



## MADISON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING June 20, 2023

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on June 20, 2023. The meeting came to order at 7:08 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), Chief Croy (Board Member) Rodney Braaten (Fair Foundation Board President). Colton Hellwinkel, (FFA Advisor) Kyle Nye, Merissa Ford (4H Extension Agent), Ken Walsh (Foundation). Jimilea took the minutes.

### Call Meeting to Order:

7:08 pm: Pledge Allegiance

7:15 pm-7:30 pm-Fair Foundation Update: Rodney gave an update on the new members that were elected to the Fair Foundation Board.

### 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  
Rodney entered the meeting at 7:20 pm
2. **Communications:** Dana shared the Blue Grass Festival poster
3. **Approval of Minutes:** May 16, 2023. Jake moved to approve the minutes with no corrections. Todd seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
4. **Bill/Budget/Budget:** Dana explained the recent budget. Jake moved to pay the June bills. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.
5. **Twin Bridges FFA Lease:** The Twin Bridges School Board agreed to a one year lease. A contract was presented and signed. Mark moved to approve the lease with the FFA for the 2023-2024 year. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed. Colton stated on July 18<sup>th</sup> a group of students will be cleaning the Farm.
6. **Tractor Bid:** There were two tractor bids opened. The warranty for the new tractor was discussed. Todd moved to accept the tractor bid from Shepherds Garage and send the recommendation to the commissioners. Chief seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed. Dana will send the recommendation to the Commissioners.
7. **Pavilion Chinking Bid:** There were no bids submitted, so the bids will go back to the paper to run again. It was suggested to re-advertise and extend the work time frame to the end of next year. Mark moved to re-advertise the chinking bid. Chief seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.
8. **Event Center: Agreement for Contribution:** Chief moved to sign the Agreement for Contribution. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passes. L.J. signed the Agreement for Contribution.

## 9. Reports

- Board; None
- Fair Manager: Dana advised the Board that the left speaker to the sound system is not working. The cables have been torn out of system causing damage to cords. The system is approximately 5-6 years old. There will be an All Girls Stock Saddle Bronc riding event. The Ranch Rodeo is open. There will be only 15 teams taken. All of the Superintendent and Judge's contracts have been sent out.
- 4-H: Merrisa Ford, 4H Extension Agent, asked if anyone had some extra riding helmets that the 4H horse participants could borrow. English and Western classes will be offered. Registration is open. There is 94 4-H members registered, and there is still more to register.
- Livestock Sales Committee: There were 99 hog's tagged and 28 sheep which is down from last year. The LSSC will ultrasound all animals.

## 10. Fair

- Miscellaneous: There will be Wi-Fi at the School Farm.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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Approved: Fair Board Chairperson    Date  
And/or Vice Chairperson