights were attached were taped so water could not run off roof into connections.

### **DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Fairground Cameras:** No Action. Commissioners approved the recommendation to not install cameras at this time.
2. **Waterline:** No action.
3. **Fair:**
  - a. **Miscellaneous:** Bill advised that Nile went well. The sanction fee is \$500.00. Bill recommended to pay the sanction fee. Tom moved to pay the sanction fee of \$500.00. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Tom moved to purchase gravel from the Twin Bridges Road Department for approximately \$1,500.00 and send the recommendation to the Commissioners asking if the Fair board could pay for the gravel July 1. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send recommendation to the Commissioners. Leona Buyan agreed to be Parade Marshall. Dana then showed everyone pictures of a train for kids to ride in that can be built. A lot of the items needed will be donated. Jake moved to approve building the train. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried to build the train.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

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Approved: Fair Board Chairperson    Date  
And/or Vice Chairperson