



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2021

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on May 20, 2021, and came to order at 7:04 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Chad Armstrong (Chairperson), Bill Holden (Vice Chairperson), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), Christy Todd (Board Member) Jimilea Grose (Fairgrounds Secretary) Mikayla Hudson (4-H and Youth Development Agent) Colton Hellwinkel (FFA Advisor), Hadley Johnson (FFA Member), Trista Armstrong (Foundation Representative), and Van Puckett (Sanitarian). Jimilea took the minutes.

7:04 PM: Pledge of Allegiance

7:15 PM: Twin Bridges FFA: Colton thanked the Fair Board for letting the FFA showcase and work the FFA farm for the last five years. Colton requested a year to year lease extension for the FFA Farm. Jake moved to approve a one year lease extension on the FFA Farm. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Colton will add an addendum to lease for one year. Hadley Johnson gave a report on the FFA Farm projects which include putting up a greenhouse, planting fruit trees, raising bees and harvesting the honey to sell at the Farmer's Market. The FFA program has raised livestock for FFA projects and many other projects. Colton and Hadley left at 7:25 PM.

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: April 15, 2021 Meeting:** Jake moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of April 15, 2021, with no corrections. Christy 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 \$194,476.16 plus 27,032.12 remaining to repair gazebo. Dana advised that the budget meeting with the commissioners went well. Dana presented an itemized budget for the 21-22 fiscal year. A few line items were increased due to uprising costs of materials to help maintain facility. The fairground's mills dropped because taxable value increased. The fees for setting up foundation from July 1 to December 31, 2021 will be approximately \$52,800. Vicki will add mills to our budget to cover this cost so it does not affect our budget.

5. **Chris Mooney-4H Dog Obedience Equipment:** The 4H/FFA dog members have raised some funds to help towards the purchase of new dog equipment. Chad moved to help purchase the dog equipment for the 4H/FFA dog project. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will have Chris Mooney submit a list for purchase.

6. **Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**

- **Fair Foundation Update:** Christy gave an update from the foundation meeting wherein Alex, the planner discussed the 100-year flood plain versus the floodway and where the buildable spots could be on the fairgrounds. The fair board would like to meet with Alex to discuss the flood plain as well so they can make an informative decision on whether they would like a new building or remodel of an old structure. (see attached maps)

7. **Summer Employees:** Jake moved to hire the four applicants interviewed for the summer positions, Abbi Olsen, Amanda Millhouse, Lilly Grabil, and Pablo Babcock. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send the recommendation to the County Commissioners.

8. **Reports:**

- Board: None
- Fair Manager: Dana gave Mikayla a copy of the non-fair rental and fair policy advising that any scheduling on the facility needs to go through the fair office before scheduling an event. The fair board reiterated the chain of command for scheduling events on the fairgrounds to Mikayla.
- Livestock Sales Committee: There will be LSSC meeting on May 25th in Ennis.
- 4H: There will be no vet checks. Round Robin will be from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm Saturday of the fair. Mikayla left at 7:50 pm.
- FFA: See above

9. **Fair:**

- **Bubble Tower Entertainment:** Dana presented information on the Bubble Tower. Bill made a motion to hire the Bubble Tower for entertainment at the Fair. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will finalize contract with Bubble Tower Entertainment.
- **Miscellaneous:** Dana presented the Axe Throwing Company. It will cost \$900 for the 3 days. Bill moved to hire the Montana Axe Throwing Company at the Fair. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will contact the Montana Axe Throwing Company. Dana then presented information on Whistle Nut and Ole. They will be able to be here Thursday of the Fair and Ranch Rodeo. Christy moved to hire Whistle Nut and Ole for Thursday of the fair and the ranch rodeo. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will contact Whistle Nut and Ole and finalize plans. The ticket price of the Grandstands was discussed. The Grandstand ticket prices will be \$15.00 reserved seating at the NRA. Ranch Hand tickets will remain at \$5.00 per person.

Meeting Adjourn: Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Next Meeting: June 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson