



MADISON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING **July 20, 2023**

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on June 20, 2023. The meeting came to order at 7:09 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Jimilea Grose (Fairgrounds Secretary), L.J. Pancost (Chairperson), Mark Hoyt (Board Member), Todd Nelson (Board Member), Chief Croy (Board Member), Bob Lancaster (Maintenance), and Merissa Ford (4H Youth Development Agent). Jimilea took the minutes.

Call Meeting to Order:

7:09 pm: Pledge Allegiance

7:15 pm-7:30 pm-Fair Foundation Update: Todd explained the proper protocol that needs to be followed when submitting a project to the Fair Foundation. There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, July 25th at the fair office to discuss projects that Fair Board would like to present to the Commissioners.

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:** Dana shared a "thank you" from the Tobacco Root Royale.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** June 20, 2023. Todd moved to approve the minutes with no corrections. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
4. **Bill/Budget/Budget:** Mark moved to pay the July bills. Chief seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.
5. **Arena Ground Rules:** The Fair Board reviewed the Arena Ground Rules. The Board would like the wording changed from "enter from the East end" to "enter from the East or West end depending on ground conditions". Dana will put it on The July 25th agenda.
6. **Reports:**
 - Board; None
 - Fair Manager: Dana reported on the Festival. There were over 600 people in attendance. There was an ATM machine brought in for the Festival. The Board discussed keeping the ATM machine. A contract was reviewed. Dana will put the ATM on the agenda for the July 25th meeting. The purchase of shade cloth was discussed for the show arena. Dana presented a couple of options. She will look into purchasing the tan color. Installing permanent light fixtures in the show arena was also discussed. Dana will look into the cost of installation. Dana also shared that if equipment is county owned and used on the Fair Grounds than only County employees are allowed to operate the equipment. If it is sponsor equipment, you need to be on a volunteer list and approved by management in order to operate the equipment.

- 4-H: Merissa Ford said that 4H registration is done. They need two more indoor judges. A new check out time on Sunday was discussed. It was decided to discuss it after Fair.
- Livestock Sales Committee: None

10. **Fair**

- Rodeos: An announcer is still needed for the Ranch Hand Rodeo. There is a roping box that needs welded. The Rooster Reynolds tribute was discussed.
- Radio Live Remote: The live remote will be Friday August 11, at 3:00 pm at the Fair Office.
- Miscellaneous: The Ranch Rodeo rules are ready.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson