



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2022

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on May 19, 2022. The meeting came to order at 7:03pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Jimilea Grose (Fairgrounds Secretary), Jake Barnosky (Vice Chairperson), Mark Hoyt (Board Member), Todd Nelson (Board Member), Commissioner Ron Nye, Mikayla Hudson (4-H and Youth Development Leader), Janine Burrows (Extension Secretary), Kyle Nye (LSC Member), Bill Gillespie (4-H Council President), Colton Hellwinkel (Twin Bridges FFA Advisor), and Nondi Harrington (Foundation). Jimilea took the minutes.

Call Meeting to Order:

7:03 pm: Pledge Allegiance

7:03pm: Welcome Todd Nelson. Introduce Todd to Fair Board and the public and welcome.

7:05 pm: Fair Foundation Update: Nondi shared that Harrington Pepsi donated an electronic reader board for the Fairgrounds. The board will probably not be here until September. The building that the Hokanson Family donated was discussed. Rodney will report on the building at the next Foundation meeting. The web site is up and running. The schematics for the announcer booth is being worked on by the engineers. Nondi passed around the new mailing for everyone to review.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Board's Jurisdiction:** Colton gave a report on the FFA Farm. Discussion was no one wants to help maintain it so he wondered if letting the public use the FFA Farm was an option and what the liability would be? Further discussion was possibly letting a student grow a pumpkin patch or corn maze for an entrepreneurship experience but there was concerns of subleasing on their contract. Colton advised the FFA Farm has been funded by grants in the amount of \$23,000.
2. **Communications:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** April 28, 2022. Mark moved to approve the April 28, 2022 Special Meeting minutes with no corrections. Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.
4. **Budget/Bills:** Jake moved to pay the May bills. Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried. Cash is \$187,576.56.
5. **Kyle Nye Hog Barn:** Kyle gave a progress report on the remodel of the hog barn. He has spoken to a company in Iowa that would build metal panels. Taking out the wooden pens, jacking the post up and pouring concrete was discussed. The building could be used as something else when not in use for the Fair. Kyle handed out a diagram showing the new

layout of the hog barn which would house up to 90 hogs. The new design would allow for better air flow. Kyle asked if the project would be something the Foundation would be interested in helping with. Kyle is also going to try to raise funds for the project. Todd moved to approve Kyle's request to present information about the remodeling of the hog barn to the Foundation. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried. Kyle will present information at the next Foundation meeting.

6. **Event Center (Indoor Arena):** Nondi advised that we didn't get the EDA Grant. Great West Engineering will be meeting with Nondi. Colton arrived at 7:35 pm. (see comments under Public Discussion)
7. **Fair Secretary Hourly Increase:** Dana presented the new budget. May 25th is the budget meeting. There is enough money in the budget to increase the secretary's hours from 10 to 20 hours a week during the winter months. Mark moved to accept the hourly increase for the secretary from 10 hours a week to 20 hours a week from January through May and September through December and to send a recommendation to the Commissioners. Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.
8. **Summer Employee Wages:** Dana also presented the wages for the Groundskeeper position and the Crew Assistance position. Dana would like to see one wage for both positions across the board. There would be a wage increase for returning employees. Todd moved to accept the summer wage proposal and send a recommendation to the commissioners. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

9. **Nonfair Rental Fees:** No action.

10. **Reports:**

- Board: None
- Fair Manager: Dana reported that the high school kids cleaned the Fairground. She asked if it was ok to buy ice cream for the students participating. The Cloverbuds are going to plant flowers. There needs to be a gate put in the arena for the 4H participants so they will be able to use our existing alley on sale day. Bill Allen of Log Solutions will meet with Dana on Thursday, May 26 to discuss the chinking of the Pavilion. Larry Mehlhoff will be doing the Church Service for Fair.
- Livestock Sales Committee: The one dollar enrollment fee was discussed. The fee is to be paid to the Fairgrounds if the 4H member is participating in the Madison Fair. There are 21 4H members going to the Jefferson Fair. Those members will not have to pay the enrollment fee. The \$1.00 fee goes right back into helping maintain the Fair Grounds. Bill Gillespie paid \$299.00 for the 2022 enrollment fees. Due to the Avian Bird Flu, the 4H will not have a poultry show. They will do a video. Dana asked Mikayla to forward her any information on the status of the Avian Bird Flu.
- **Fair**
- Open Class Poultry Exhibits: The poultry section in the Fair book will stay in the Fair book. We are waiting to hear from the Dept. of Livestock on whether we can exhibit birds at the Fair or not.
- Camping: Dana is waiting to hear back from Joe Brummel, the DES Coordinator. There are still people that haven't paid to camp.
- Entertainment: Dana shared that the entertainment should be good.

- Miscellaneous: Scooters will be allowed in designated areas only. Anyone caught riding out of the designated area will have their scooters taken away until the end of fair.

Meeting adjourned 8:23 pm. Mark moved to adjourn meeting. Todd seconded motion. All voted aye and motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson