

FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2021

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on January 21, 2021 and came to order at 6:10 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Chad Armstrong (Chairperson), Bill Holden (Vice Chairperson), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), L.J. Pancost (Board Member), Christy Todd (Board Member), Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), Nondi Harrington (Foundation Administer), and Ron Nye (Commissioner) Jimilea took the minutes.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

6:10 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:** Christy moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of December 17, 2021, with no corrections. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- 4. Budget/bills:** The bills were presented. Bill moved to approve to pay the January bills. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Cash is \$178,470.06. Approximately \$80,000 is from insurance for roof repair.
- 5. Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**
 - Hog Barn/sales building/sheep breeding barn: Discussion was to set up a meeting with County Planner to discuss permitting and options for structures, etc.
 - Fair Foundation: Nondi gave a report of the Madison County Fairgrounds Improvement Foundation (MCFIF). She reviewed the possible names and individuals she had spoken to about being members of the Foundation. Once the Board is formally seated, the names and addresses will be provided to Suzanne Nellen, Attorney and Susan McRae, CPA. This information will be incorporated into the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation and then Susan McRae will submit a 501(c)(3) non-profit application to the IRS. The foundation members will need to schedule a meeting to elect officers for the Board. Further work in progress is getting a DUNS number, create a logo, get PO Box in Twin Bridges for foundation, design/create a brochure with planned giving ideas, create a mission statement and vision statement for approval and create a purpose statement. The Fair Board should work together to develop a list of projects for the Foundation. Dana has sent the history of the Fairgrounds to Nondi. Nondi reminded everyone that the improvements which will be done should take into consideration that they will not only benefit the Fair but the general public as well. The fairgrounds are a multi-purpose facility. Bill thanked Nondi for coming. Nondi left at 6:30 pm.

6. **Fairgrounds Events:** There are several events scheduled at the fairgrounds to date. Dana has advised entities using the facility they have to follow the governor's most current directives and check with public health if necessary for approval. There are hand sanitizer stations in the buildings, all tables and chairs are disinfected, entities are encouraged to have a sign in sheet, and social distance. The discussion was that people know what is expected of them when it comes to gatherings. The consensus of the Fair Board was to allow events to move forward and to follow the Governors guidelines.

7. **Reports:**

- Board: None
- Fair Manager: The pavilion roof project is scheduled to begin in February. Summer help classifications were discussed. Authorization for summer employment will be discussed at the February meeting.
- Livestock Sales Committee: The next Livestock Sales Committee meeting will be held February 8th at 6:30 pm in the Pavilion at the Madison County Fairgrounds.
- 4H: The general consensus was that everyone liked having the livestock sale in the big arena and a shorter fair.
- FFA: Dana stated that a letter of support for the FFA program was sent to the school.

8. **Fair:**

- Miscellaneous: Arena signs, advertising, and sponsorship monies are coming in and we are moving forward with 2021 fair preparation.

Adjourn: 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson