



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2019

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on September 24, 2019, and came to order at 7:09 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), Chad Armstrong (Board Chairman), Bill Holden (Vice-Chairman), Tom Leo (Board Member), Bob Lancaster (Maintenance) and Mikayla Hudson (MSU Madison-Jefferson 4-H Extension Agent). Jimilea took minutes.

7:10 pm: Pledges of Allegiance

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Board's Jurisdiction:** None.
2. **Communications:** Thank you cards were read.
3. **Fair Board Resignation:** Heather Puckett submitted her letter of resignation to the Madison County Commissioners. The Madison County Commissioners approved the resignation. There is two interested parties that have submitted applications for the vacant Twin Bridges position. A discussion was held regarding the process in which to select a new Fair Board Member.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Tom moved to approve the July 25, 2019, minutes with no corrections. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
5. **Budget/Bills:** Cash-\$54,679.81. A list of current July and August bills were presented. There was a discussion about purchasing a truck to use on the Fairgrounds.
6. **Cash Register:** Dana has been communicating with Lee's Office Supplies in Butte about purchasing a new cash register. Tom moved to approve the purchase of a new cash register from Lee's. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will contact Lee's regarding the purchase.
7. **Security Cameras:** The Commissioners would like cameras on the fairgrounds and in the office. They would also like to possibly close the back entrance. No Action.
8. **Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**
 - Measurements of Sale Building and Hog Barn/Sheep Breeding Barn: There was no display at the Fair. Dana will map out the measurements using Google Earth and submit it at the next Fair Board meeting.
9. **Bylaws:** At the September 10, 2019, Madison County Commissioners meeting, the commissioners rescinded the motion to approve the June 18, 2019 bylaws. The November 21, 2016/January 19, 2016 bylaws will remain in effect.

10. Reports:

- 4H: Mikayla Hudson (MSU Madison-Jefferson 4-H Extension Agent) stated that animals and buyers were down. She has sent a survey out and is doing strategic planning to get an idea what everybody wants. There are four (4) 4H clubs that have not paid the 2019 stall fees. The 4H Council has been invoiced.
- FFA: None
- Livestock Committee: Tom Leo stated that he has not been receiving notices when there is a livestock sales committee meeting scheduled.
- Board: None
- Fair Manager: Dana stated that the power transformer by the playground was hit and that Northwestern Energy moved it back to where it belonged. Northwestern Energy advised that the power on the Fairgrounds belongs to the County. They are only responsible for the power up to the meter. The FFA train was a huge hit at the fair. The cooler in the 4H building was repaired. The total cost of repairs was \$850.50. The 4H Council paid half of that amount and the Fair Board paid the other half. Dana sent out “thank you’s” to the Twin Inn and The Combat Fisherman for donating rooms for the Rodeo Judges and the Exit 53 Band. The Twin Bridges School donated eight large pine trees to the fairgrounds and they have been planted. Dana sent a “thank you” to the school thanking them for the trees. A drip line and a timer system has been installed for the trees. The Rotary paid \$700.00 to help with the installation of the playground lights. On September 3, 2019, a meeting was held with Mikayla Hudson (MSU Madison-Jefferson 4-H Extension Agent), Kalina Miller, Chief Croy, Alecia McDougal, Kasey Smart, Chad Armstrong, Bob Lancaster, and Dana Escott to discuss the Livestock Sales Committee panels being loaned out.

11. Water Line (under river)

- River Bank: There will be rip rapping done on the bank once all the permits are in place.
- Broken Culvert in River: There is a piece of metal/culvert that protrudes in the river. It presents a danger to children swimming in the river. There is a possibility that it can be removed when the rip rapping is done.

12. Fair

- **2019 Fair:** The Mounted Color Guard was a success and everybody seemed to enjoy them. A draft profit/loss sheet was presented. There is still money that has not been received yet so the sheet will be updated as the money is received. Ken Overcast was unable to perform at the Fair. The Circus was unable to perform because of an accident. They owe us \$1,200.00. An invoice has been sent for reimbursement. The seats from the swings at Riverside Park were stolen. One seat has been found. The closing time for the 2020 fair was discussed. Dana presented the Board with a map of the camping spots. Camping passes were discussed to track the campers that have paid and the ones that have not paid.
- **2020 Theme:** Dana presented the Board a list of possible themes for the 2020 Fair. Bill moved to approve the theme “All About Family, Friends and Fun”. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The 2020 Fair theme will be “All About Family, Friends and Fun”.
- **2020 Parade Marshal:** Dana will contact Bonnie Hegdal to see if she would be our parade marshal.
- **2020 Entertainment:** Dana has contacted Inflatable Fun Zone. Tom moved to hire Inflatable Fun Zone for entertainment at the 2020 Fair. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed. Dana will contact Inflatable Fun Zone with details. Dana presented the Board with information on Wildlife Wendy to perform at the 2020 Fair with her display of birds. Tom moved to hire Wildlife Wendy for the 2020 Fair. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will contact Wildlife Wendy for more details.

- **2020 Vendor Fees/Check Out:** New vendor fees were discussed. No action was taken. Check out time for vendors was also discussed. No action was taken.
- **Miscellaneous:** Tom stated that there were a lot dogs at the livestock shows. People had their dogs on the bleachers. Signs will be hung at the shows, “Registered Service Dogs Only” are allowed in the showing area.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

The next Fair Board will be October 17, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson