

# Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103, Beulah, ND 58523

## MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center

August 8, 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 7:04 p.m.

**Members Present:** Rick Bauman, Laura Benz, Judy Brunmeier, Donna Buchmann, Renee Carlson, Vern Muscha, Gloria Olheiser, Chris Renner, Lenny Tesky, Shanan Weigum, Stacy Welk; **Member Absent:** Corey Voegele; **Guest:** Dwight Berger

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the July 10, 2018, meeting were approved as emailed with the correction that Chris was not at the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Donna presented a detailed list of expenses from the 2018 county fair and reported there is a balance of \$79,294.88. West River Transit had 17 riders on Friday and 52 on Saturday for an average cost of \$3.95 per person per ride. The board said the rides went well for the first year and would like to provide the service again next year. Armbands seemed to work well and will be used next year for family passes and gate admission.

**Correspondence:** none

### Old Business:

- **Wash Rack** - Vern discussed using portable panels to split the wash rack in two, to allow more access from the one water line. The old pipe fence would be removed.
- **Beef Barn Electrical** – It was noted that purchasing bulbs from a retail store is cheaper than from the contractor. The contractor will begin work on upgrades in the next two weeks.
- **Fair Review**
  - **Open Class Livestock** - Shanan suggested having pre-registration for the open class livestock and assigning check-in times so set-up could go better. Dropping the dairy show will be considered.
  - **Entertainment** - Laura said the entertainment went well. The band did not play before or after Restless Heart because of weather before and not enough time to do sound checks after Restless Heart was finished. An entertainment subcommittee may be formed next year.
  - **Beer Garden** – Gloria said the beer garden ran smoothly and people liked the variety of drink options.
  - **Posters** – Too many posters were printed so numbers will be reduced next year and the board will get only one style.

- **Vendors** – Gate passes went over well with vendors. Twenty-eight of 33 paid vendors came. One food vendor did not show. Vendor booth prices will be reviewed next year.
- **Ranch Rodeo** – Parking of trailers and bringing coolers to the event will be discussed.
- **Commercial Building** – Renee said the commercial building went well. She asked for ideas on better instructions for assembling/disassembling curtains.
- **Ticket Booths** – Renee said gate workers asked if volunteers could get in free for the day. She will make a list of workers' names and phone numbers. This will be discussed for next year. Everyone liked the new ticket booth.
- **Static Open Class** – Stacy said open class numbers were down. She and Melanee Pulver painted the display booths.
- **Parade** – Stacy said next year parade registration will be the day of the parade only.
- **Finances** – Donna said everything went well with the exception of an electrical issue with the printer. County mills may be decreased next year.
- **Maintenance** - Rick said everything went well.
- **Volunteers** - Vern said things went well, but was short on help. He would like to give volunteers more recognition.
- **Parking** - Chris said there were still issues with cars blocking the back gates and suggested purchasing cones or wooden barriers next year.

#### **New Business:**

- **Beulah Chamber Request** – Laura moved to approve a request from the Beulah Chamber to store their stagecoach in the beef barn if the city feels there is room. Stacy seconded. Motion carried.
- **Dena Kemmet Request** – Laura moved to allow Dena Kemmet to use the curtains for her daughter's wedding. Approval was given for this one time only. Judy seconded. Motion carried.
- **Ticket Booth** – Vern moved to pay the Beulah Vo. Ag. Department for the materials the students used to build the ticket booth for the fair board. Judy seconded. Motion carried.
- **Printer Repair/Replacement** – Stacy moved to purchase a new printer or pay for repairs to Tiffany Weigum since her printer shorted out during the fair. Donna seconded. Motion carried.
- **Heritage Park Request** - Gloria asked if Heritage Park could use the stage, tents, and water tanks for the Harvest Festival on August 11. Rick moved to allow the use of the items. Vern seconded. Motion carried.

**Next meeting:** September 18, 7:30 p.m., Beulah Civic Center

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary