



## FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 24, 2020

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on September 24, 2020, and came to order at 7:03 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Chad Armstrong (Board Chairman), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), Christy Todd (Board Member), Bill Holden (Vice Chairman), Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), Leif Funston (LSSC), Mikayla Hudson (4H Extension Agent), Commissioner Ron Nye (Madison County Commissioner), Bob Lancaster (Maintenance), and Trista Armstrong (Guest). Jimilea took minutes.

### DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

7:03 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:** Thank you cards from the parade marshal and 4H parents were read.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Jake moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of July 16, 2020, with no corrections. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
4. **Budget/Bills:** Cash is \$205,355. Christy moved to approve the bills, Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
5. **Pavilion Roof Bids:** Only one bid was presented from Lobo Construction. Jake moved to accept Lobo Construction's Bid. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The recommendation will be sent to the commissioners.
6. **Long Term Sign Sponsors:** There was discussion of how the sign sponsorship went for 2020. There are a couple of sponsors who have a five-year sponsorship which are up this year. They will be given the option for the same area for 2021. Sign sponsorship was not carried over for 2021 since there were several events in the arena this year.
7. **4H Memorial Wall:** Bill moved to engrave Doctor Robert Lott's name on the 4H Memorial Wall. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
8. **Non-fair Rental Fees:** The fees for non-fair rentals were discussed. They will stay the same. Sam's Gun Shop, Inc. donated 55 – 8' tables to be used on the grounds for events.
9. **Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**
  - Hog Barn/sales building/sheep breeding barn: Leif Funston stated that the LSSC is in favor of the hog barn project. Dana has contacted Nondi Harrington about attending the next fair board meeting to discuss the facts and costs of creating a fair foundation for this project. Mikayla arrived at 7:50pm.

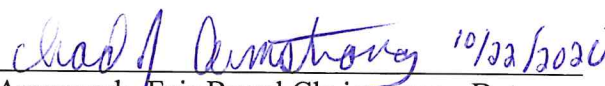
## 10. Reports:

- **Board:** Chad advised he heard good comments about the animal shows at fair and the animals coming in later in the week was positive and less stress on the animals. Other members of the board agreed they had heard positive comments about the fair days being shortened as well.
- **Fair Manager:** The sheep barn is in need of more outlets and possibly ceiling fans. Dana is getting a quote to work on the sheep barn electrical outlets. The internal safety inspection was performed on the fairgrounds and our facility is doing great getting everything in order per the inspection. There is a couple of tie racks by the rabbit barn and sheep barn which need some attention; possibly extending the racks and covering the hydrants so they don't get broken when washing animals. There is gate in the hog barn that is broken. The hog barn was left a mess after fair. There have been some requests for mutton busting at fair, if we can find sheep.
- **Livestock Sales Committee:** The sale went well. Set up and take down went smooth. Leif advised that the kids have to be more responsible in cleaning the grandstands after the sale.
- **4H:** Mikayla commented that she has received positive feedback on the livestock show and sale. She also advised that her office has received positive comments about the animals being on the fairgrounds for shorter days and the animals seemed less stressed.
- **FFA:** None

## 11. Fair

- 2020 Fair recap: Due to Covid-19, the 2020 fair had very little entertainment and food vendors. Ranch hand rodeo was a success.
- 4H/FFA Exhibitor Fees: Fees for small market animals including rabbit and poultry were discussed. Christy moved to reduce the small market animal fees from \$50.00 to \$25.00 for rabbits and poultry. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Leif Funston left at 9:00 pm.
- Profit/Loss: Dana explained the profit and loss statement. Some amounts will carry over for 2021.
- 2021 Fair. Dana stated that we will have Bounce of the Wallz, Cirque Adventures, and Sam Platts. There was a discussion about booking Wildlife Wendy and Whistle Nuts and Ole. Dana will look into this further. Camping fees were discussed. There is problem with campers not paying before the deadline. Camping fees are \$45.00. Bill moved to charge \$45 for fair camping to be paid by July 15, \$65 fee from July 16-August 1, and \$85 if paid after August 1. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- Miscellaneous: The stairways are up in the grandstands and the logs repaired on beef breeding barn.

Christy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The next Fair Board Meeting will be October 15th, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

  
Approved: Fair Board Chairperson    Date 10/22/2020  
And/or Vice Chairperson