



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2020

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on November 19, 2020, and came to order at 6:10 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Jake Barnosky (Board Member), Chad Armstrong (Chairman), Bill Holden (Vice Chairman), Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), Christy Todd (Board Member), L.J. Pancost (Board Member), and Nondi Harrington (Foundation Administer). Jimilea took the minutes.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

6:10 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

- 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:** Jake moved to approve the Fair Board Minutes of October 22, 2020 with no corrections. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- 4. Budget/bills:** The bills were presented. Christy moved to approve to pay the November bills. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- 5. Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**
 - Hog Barn/sales building/sheep breeding barn: None
 - Fair Foundation: Chad attended meeting via telephone for this portion of the meeting. The Madison County Department of Finance advised the name of the Foundation should not have any association to Madison County. L.J. moved to approve the name of the Foundation as, "The Fair Improvements Foundation." Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Further discussion was Nondi suggested that the Foundation Board have seven board members, monthly meetings, and set up a 501(c)3 or whatever 501(c) status is appropriate for the foundation. The foundation will have a mission statement, vision statement, and all the proper documents for a nonprofit organization. There can be a non-voting representative from the Fair Board attending foundation meetings. Christy Todd volunteered to be that member. A list of possible Board members was presented and discussed. Nondi would administrate and help advise Chad to call and invite people to the foundation board. Nondi suggested that one of the new Board members have an interest in agriculture. Nondi suggested asking the county attorney if he would be able to help set up the foundation. Funding to set up and hire Nondi was discussed. Jake moved to pay \$3,000 into a fund to pay Nondi out of with the intention of being reimbursed from the foundation once it is up and running. Christy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send a recommendation to the commissioners. The proper steps to setting up a non-profit organization will have to be followed. Nondi left the meeting at 7:00pm.
- 6. Reports:**

- Board: None
- Fair Manager: The commissioners approved Aaron working up to five hours a week as a temporary employee to help with cleaning through the winter. Chinking and new windows were discussed for the log buildings.
- Livestock Sales Committee: Steer tagging should be the first Saturday in January. Christy advised she had received an email that the 4H/FFA checks have been mailed to the members.
- 4H: No Council meeting.
- FFA: The John Deere Ag Expo went well that was held at Fairgrounds.

7. Fair:

- Parade Marshal: Kay VonBergen was chosen for 2021.
- Miscellaneous: Dana advised that Wildlife Wendy has returned the 2020 down payment. The Board would like to wait before sending a contract for 2021 for Wildlife Wendy.

Adjourn: Christy move to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. L.J. seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be December 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
 And/or Vice Chairperson