



SPECIAL FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES **April 28, 2022**

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on April 28, 2022. The meeting came to order at 7:05pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Jimilea Grose (Fairgrounds Secretary), Jake Barnosky (Vice Chairperson), L.J. Pancost (Chairperson), Christy Todd (Board Member), Mark Hoyt (Board Member) Commissioner Ron Nye, Tod Nelson, Mikayla Hudson (4-H and Youth Development Leader), and Nondi Harrington (Foundation). Jimilea took the minutes.

Call Meeting to Order:

7:00 pm: Pledge Allegiance

7:00 pm: Welcome Mark Hoyt: Introduction of Mark to fair board and welcome.

7:05 pm: Fair Foundation Update: Nondi reviewed the same report which was given at the foundation meeting. Christy is not receiving emails and verified her email address which was incorrect. Nondi reported the status of the Pepsi electronic reader board, advising Harringtons' will be meeting and discussing the cost of the Pepsi board and details. The engineers are working on plans for the Pavilion, Jeffers, and Announcer's booth. The foundation will not be using 4H pictures on their website because they do not have a media release. There are committees set up to help with projects. There are new foundation members and advisory members: Teen Holland, Dawn Marie Buttrey, and Kathy Schafer. The question was raised about other Ennis representatives since there is only one from Ennis. The website will be up and running soon. It has its own webpage and email address. An ad was placed in the Loop on April 15 and Nondi is working on the fair book ad. There will be a bulk mailing going out June 10 on a postcard. Jake asked when the Pavilion and Jeffers projects could get started to get the ball rolling. Commissioner Nye advised the sewer may come under the river in the fall; Jake moved to have Mark be the liaison for the fair board on the foundation. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Nondi advised that the Hokansons have a metal building which is 80'x114'x16' high that they would like to donate to the fairgrounds. Christy made a motion to accept the generous donation of the building from the Hokansons. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. A letter of thanks will be written to the Hokansons.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

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

3. **Approval of Minutes:** March 2, 2022. Jake moved to approve the March 2, 2022 Special Meeting minutes with no corrections. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.
4. **Budget/Bills:** Christy moved to pay the April bills. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried. Cash is \$191,579.56. Dana advised she is waiting on a quote to paint yellow building. It is budgeted for and hope to get it done before end of June. We should be receiving a bill from electrician which will cover the items on our safety report. There was some wiring that needed replaced, broken GFI's, new GFI's, broken conduit, etc. but for the most part, our safety report is getting better all the time. We have some old light bulbs burnt out in Jeffers building in the old fixtures. To replace those lights with LED as long as wiring is good, the bulbs will be approximately \$200 each and we need five.
5. **Fair Board Member:** LJ asked if the recommendation they sent to add Todd Nelson to the board will work for the next commissioner meeting. There haven't been any applications received from the Harrison/Cardwell area. The bylaws were discussed wherein the board is made up of five members from each area (i.e. Twin Bridges, Sheridan, Ennis, Harrison/Cardwell and Silver Star/Waterloo areas or as reasonable as possible). Jake moved to place Todd Nelson on the fair board. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Commissioner Nye will add the recommendation to the May 3 commissioner agenda.
6. **Bylaws:** The original updated bylaws were signed by the Board and will be on the commissioner's next agenda for their signature.
7. **Nonfair Rental Fees:** The board discussed increasing the rental fees for the fairgrounds and arena. With all the new updates coming to the facility and buildings, an increase would be reasonable. The arena rental fees will be on next months agenda for discussion. The monster truck show on July 23 was discussed. The sheriff's department needs to be contacted along with our insurance and have them review the monster truck insurance. The county may need a special event policy for this event in addition to the Monster truck insurance. MACO is not covering motorsports activities any longer. There will need to be a special event policy in place for the FFA tractor pulls at fair. Nondi left meeting at 8:30 pm.
8. **Event Center (Indoor Arena):** No action.
9. **4H Exhibitor Member Fee (\$1.00 per member)** The 4H member fees were discussed. There are approximately 320 members reported by Mikayla Hudson this year. Christy moved to continue receiving the \$1.00 per 4H member from the 4H Council. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
10. **Sheep Panels (LSSC):** Kyle Nelson, LSSC President would like to ask the fair board if they would pay for the additional sheep panels needed. The cost is \$4,200. Dana explained that the Board could buy the panels in July because they are not budgeted for this year, but could be budgeted out of new year with the new 4H stall fees in August to cover them. Christy moved to pay \$3,000 towards the purchase of the new sheep panels. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will let Kyle know the board will contribute \$3,000 towards the new panels after July 1.
11. **Wheeled Toys During Fair:** The board discussed the pros and cons of allowing 4H members to ride wheeled toys/scooters at the fair. Dana provided copies of letters from Bill Gillespie 4H President, Mike Callahan Madison County Safety coordinator, and

McKenzie McCarthy MACo (county's insurance attorney) wherein safety and liability issues were discussed to continue the activity. Bicycles are not allowed on the fairgrounds during fair. The Board agreed to let the children have one more chance during this fair to abide by the scooter rules of only riding them in the back of the fairgrounds where they are allowed. All scooters will be taken away if caught outside of the allowed riding area and not be given back until fair is over. Mikayla will get this notice out to all of the 4H leaders. We will have a new sign made. There will be notice regarding the scooter/wheeled toys rules on Facebook, website, fair book, etc. The fair board will help enforce this rule.

12. Reports:

- Board: None
- Fair Manager: Wyldman Rodeo will be July 29 and 30, 2022. The fair book will go to print June 1st. Dana discussed the need to increase Jimilea's hours to 20 hours a week during the winter months to help with office coverage. With all the new foundation projects going on, there is a need for more office coverage. Dana is working on the new budget and will put figures together and then have a committee meeting with the board to go over the budget before the commissioner meeting. Dana advised that there was a painting company showed up on fairgrounds who reported they were sent down to get quotes on chinking and staining the pavilion. They will be providing quotes to the Board. The pavilion could be budgeted for oiling in the next budget year; however, the chinking estimate may be too high for the budget. Mark suggested getting another quote from the Keims (Montana Mobile Cabins) who build log cabins. Further discussion was that possibly the Foundation would help with the cost of chinking with their remodel of the pavilion. Mark will take the chinking cost to the next foundation meeting.
- 4H: Mikayla reported there was approximately 146 hogs/86 members in the hog project weighed in. Goat weigh in will be May 15, beef quality assurance will be May 28 (1:30-3:30 at the Sr. Center), ultrasound class on May 26 in Ennis (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm). The Avian Influenza has been found in Montana. Currently there is a possibility that the state vet will not allow poultry to be shown at the fair. Dana will reach out to State vet in regards to this and showing at the county fair. Mikayla will also keep the board in the loop.
- Livestock Sales Committee: Jake moved to appoint Christy as liaison for the Board to the LSSC. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- **Fair**
- Open Class Animal Exhibits: The open class sheep forms were presented to the Board and the classes will run after the 4H shows.
- Exhibit Fees Cloverbuds (open): Mark moved to take the pen fee off the small animal projects for cloverbuds and open class exhibits. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- Camping: The camping map has been shared to 4-H/FFA members and families. The camping spots will not be held if payment is not received. Mikayla will send map and fees out to members. The camping rules will be enforced and no circles allowed.
- Miscellaneous: None

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm. Christy moved to adjourn meeting. Jake seconded motion. All voted aye and motion carried.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson