



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 13, 2023

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on February 13, 2023. The meeting came to order at 6:20 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Jimilea Grose (Fairgrounds Secretary), L.J. Pancost (Chairperson), Mark Hoyt (Board Member), Jake Barnosky (Vice Chairperson), Todd Nelson (Board Member), Kathy Moeykens (Fair Foundation Advisory Board), Emily Osborn (Guest), Ron Nye (Commissioner), Rodney Braaten (Fair Foundation Board President). Jimilea took the minutes.

Call Meeting to Order:

6:20 pm: Pledge Allegiance

6:25-6:35 pm-Fair Foundation Update: Rodney stated there was no formal update. A tentative date of February 27th for the foundation meeting at the Twin Bridges Senior Center is being discussed.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Board's Jurisdiction: Communications:** None
2. **Communications:** None
3. **Fair Board Election of Officer:** The position is for 2 years. Todd moved to retain L.J. as Chairperson. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed. Mark moved to retain Jake as Vice Chairperson. Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
4. **Tractor:** A tractor purchase was discussed. Todd moved to put the tractor purchase out on bids. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.
5. **Approval of minutes:** January 18, 2023. Todd moved to approve the minutes with no corrections. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
6. **Budget/Bills:** Jake moved to pay the February bills. Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed. The payments to Great West Engineering was explained by Dana.
7. **Fairgrounds Reader Board Policy:** No action
8. **Ruby Valley FFA Tractor Pull:** The times for the Tractor Pull was discussed. It was decided to have it Thursday before the Ranch Hand Rodeo. Times to be determined.
9. **Chinking:** Dana has reached out to a number of restoration companies. There will be meetings set up with the Companies at a later date to discuss cost of restoration.
10. **Hokanson Building:** No action.
11. **Reports:**
 - Board: L.J. asked if there could be different lighting in the Sale arena. The lights in the barn are not permanent fixtures. Dana will get a quote on fixing the lights.
 - Fair Manager: The application for summer help will be posted on the county website. The NRA Sanction form is due to the NRA office. The CMCHRA has contacted

Dana about the cattle be pastured here for their event. It was agreed to charge the CMCHRA \$1.70/head per day for 2 days. Dana shared information on a floor scrubber for the Pavilion and Jeffers. There will be a discussion at a later date. Dana is looking into getting a strolling act for the Fair. The camping map has gone out. Dana shared an ad about the Blue Grass Festival coming to Twin Bridges. The Fair dates for 2024 were discussed.

- 4-H: Janine Burrows, 4H Program Assistant sent an update. There are 203 4H youth enrolled and 45 volunteers, 15 new this year. A new project called “The Mini Horse” has been added. Jr Leaders will be having a meeting Sunday, February 19th at 4:00 pm.
- Livestock Sales Committee: The next LSSC meeting is set for March 28th, 7 pm at the Senior Center in Twin Bridges. Market Swine weigh in is set for April 21st, 5 to 7 pm at the Fairgrounds. Market Lamb and Goat weigh in is set for May 20th at the Fairgrounds. Mark Hoyt donated a scale for the lamb members to use.

12. **Fair**

- Miscellaneous: Dana stated that any changes in the Fair book needs to be in the Fair office by May 1.

Meeting adjourned 8:03 pm.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson