



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2021

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on March 18, 2021 and came to order at 7:10 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Chad Armstrong (Chairperson), Bill Holden (Vice Chairperson), Christy Todd (Board Member), L.J. Pancost (Board Member), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), and Ron Nye (Madison County Commissioner). Jimilea took the minutes.

7:00 PM: Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Election of Officers:** Previously elected at the February 18, 2021 meeting.
2. **Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Boards' Jurisdiction:** None
3. **Communications:** There was a press release from Madison County Public Health lifting the mask mandate and allowing more than fifty people at an event presented to fair board.
4. **Approval of Minutes: February 18, 2021 Meeting:** Bill moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of February 18, 2021, with no corrections. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
5. **Budget/Bills:** A budget was not presented because the e-mail is down. The bills were presented. Jake made a motion to approve the March bills. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Cash is \$175,809.05. Approximately \$40,000 is left to pay for pavilion the roof.
6. **Chris Mooney-4H Dog Obedience Equipment:** Christy Todd presented the request to the 4H Council. The 4H Council has the funds to purchase the equipment so the council will discuss the equipment at the next meeting. Chad inquired about where the equipment would be stored if 4H Council purchased the equipment.
7. **Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**
 - **Fair Foundation Update:** The Fair Foundation Meeting will be held March 24, 2021 in Virginia City at 6:00 pm in the conference room. Election of officers, mission statement, and choosing a logo will be discussed.
 - **Project List for Foundation:** No action.
8. **Reports:**

- **Board:** Commissioner Nye discussed that there is a new flood plain study for the town being done by the DNRC. He also discussed the possibility of getting the sewer line across the river. The Fair board requested setting up a meeting with Alex, the Madison County Planner, to discuss options with the Fairgrounds and buildings.
- **Fair Manager:** Dana advised Bob had a few concerns about the new roof on pavilion. Bob would like the logs cleaned before caulking around the windows, flashing under logs, double screws used on top sections and double screws used all around the perimeter. Dana advised the roof on the gazebo may need to be replaced from the storm damage. Dana talked to Pete Novich and contractor will give us a cost estimate and Pete will talk to MACO. There are small drips in the Jeffers roof around the big furnace. Ken will be back in June to look at the roof and seal around the furnace. Applying Mag-Chloride was discussed and everyone agreed it should be applied. Spraying the weeds on the grounds were discussed. Dana will get estimates from weed sprayers. Placements of more arena signs were discussed. Dana asked Commissioner Nye if the Commissioners would be able to sponsor buckles for the Ranch Hand Rodeo. Commissioner Nye will talk to someone about the approach into the Fair Grounds. Kay Von Bergen will be the Parade Marshall.
- **Livestock Sales Committee:** The LSC committee met on March 2nd. The sheep weigh in will be June 5th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Fairgrounds. April 17th is swine tagging day. The sale at the fair will be held Saturday in the big arena at 10:00 am and they will be finished and cleaned up by 3:00 pm. Dana advised any changes in the Fair book needs to be to the Fair office by May 1 to be in the book. Next LSC meeting will held in Ennis on April 20th at 6:30 pm. BY's Rodeo will be May 1, 2021, in Whitehall.
- **4H:** See Livestock Sales Committee Report
- **FFA:** None

Meeting Adjourn: Christy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: April 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
 And/or Vice Chairperson