

Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103
Beulah, ND 58523

Mercer County Fair Board Meeting
Beulah Civic Center
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2018

2017 Fair Board Directors

Laura Benz, President
Lenny Tesky, Vice President
Donna Buchmann, Treasurer
Craig Askim, Secretary
Judy Brunmeier
Renee Carlson
Vern Muscha
Chris Renner
Corey Voegele
Stacy Welk

The annual meeting was called to order by President Laura Benz at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Laura Benz, Judy Brunmeier, Donna Buchmann, Renee Carlson, Vern Muscha, Chris Renner, Lenny Tesky, Stacy Welk, Corey Voegele

Secretary's report from the 2017 annual meeting was read by Craig. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Donna. As of 12-31-17 cash on hand was \$87,809.68. Lenny moved to approve the report. Stacy seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Laura said the board received a Christmas card from the carnival.

Old Business:

- **2017 Fair Recap - Director Reports:**
 - **Laura** said it was a good fair with hot weather. The only bad thing was a lack of help to clean up on Sunday.
 - **Donna** said the rabbit and poultry show went well. Concessions were okay.
 - **Judy** reported that the magic show was good and everything went well.
 - **Stacy** said open class numbers were up and she had good help.
 - **Vern** said moving cattle into the larger barn helped a lot. The Bull-A-Rama went well.
 - **Lenny** said the swine, sheep and goat numbers were up. He thanked Tiffany Weigum for the report she created and the hours she put in at the open class shows. Tiffany said having the second show on Sunday was great and people liked it. Only four kids did not show the second time on Sunday.
 - **Craig** reported 4-H and FFA numbers were down but quality was very good. He said there is a large number of cloverbuds in the 4-H program so the future looks bright.

New Business:

- **2018 Fairground Improvements**
 - Laura suggested to make improvements to the ticket booth
 - Vern said electrical upgrades are needed to the beef and hog barns and fix water issues at the wash rack
 - Craig's suggested long-term improvements such as building a hoop barn, redoing the wash rack area, improvements to the 4-H building, and hiring a consulting firm to do an overview of improvements that could be made to grounds.

New Business: (continued)

- **Election of Directors:** Directors whose three-year terms were expiring were: Donna Buchmann, Chris Renner, Lenny Tesky, and Corey Voegele. They each said they would run for re-election.

President Benz called for nominations. Vern nominated Rick Bauman. Lenny nominated Gloria Olheiser. Tiffany Weigum nominated Shanan Weigum, and Laura nominated Brandon Sailer.

Lenny moved to have everyone in attendance vote first, for four of the eight nominees for the four open three-year terms to the board. A second vote would be a vote for two names from the remaining four names for the two open two-year seats on the board and a third vote would be a vote for one name from the remaining two names for the one-year open seat. Stacy Welk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Results of the first vote showed Lenny Tesky, Corey Voegele, Donna Buchman, and Chris Renner with the four highest vote totals. All will serve three-year terms on the board.

In the second vote, Rick Bauman and Gloria Olheiser were elected to serve the two two-year terms on the board.

Shanan Weigum was elected in a third vote, to serve the one-year open term.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim,
CEA/Fair Board Secretary