



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2018

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on February 15, 2018, and came to order at 6:16 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Chad Armstrong (Board Chairman), Bill Holden (Vice-Chairman), Nick Novich (Fair Board), Bob Lancaster (Maintenance), Bart Story (Livestock/4H), Stan Olsen (4H Council President), Randy Lowder, Jani Flinn (Grant Administrator), Kerry Taylor (Extension Agent), Jaye R. and Cathy Henderson (Bon Accord Buck Out), and Rodney Braaten (Sheridan FFA Advisor). Dana Escott took minutes.

Minutes: Bill moved to approve the January 17, 2018 minutes with no corrections. Nick seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Budget: Cash is \$108,029.38. The monies taken out of the capital improvement fund were for the engineers writing proposals for water line and/or master plan.

Bills: The list of bills for February, 2018, were presented to the Fair Board. Bill moved to pay the February bills. Nick seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

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

Communications: None

REPORTS:

4-H: The new Madison/Jefferson Extension Agent, Kerry Taylor, was introduced.

FFA: Rodney entered meeting at 7:00 pm. Rodney discussed the beef panels the Sheridan FFA is working on and showed the Board pictures. He also would like to have the FFA tractor pulls Thursday night after the Ranch Rodeo at the fair.

Livestock Committee: The scale gets certified in July. Bart advised the Beef committee was building portable beef panels for the steer barn. Kyle Nelson is the sheep chair.

Fair Board Report: Nick discussed the Lewis & Clark Trail mapping.

Fair Manager Report: The Kiwanis Club District met with Twin Bridges entities and would like to help an entity with playground equipment. They have chosen the Aubrey Brooksle Memorial Playground as the Twin Bridges site and will work with the Starbuster's 4H Club and the Fair Board to help acquire new playground equipment. The Archery Club has offered to seal the floor in the Jeffers Building. Dana has asked Jason Hardy to take a look at the floor to see what all it needs. Dana met with Madison Valley Manor to discuss upgrading the Silver Division Open Class categories to categories in which the residents are capable of doing. Dana will meet with Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center as well to get their input.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Jaye Henderson (Bon Accord Buck Out and Muley Roping Event):** Jaye presented the Bon Accord Buck Out and Muley Roping event his business, Pivotal Movements Equine Program would like to put on at the Madison County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds is centrally located. They will buck out 26 horses and enter 40 roping teams. They would like to schedule the event on May 13, 2018 (Mother's Day) and the event would run from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. He asked if the fair board would sponsor this event and would like to make it an annual event. Further discussion was that this event would be a great event for the community. Bill moved to sponsor the Bon Accord Buck Out by providing the insurance for the event. Nick seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send a recommendation to the commissioners.
2. **Summer Employees:** Dana presented Authorizations to fill short term positions for summer employees', Abbi Olsen, Andriana Pollorena, Clancy Phillips, and Teri Larsen. Bill moved to hire the above employees for 2018 summer. Nick seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send recommendation to commissioners.
3. **Sr. Pro Rodeo:** No Action.
4. **Wrangler Roping:** No Action.
5. **Water Line (under river):**
 - a. **Water Bill:** The engineers have recommended putting a 10" line under the river for fire suppression. There are FEMA funds available to help with the cost of the water line. The Town of Twin Bridges is applying for a \$30,000 grant as well. Dana and Chad attended the Town Council Meeting on February 13. The town is asking for half the excess water bill and approximately \$799 of a power bill to be paid by the county. The Mayor will meet with the commissioners on Tuesday, February 20, to discuss this matter further.
6. **Great West Engineering Master Plan:** Great West Engineering revised the Master Plan per the Commissioners request. A revised "draft" copy was presented to the Board to review. Jani advised the Board should review the document and recommend to the commissioners if it is satisfactory.

Jaye and Cathy Henderson left meeting at 7:30 pm.

7. **Mower Bids:**
 - a. **Zero Turn old mower/mowers:** Dana presented two bids from Churchill Equipment of used mowers. One is a Kubota ZG227 mid mount zero turn mower, commercial duty, 61" deck, air cooled gas engine, 280 hours, 2012 model and the other one is a Grasshopper 928D2 zero turn front mount mower, commercial duty, liquid cooled diesel engine, 61" fold up deck, 1100 hours, 2001 model. Both machines are \$5,000. Further discussion was that the consensus of the Board was that the tractor mowers the fairgrounds has (3 tractors) are not commercial mowers, they are several years old, wore out, and they have a lot of hours on them. The fair mowers have been maintained and taken care of with routine servicing, blades, etc. along with keeping mowers clean for use; however the dealers don't want the tractors on trade; the Board also discussed the mowers that came from Ennis. One has all the wiring ruined in it from mice and the other one Kord cut a mud flap to use as a cover for the grass guard. Dana spoke to Kord and the estimate to fix the wiring could be \$500-800, but he won't know for sure until he tears into it. The Board felt with the amount of grass to be mowed it would be better to try and get something ready to use without any problems, keep them maintained, and stay with commercial grade mowers. Dana spoke to Vicki about the Fair Budget and discussed the mower. The Board discussed the

attached bid which is currently available and the urgency to act on the Kubota ZG227 mid mount zero turn commercial duty, 61" deck, air cooled gas engine with 280 hours, 2012 model for \$5,000 (see attached) right away since Churchill will probably sell it before summer. Bill moved to purchase the Kubota mower. Nick seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

8. Fair:

- a. **Fair Camping:** Discussion was whether or not to mark off spots and number them for fair campers. The consensus of the Board is not to mark off camping spots at fair.
- b. **4H Judge Fees:** A spreadsheet comparing 2015, 2016, and 2017 4H judge fees was discussed. The total fees for 2015 were \$2,088.51; 2016-\$2,234.12; and 2017-\$1,661.89. After further discussion for 4H judges, the Fair Board will give the 4H Counsel a total judging stipend not to exceed \$2,500 for all 4H/FFA judges. Bill moved to allow \$2,500 budget for all 4H/FFA judges and not to exceed \$2,500 for fair judges. Nick seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- c. **4H/Fair Complaint Clarification:** The Fair Board clarified that the county provides the facility for the 4H/FFA shows and that any complaints or grievances regarding 4H/FFA shows, etc. go to the Grievance Committee and not the Fair Board.
- d. **Parade Marshals:** Tom advised that Gary and Bennie Clark from Ennis are the parade marshals.
- e. **Miscellaneous:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting, March 15, 2018, at 6:00 pm. Minutes typed and prepared by Dana Escott.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson