



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2021

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on April 15, 2021, and came to order at 7:10 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Chad Armstrong (Chairperson), Bill Holden (Vice Chairperson), L.J. Pancost (Board Member), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), Nondi Harrington (Foundation Administer), Ron Nye (Madison County Commissioner) and Mikayla Hudson (4-H and Youth Development Agent).

7:10 PM: Pledge of Allegiance

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: March 18, 2021 Meeting:** Jake moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of March 18, 2021, with no corrections. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
4. **Budget/Bills:** The bills were presented. L.J. moved to approve the March bills. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Cash is \$180,323.61.
5. **Chris Mooney-4H Dog Obedience Equipment:** No action.
6. **Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**
 - **Fair Foundation Update:** Nondi reported on the first meeting which was held March 24th in Virginia City. The mission statement was discussed and there was election of officers. The by-laws were edited. Jody Sandru was nominated secretary. An address was established. The IRS forms will be filed. Jody is in the process of creating a new logo. The next meeting will be held April 20th at 6:00 pm in Virginia City. Nondi requested a list of projects for the foundation.
 - **Project List for Foundation:** Dana will send a draft project list which was discussed by the Fair Board to the Foundation.
7. **Gazebo Roof:** Replacing the gazebo roof was discussed because there was roof damage from the storm last summer. There were two different bids presented, metal and shingles. L.J. moved to accept the metal bid from Lobo Construction. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send a recommendation to the Commissioners.
8. **Summer Employees:** We have three applicants. Dana will set up times for interviews.
9. **Fair Manager Hours:** Dana presented the Board with a request for five additional hours for the months that she works twenty-five hours. She presented what the breakdown of the extra hours would cost. Bill moved to increase Dana's hours by five for the months that she works twenty-five hours. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will submit a recommendation to the commissioners.

10. Reports:

- **Board:** None
- **Fair Manager:** Commissioner Nye reported that he is working with Great West Engineering on new flood plain maps. The town is in the process of getting the dyke certified. There is a possibility that The American Rescue Plan Act would enable us to expand the sewer and water systems. Dana stated that Bounce of the Wallz is no longer in business. We did receive our deposit back from Bounce of the Wallz. The Rotary is purchasing a new swing set for the playground. The library wants to do signs along the path with stories. Closing the original entrance into the fairgrounds was discussed and how to sign it to help people continue to parking lot entrance. A variety of projects were discussed from electrical, construction, goat pens, etc. The fair board would like Dana to get quotes on projects. Further discussion was to spread the work around the communities.
- **Livestock Sales Committee:** There will be a LSSC meeting at 6:30 pm in Ennis. They will be submitting a revised schedule for the fair book.
- **4H:** There is a new program assistant in the office. Swine tagging will be April 17th. There are some members that do not have their hogs so other arrangements have been made. The 2020 Sales Committee exhibitor fees have been received.
- **FFA:** Dana stated the five year contract for the FFA Farm is up this year. The fair board would like to move forward with a yearly lease.

11. Fair:

- **Miscellaneous:** Dana advised the Nile carried our sanction fee from last year for the Ranch Rodeo. There was a discussion about increasing the price for reserved seating in the Grandstands.

Meeting Adjourn: Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: May 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson