



**FAIR BOARD SPECIAL MEETING/ REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 12, 2020**

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on June 12, 2020, and came to order at 7:08 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Chad Armstrong (Board Chairman), Bill Holden (Vice-Chairman), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), L.J. Pancost (Board Member), Bob Lancaster (Maintenance), Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), Chief Croy, Sara Decker, Alecia McDougal, Kacey Smart, Leif Funston (Livestock Sales Committee), Mikayla Hudson (4H Extension Agent), Molly Biehl (Board of Health Officer), Dr. Doug Young (Madison County Public Health), Van Puckett (Madison County Sanitarian), Ron Nye (Madison County Commissioner), Christy Todd (4H Council), Anna Radcliff and Family and Chris Mooney (4H). Jimilea took minutes.

**DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS**

7:08 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:** Jake moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of May 21, 2020, with no corrections. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
4. **Fair Board Member Recommendation:** Interviews were conducted for the Ennis position of the fair board. Bill moved to appoint Christy Todd as the Ennis representative on the Fair Board. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send recommendation to the commissioners.
5. **Reports:**
  - Fair Manager: The application of mag chloride was tabled until further notice. Spread sheets have been created to document when tables, chairs, bathrooms, buildings, etc. have been cleaned and disinfected after every event. Many events have been canceled until after the middle of July. The Jeffers roof is going to get redone before the end of June.
6. **Fair:**
  - Livestock Sales Committee Plan: A plan for each phase was submitted. (See attached). There was also a plan submitted by Mikayla (see attached). Further discussion was that MSU would like to see the two plans merged into one plan. There are approximately 27 steers, 25 lambs, 87 hogs and possibly 2 turkeys. There was lots of discussion regarding COVID-19 and the governor's directives for Phase Two. Dr. Molly advised that there needs to be a plan in place and approved by the Public Health Board in order to move forward with fair. Suggestions were to space projects six feet apart for social distancing, a plan for disinfecting and cleaning on a regular basis, placing hand wash stations and hand sanitizer should also be part of fair. The animal classes should be limited to 10 people or under. The plan will be submitted with changes. Everything should take place in the big arena. The hogs should be housed 6 feet apart. Some steers may be housed in the arena corrals. The Fair Board voiced their concern regarding the number of days the animals would be housed on the Fairgrounds and suggested

cutting down the days the animals will be on the fairgrounds for health and safety of the public. Round Robin was discussed and there is no set plan. Doctor Molly advised that COVID-19 is not going away and also advised that the fair did not have enough staff to wipe down the hand rails, pens, seating etc. efficiently with a small staff. She encouraged the Livestock members help keep things wiped down. Housing animals in close quarters is a Fair board concern. Concern for camping was discussed since there will be more than 50 people in the campground. The Fairgrounds campground is licensed for 36 campers and 20 tents. Dr. Molly also has concern of the number of campers during the fair. Currently there are 100 signed up to camp. Van advised that camping is doable per the governor's guidelines. The Fairgrounds will provide hand washing stations, hand sanitizer and clean the bathrooms frequently. For the safety of the public, the fair board did not recommend camping. The Fair board encouraged the Livestock Committee to decrease the number of days the animals are on the grounds. Liability was discussed in the event the cleaning and disinfecting couldn't get done with limited staff members and if a case of COVID-19 was traced back to the event.

- **4H: Indoor Projects Plan:** Indoor projects are forgoing.
- **Rodeo/Open Class/Entertainment/Vendors:** Chad read the recommendation from the May 21, 2020 Fair board meeting:  
“2020 Fair: The Fair Board reviewed all of the guidelines from MSU 4H, MACo, Northern Rodeo Association, CDC guidelines, and the Governor's directives. After much discussion, the fair board has decided to cancel the 2020 Fair, entertainment, vendors, camping, and rodeos for the health and safety of the public due to COVID-19. L.J. moved to cancel the 2020 fair. The Livestock Sales Committee, 4H Council and Fair Board will have a backup plan to show and/or sell the market animals either by virtual show and/or online sale. If guidelines permit, then possibly there will be in person shows and a sale at the Madison County Fairgrounds. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The recommendation will be sent to the Commissioners for approval”

After much discussion the fair board will present a plan to the Madison County Board of Health to possibly move forward with a Ranch Rodeo, beer gardens, team roping, and barrel racing. The Board will limit outdoor vendors and food vendors. There will be no entertainment, no indoor vendors, no open class exhibits, no NRA rodeo, and no parade. Jake moved to send this recommendation to the commissioners. The board will move forward with the Ranch rodeo, beer gardens, team roping, and barrel racing if approved by the Madison County Board of Health. LJ seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send new recommendation to commissioners.

- **Livestock Shows:** See Livestock Sales committee Plan.
- **Miscellaneous:** None

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm

The next Fair Board Meeting will be July 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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Approved: Fair Board Chairperson    Date  
And/or Vice Chairperson