FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2021

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on February 18, 2021 and came to order at 6:10 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Via Phone- Chad Armstrong (Chairperson), Bill Holden (Vice Chairperson), Christy Todd (Board Member), Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), Chris & Scott Mooney (4H), Jeffery Mills (Visitor) Jimilea took the minutes.

6:10 pm:  Pledge of Allegiance

6:30 pm: Chris Mooney--Dog Obedience Equipment: Chris presented a prioritized list of needed 4H dog obedience equipment for the 4H program. Chris explained to the fair board the equipment that program has is homemade equipment which is falling apart and does not meet the show standards. They do not have a show arena and an arena would be a safety benefit for the dog shows. It keeps the dogs contained during showing and people out of the ring. Also, Chris would like to host some fun matches for other 4H counties to participate in and the arena would be helpful. It was decided to put the request on the next agenda. Chris and Scott left at 6:45 pm.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Election of Officers:** Christy moved to keep the Fair Board officers as is, Chad Armstrong, Chairperson and Bill Holden, Vice Chairperson. Chad seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

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

3. **Communications:** None

4. **Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2021 Meeting:** Christy moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of January 21, 2021, with no corrections. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. **Budget/Bills:** The bills were presented. Christy moved to approve the February bills. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Cash is $182,261.10.

6. **Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**
   - Fair Foundation Update: The Board of Directors have been selected. Nellen and Nellen, Attorney at Law finalized the Articles of Incorporation. Logo samples and ideas were presented. Ken Walsh and Ellie Reedy are working on the
Mission Statement. The first meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Fairgrounds.

- Project List for Foundation: A list of projects is being worked on.
- Authorization to Hire Summer Employees: Christy moved to hire four part time, short term Groundskeepers. Chad seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. Reports:
   - **Board:** None
   - **Fair Manager:** There is approximately $3,500.00 in advertising money which has come in, approximately $4,500.00 sign money in, and approximately $1,900.00 sponsorship money came in. Lobo Construction has started on the Pavilion roof.
   - **Livestock Sales/4H:** Katherine Smith resigned her position at the extension office. March 2nd is next Livestock Sales Committee Meeting and March 9th is the next 4H Council Meeting. We should be receiving the 4H exhibitor fees for 2020 soon. The location of the Livestock Sale is yet to be determined.
   - **FFA:** None

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   - Miscellaneous: Hosting Wyldman Rodeo was discussed. The rodeo would be scheduled for July 30 and 31. Events would be ranch style bronc riding and combination events like Iron Woman Challenge and Junior Iron Challenge. Combination events include barrel racing, roping and goat tying events. The show would be about two hours long. Chad moved to host Wyldman Rodeo in July. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourn: 7:20 pm.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson  Date
And/or Vice Chairperson