



MADISON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING May 16, 2023

The meeting was held at the Twin Bridges Senior Center, Twin Bridges, Montana, on May 16, 2023. The meeting came to order at 7:35 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Jimilea Grose (Fairgrounds Secretary), Jake Barnosky (Vice Chairperson), Mark Hoyt (Board Member), Todd Nelson (Board Member), Chief Croy (Board Member), Bob Lancaster (Fairgrounds Maintenance) Kathy Moeykens (Fair Foundation Secretary/Treasurer), Ann Gornick (Fair Foundation Advisory), Ron Nye (Commissioner), Rodney Braaten (Fair Foundation Board President), Merissa Ford (4H Extension Agent), and Ryan Wolter (IT). Jimilea took the minutes.

Call Meeting to Order:

7:35 pm: Pledge of Allegiance

7:35 -7:40pm Fair Foundation Update: Becky Lawson (SMA Architects) attended via WebEx to discuss the layout of the Event Center and what changes or additions the Fair Board would like. She will send new drawings; Other discussion was the bathrooms/kitchens in the Pavilion and Jeffers. There is a lot of exterior work to be done on both buildings before new construction can be done in the buildings. Dana advised there is a grant available for non-profit organizations called the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation Grant (YCCF) which needs to be applied for by a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and asked the Foundation if they would be amenable to applying for this grant to help with chinking on the pavilion. The Foundation agreed to apply for this grant and work with Dana and Jackie Haines to get it submitted by the deadline.

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:** A "Thank You" card was shared from the Reynold's Family.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** April 18, 2023: Todd moved to approve the April 18, 2023 minutes with no corrections. Chief seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
4. **Budget/Bills:** Mark moved to pay the May bills. Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Dana explained the list of projects that will be submitted to Finance along with the proposed budget. Some of the projects will have to be put out on bids. Dana shared that there is a grant available to help with chinking. Dana discussed a wage increase for Groundskeeper position and Crew Assistant position. Mark made the motion to increase the wages according to the MACO 2022 survey in Montana. Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed. Dana will send wages increases to HR.
5. **Twin Bridges FFA Farm Lease Agreement:** No action.
6. **Summer Employee Wages:** See discussion above.
7. **Tractor Bid:** No action.

8. **Pavilion Chinking Bid:** Dana presented the chinking bid that has gone to the County Attorney for review before it is put in the newspaper. There were some minor word changes made.
9. **Event Center:** See fair Foundation Update.
 - Board: None
 - Fair Manager: Dana explained that the floor in the Pavilion is heaving between the pillars. There has to be a lot of work done to the Pavilion and Jeffers before moving forward with the remodeling that is being planned. The hydrant by the horse barn is leaking and will be repaired. The school cleaned up before Rooster's memorial and did a good job.
 - 4H: Merissa shared that there are over 200 kids signed up. June 1st is the last day for Fair Entry.
 - Livestock Sales Committee: Kyle Nelson sent a note to Dana to share with the board. Market swine weigh-in was April 28th. Approximately 100 pigs were tagged. Market lamb and market goat weigh in will be May 20th.
10. **Fair:**
 - Miscellaneous: The book is scheduled to go to print June 1. Judge's and Superintendents contracts are in the process of getting done.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting:

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson