



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2020

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on May 21, 2020, and came to order at 7:10 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Chad Armstrong (Chairperson), Bill Holden (Vice-Chairperson), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), L.J. Pancost (Board Member) Jimilea Grose, (Fair Secretary) Bob Lancaster (Maintenance), Alecia McDougal (President Livestock Sale Committee), Kristi Pancost, Chief Croy, (Livestock Sales Committee), Stacy Croy, (4H Council President), Christy Todd (Vice President 4H Council) Mikayla Hudson (4H Extension Agent), Commissioner Ron Nye, Anna Radcliffe (4H), Michael Sprout and Evie. Jimilea Grose took minutes.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

7:10 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Board's Jurisdiction:** None.
2. **Communications:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Bill moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of March 20, 2020, with no corrections. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
4. **Budget/Bills:** The preliminary budget was presented to the board for review with a project list. Cash is \$149,665.48. Jake moved to pay the bills. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
5. **Fair Board Resignation:** Tom Leo submitted his resignation from the Fair Board. L.J. moved to accept Tom Leo's resignation from the Fair Board. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
6. **Reopening the Fair Grounds:** All events have been cancelled through June 15. Dana talked to the Public Health Nurse about guidelines that need to be followed to have an event on the fairgrounds. Dana will work with the Public Health Nurse to ensure any event at the fairgrounds will follow the proper guidelines set by the state or public health department. L.J. moved to accept the reopening of the Fair Grounds to events to those who get approval from the Public Health Nurse. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
7. **4H Memorial Wall:** There were two names presented to the board to be added on the 4H Memorial Wall. They were Gwen Birrer and Larry Martin. L.J. moved to accept to have Gwen Birrer and Larry Martin's name on the 4H wall. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
8. **Consideration of Madison County Livestock Committee Becoming Sub-Committee of the Fair Board:** Chief Croy advised the Madison County Livestock Committee should remain where it is at. Everyone seemed to be in agreement.

9. **Arena Policy:** The Arena Policy was presented to the Board. The Commissioners had signed and approved it. Jake moved to accept the Arena Policy as written. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

10. **Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:** No action.

11. Reports:

- **4H:** None.
- **FFA:** None
- **Livestock Committee:** None
- **Board:** None.
- **Fair Manager:** Dana advised that some shingles had blown off of the Pavilion. Bob repaired those shingles. Great West Engineering approved Bob fixing the steps in the Grandstands per the OSHA guidelines and repairing a log in the beef breeding barn. The Jeffers needs a new roof and CRC Systems looked at the roof and there could be a coating material placed over the existing roof which would be half the cost of replacing the roof so it is in the budget to have the roof taken care of. Dana advised the board to consider adding a “Force Majeure” to contracts for entertainment, etc. It would be a clause to help protect the County from losing money if an event had to cancel. The dairy barn has been rewired with new lighting;

12. Fair:

- **2020 Fair:** The Fair Board reviewed all of the guidelines from MSU 4H, MaCO, Northern Rodeo Association, CDC guidelines, and the Governor’s directives. After much discussion, the fair board has decided to cancel the 2020 Fair, entertainment, vendors, camping, and rodeos for the health and safety of the public due to COVID-19. L.J. moved to cancel the 2020 fair. The Livestock Sales Committee, 4H Council and Fair Board will have a backup plan to show and/or sell the market animals either by virtual show and/or online sale. The kids could come into the fairgrounds show ready and then take the animals home the same day. If guidelines permit, then possibly there will be in person shows and a sale at the Madison County Fairgrounds. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The recommendation will be sent to the Commissioners for approval.
- **Miscellaneous:** Jake moved to extend Jacobs Livestock NRA Rodeo Contract through 2021 because of cancellation this year. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Discussion was to refund or credit advertisers, sponsors, special award sponsors, etc. based on recommendation from finance on what procedure to follow. There may be an option to offer online advertising this year for 2020. L.J. moved to research the possibilities of the advertising, sponsors, etc. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

The next Fair Board will be June 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson