



FAIR BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2021

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on June 24, 2021, and came to order at 7:20 pm in the Jeffers Building. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Chad Armstrong (Chairperson), Bill Holden (Vice Chairperson), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), Christy Todd (Board Member), L.J. Pancost (Board Member), Mikayla Hudson (4-H and Youth Development Agent), Janine Burrows (Extension Secretary), Trista Armstrong (Foundation Representative), Ellie Reedy (Foundation), Rodney Braaten (Foundation President) Nondi Harrington (Foundation Administrator), Mark Hoyt (Foundation), Paul Marsh (Foundation), and Ken Walsh (Foundation), and Commissioner Ron Nye. Dana Escott took the minutes.

7:20 PM: Pledge of Allegiance

7:20 PM: **Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**

- Fair Foundation Update: Nondi and Rodney announced a generous community member's family is gifting \$300,000 to the Fair Foundation which is restricted and designated to renovate the Pavilion and the Jeffers Building. The Family/donors have requested that renovations will include the addition of bathrooms, a utility/catering kitchen and insulation so both buildings can be utilized year around. At this time the donor and the family members wish to remain anonymous. The "Dan and Janet Doornbos/Rodney Braaten" challenge is also gaining financial momentum. Jody Sandru is keeping track of donations. Other discussion was a memorial wall for pets/donors and a capital campaign for a new indoor arena building. After looking at flood plain maps and meeting with Alex (Planner), and discussing location, size of building, etc., L.J. moved to recommend to the commissioners to allow the Fair Foundation to raise money to build a new indoor arena barn west of the yellow building with the approximate size of 120' clear span wide (30' extra on each side) by 200' long and with one wall solid and the other with the availability to extend. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send recommendation to commissioners.

Nondi is working on brochures and pledge card. The logo has been chosen. The Foundation would like to have a booth at the fair. The next foundation meeting is July 20th at 6:00 pm in Virginia City, Montana at the meeting room in the Courthouse Annex.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Boards' Jurisdiction:** None
2. **Communications:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes: May 20 and May 27, 2021 Meeting:** Jake moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of May 20 and May 27, 2021, with no corrections. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
4. **Budget/Bills:** The bills were presented. Jake moved to approve the April bills. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Cash is \$212,383.46. The new budget has been approved by the commissioners. If the Board would like to replace arena lights, we will need to send a recommendation to commissioners and ask them to adjust our budget because they were not budgeted for in the new year.
5. **Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**
 - **Fair Foundation Update:** (See above)
 - **Project List for Foundation:** Several projects were discussed (i.e. crows nest, campground, bathrooms, showers, etc.)
6. **Fairgrounds Property Agreement:** The revised nonfair lease agreement was presented to the fair board along with the updated MaCo guidelines. The lease agreement has been updated to incorporate any new information from MaCo and MaCo's attorney and our county attorney have looked at them and approved them. L.J. moved to approve the new lease agreement and send recommendation to commissioners for final approval. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
7. **Gazebo Roof:** Lobo Construction has ordered the metal for the roof and will be starting the project in mid-July.
8. **Reports:**
 - Board: None
 - Fair Manager: The 4H/FFA dog equipment has been ordered. The fair board's portion of the equipment was \$2,369.96. The 4H Memorial wall has been engraved and it looks beautiful. The Rotary ordered a new swing set for the playground and it has arrived. Wyldman will host a ranch scramble on July 30 and a Wyldman Rodeo on July 31 starting at 7:00 pm. The gate charge will be \$10 per person.
 - 4H: Mikayla advised that all 4H registration is due by July 1. She also advised that she has informed 4H Leaders/volunteers to schedule events they would like to do through the fair office.
 - Livestock Sales Committee: The time of the sale was discussed. The time for the sale is 10:00 am which was set by the LSSC. LSSC would like to move sale up a little later for 2022. This will have to be discussed after the sale this year.
 - FFA: None.
9. **Fair:**
 - **Miscellaneous:** None.
 - **Grandstands Seating:** The grandstands has been mapped out. There are 640 seats. All grandstands' seating for NRA will be reserved seating at \$15.00 per person. All seats \$15, five and under free.

Meeting Adjourn: Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson