



SPECIAL FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES **January 4, 2022**

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on January 4, 2022, via zoom and in person, and came to order at 6:05 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Chad Armstrong (Chairperson), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), L.J. Pancost (Board Member), Christy Todd (Board Member), Nondi Harrington (Foundation Administrator), Paul Marsh (Foundation Representative), Ken Walsh (Foundation Representative), Todd Nelson (Foundation Representative), Trista Armstrong (Foundation Representative), Rodney Braaten (Foundation President), Jordan (SMA Architects), Commissioner Ron Nye, Craig Erickson (Great West Engineering), and Becky Lawson (SMA Architects). Dana took the minutes.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

Call Meeting to Order: Pledge at 6:05 pm

1. **Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Boards' Jurisdiction:** None
 2. **Communications:** None
 3. **Indoor Arena:** Becky referenced the grant work they have been working on and showed the board the progress in working on the EDA grant application. Some information was a study of Montana areas in which southwest Montana ranked the highest in outdoor amenities and outdoor industries. Paul discussed the kind of economic impact there could be from other surrounding counties; Becky used some information from the website for the fairgrounds information and requested a list of improvements over the years on the fairgrounds along with any photos taken of the usage on fairgrounds. Dana will send that information to Becky and Craig. Becky inquired about several considerations for the new building, (i.e. bathrooms, concessions, offices, doors, bleachers, width and length of building). Jordan showed the schematic of the structure in 3D and the Board discussed dimensions of approximately 120' x 240'. Livestock pens could be outside, bleachers on the north wall and clear span if it would work. Possibly building the building in phases as well. Jordan showed the Board gridded flooring to help with the movement of sand and keeping the evenness of the floor. Further discussion was to change the name of the project from "Indoor Arena" to "Event Center" to help clear up the confusion between the indoor and outdoor arena areas.
 4. **Miscellaneous:** None.
- Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm
Next Meeting: January 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson