

Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103
Beulah, ND 58523

MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center
February 20, 2018

2018 Fair Board Directors

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

The meeting was called to order by President Lenny Tesky at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Laura Benz, Judy Brunmeier, Donna Buchmann, Renee Carlson, Gloria Olheiser, Chris Renner, Lenny Tesky, Corey Voegele, Shanan Weigum, Stacy Welk

Members Absent: Rick Bauman, Vern Muscha

Secretary's minutes: Laura moved to suspend the reading of the minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting. Stacy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Donna. The balance as of February 20, 2018, was \$135,812.84. The Mercer County grant was \$50,000 this year. Stacy moved to accept the report. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Laura sent sympathy cards to Johnny Holm on the passing of his wife and to the Ed Schmidt family from Max.

Old Business:

- **West River Judging Contest** is Saturday, February 24. Craig reported that numbers registered look strong and help is still needed.
- **Entertainment Report** – Laura said \$22,350 of the entertainment budget has been spent. So far, The Johnny Holm Band, Bull-A-Rama (Western Edge Bull Riders), Rocky Top Petting Zoo, The Magic of Keith Raymond, and Miss Bows Messy Mania have been booked. An additional \$3,000 will be needed for sound and lights.
 - The board discussed possible bands for after the Bull-A-Rama Friday night and agreed to try to book the band, Tripwire, for \$4,000.
 - Following discussion of acts for Saturday night, Laura said she would try to book the Kentucky Headhunters. She said she would make some calls and report at the March meeting.
 - The board discussed the entertainment budget and the increased cost of acts that bring quality entertainment. Stacy moved to increase the entertainment budget from \$40,000 to \$50,000 for the 2018 fair. Gloria seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

- **BBQ Demonstration** - Chris suggested having a BBQ demonstration at the fair. The board felt it was a good idea but felt this individual should purchase a booth and do demos at his booth. They asked Chris to bring more information for the March meeting.
- **Committees/Portfolios** - Committee/Portfolio assignments were reviewed. Chairpersons' names for the various committees are on a master list at the Extension Office.
- **State Fair Quilt** - Laura said the State Fair Association has a quilt for display for 100 years of service. It costs \$100 to display it at the fair to cover shipping and cleaning. Donna moved to have the quilt at the fair and pay the \$100 fee. Stacy seconded. Motion carried.
- **Shirts** - Stacy was given approval to purchase fair board shirts for new members and any other board member that would like one.
- **Books and Advertising** - Fair books and advertising were discussed. The board set a goal of having all information finalized by May 15.

Next meeting: March 20, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Beulah Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim,
CEA/Fair Board Secretary