



FAIR BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2021

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on July 15th, 2021, and came to order at 7:10 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Chad Armstrong (Chairperson), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), L.J. Pancost (Board Member), Trista Armstrong (Foundation Representative), Nondi Harrington (Foundation Administrator), and Commissioner Ron Nye. Jimilea Grose took the minutes.

7:10 PM: Pledge of Allegiance

7:15 PM: Fair Foundation Update:

Nondi talked about the \$300,000 that has been donated. It is designated to install bathrooms and a kitchen in the Jeffers and the Pavilion buildings. A memorial wall for pets was discussed. Rodney will collect money for a wall and send out thank-yous. An individual who lost their dog wishes to donate \$1,000.00. Nondi encouraged the Foundation Board members to select a committee they would like to be on. (See attached) Nondi discussed the possibility of having a deposit bag at the Fair office for donations. A member of the Foundation would pick up the bag every few days. For the booth at the Fair, there will be pledge cards and stamped envelopes for people wanting to donate. A classmate of Larry Martin wishes to donate money to put a bathroom and a kitchen in the Pavilion. Nondi would like a member of the Fair board and the Foundation present at the Larry Martin Memorial to have pictures taken. L.J. will be present at 4:00pm to meet for pictures. Nondi is going to order polo shirts for the Foundation. There will be a Foundation meeting on July 20th and Fair Foundation brochures will be available. An electronic message center entry board was discussed. Putting the board on both sides of the highway was discussed. The board would be rotating and display the sponsors and events. This would reduce the signs posted all over the Fairgrounds. A board is approximately \$20,000.00 or more. Terry and Julie Todd has donated an apple tree for a drawing during the Fair. The schedule for the Foundation booth at the Fair will be posted. There will be a mass mailing of the Foundation information. It will cost about \$5,000.00 to print brochures. Nondi stated this is not the time to launch a huge capital campaign until more information is available to the public. A new crow's nest cost approximately \$50,000.00. A concert was suggested for a later date for a fund raiser. Chad asked if a new kitchen would have to be a commercial kitchen. Commissioner Nye stated that the water and sewer has been approved. L.J. advised that the new building will be west of the yellow building along the willows towards the arena. The dairy barn will likely be taken down but the steer barn will still be used. Maps were presented of the flood plain. Insulating the Pavilion and Jeffers were discussed but questions of the roof supporting the insulation was asked. It could be possible to just insulate the kitchen and the bathroom and not the entire building. An idea was to start on one building so that the public could see what was happening and then do the other building as money came in. Nondi left at 7:45pm.

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:** Dana presented the new Madison County Fair Property Lease Application and explained what the County Attorney is working on for the 4H. MACO is reviewing it also. Mikayla took the lease to MSU's Attorney for review. Contrary to rumors, there will be a fair whether or not the agreement is signed. L.J. advised he would like to see the livestock sale around 12:00 pm instead of at 10:00 am. Alicia Mc Dougal was contacted via phone and asked about moving the sale to the afternoon. She stated that the breakfast in the bags had already been contracted out for a fund raiser and buyer letters had been sent out. The LSC has already cancelled the BBQ twice. She thought it was not a good idea to change time so close to fair. The livestock sale time will be discussed for next year after fair. The Round Robin will probably not happen due to the sale being in the morning.

3. **Approval of Minutes: June 24, 2021 Meeting:** Jake moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of June 24, 2021, with no corrections. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. **Budget/Bills:** The bills were presented. Jake moved to approve the July bills. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The arena light quote was discussed. They were 1000 watt bulbs and Volt Electric would like to stay with a 1000 watt bulb. They are working on getting a quote for the bulbs. A light in the yellow building fell down and Volt put it back up and secured the rest of the lights to the ceiling. Mag-chloride has been ordered but has not been applied yet. If it is not applied before Fair, Dana will ask for a refund.

5. **Reports:**
 - **Board:** None
 - **Fair Manager:** Dana advised that Lobo construction is working on the gazebo roof. The purchase/lease of a new tractor was discussed. The protocol for paying the County employee that waters the arena was discussed. When the road crew waters the arena we pay \$100/day. It was suggested that maybe Bill Holden would be interested in running the water truck if need be. Dana does have a sponsor tractor coming for Fair. Dana informed the Fair board that we only have one employee and two part time employees. She will talk to HR about hiring extra help during fair.
 - **4H:**None
 - **Livestock Sales Committee:** None

6. **Fair :**
 - **Miscellaneous:** None
 - **NRA added money:** Dana explained the added money for the NRA rodeo and what other rodeos are paying. Dana asked if the board would like to bring the added monies up to the middle of the spectrum. L.J. made a motion to add \$4,500.00 to the NRA added

money. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will fill out the NRA Application with new amounts and return application to the NRA.

- August Fair Meeting: There will not be a Fair Board meeting in August.

Adjourn: 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: September 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson