

# Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103  
Beulah, ND 58523

## MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center  
March 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 7:11 p.m.

**Members Present:** Laura Benz, Judy Brunmeier, Donna Buchmann, Gloria Olheiser, Vern Muscha, Lenny Tesky, Corey Voegele

**Members Absent:** Rick Bauman, Renee Carlson, Chris Renner, Shanan Weigum, Stacy Welk

**Secretary's minutes:** Minutes from the February 20 meeting were reviewed and one correction made. The Ed Schmidt family was sent a sympathy card and not the Smith family. The minutes were approved with the correction.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Donna. The balance as of March 20, 2018, was \$136,667.38.

**Correspondence:** None

### Old Business:

- **West River Judging Contest** – Craig gave a short highlight of the West River Judging contest that was held February 24. He thanked the board for the sponsorship and help.
- **Entertainment Report - Laura**
  - The band Tripwire is booked for Friday night
  - The Kentucky Headhunters can't come because the distance to travel from their booking on Friday night is too far.
  - The Cody Charles band from Bismarck is booked for Friday night after the Bull-A-Rama, for \$2,500.
  - We can get a DJ for the beer gardens on Saturday afternoon and early evening for \$300.
  - With entertainment booked so far, we spent \$23,050, which leaves room to hire a headliner for Saturday Night.
  - We will have an ATM on the fairgrounds this year.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Donna** will send letters to vendors in the next few weeks.
- **Lenny** contacted someone involved with the quilt show and is waiting to hear back.
- **Vern** received an estimate to fix the hydrant and water issues by the wash rack for \$4,000-\$5,000. The board approved the estimate. He asked the board what type of electrical upgrades they wanted done to the new beef barn. Laura moved to spend up to \$10,000 on upgrades. Donna seconded. Motion carried. Vern will try to get estimates and report at the April meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Entertainment** dates and times were reviewed.
  - Johnny Holm Band on Thursday night will start at 9 p.m.
  - Kids Day program will start at 1 p.m. on Friday
  - Bull-A-Rama will start at 6 p.m. on Friday
  - Saturday opening act will start at 7:30 p.m. with the headliner playing at 8:30 p.m.
- **Point Shows** - The board discussed having two open class point shows for the 2018 fair. Vern moved to hold two point shows, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Corey seconded. Motion carried. A judge for the Sunday show is in place.
- **Bottle Calf Demonstration** - Craig said Rachel Johnson requested to bring a bottle calf demonstration booth to the fair. She would run the event and make posters etc. for times of when the feeding would take place and promote the event. She asked the Board for the use of a few panels to conduct the event. The Board granted her permission to have a booth and the use of panels.

**Next meeting:** April 17, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Beulah Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim,  
CEA/Fair Board Secretary