



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2020

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on October 22, 2020, and came to order at 7:20 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Chad Armstrong (Board Chairman), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), Bill Holden (Vice Chairman), Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), and Nondi Harrington (Foundation Administer). Jimilea took the minutes.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

7:20 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

1. Fairgrounds Improvements Projects:

- Hog Barn/sales building/sheep breeding barn: Nondi Harrington did a presentation on starting a Foundation to raise the money needed for the improvements on the fairgrounds. The Foundation would be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. It would be created separate from the county. It would have its own governing board with one member from the fair board on it and members from the public. Nondi advised there are steps to creating a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization including articles of incorporation, bylaws, creating a name for the Foundation, and other IRS forms. It would be good to have a mission statement and marketing goals. Bill moved to recommend to the commissioners to establish the “Madison County Fair Improvement Association,” hiring Nondi Harrington to be administrator to guide and help with the Association and create a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization independent of the Fair Board and Madison County. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send recommendation to commissioners. Nondi left at 8:20 pm

2. Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items Not listed on the Agenda but Within the Board’s Jurisdiction: None

3. Communications: None

4. Approval of Minutes: September 24, 2020: Bill moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of September 24, 2020 with no corrections. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Budget/bills: Cash is \$194,429.55. The amount of \$100,432.76 from the hail insurance is included in that amount.

6. Cameras: Board discussion to install cameras at this time is an unnecessary tax expense for tax payers. Jake moved to postpone any decisions on the cameras at this time. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. Watering Arena for Events: Bill moved to pay the Twin Bridge’s Road Crew their wages for watering the arena during events. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

8. Reports:

- Board: None

- Fair Manager: The tin fence posts by arena need to be pounded back down. The frost has pushed them up out of the ground. The Rotary has some money left for new playground equipment. They are working with the local 4H club to find some new swings or equipment for playground.
- Livestock Sales Committee: None
- 4H: None
- FFA: None

9. Fair: Dana reviewed the entertainment for 2021. Wildlife Wendy has not been hired to date.

- Miscellaneous: We need a parade marshal from the Cardwell area.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The next Fair Board Meeting will be November 19th, 2020, at 6:00 pm.

 11-19-20
Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson