

# Mercer County Fair Association

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**2023 Fair Board Directors**  
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## FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center  
December 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 6:36 p.m.

**Members Present:** Billy Anvik, Craig Askim, Rick Bauman, Kathy Earnest, Duane Hopfauf, Mark Hofner, Jeff Klein, Tiffany Weigum, and Cody Wiedrich

**Members Absent:** Valerie Bauman, Roy Rasch, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba

**Guests Present:** Cora Smith

**Secretary's Minutes** – Tiffany moved to accept the October 23, 2023 minutes as emailed. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jeff stated the balance is \$3,090.64. He wrote checks to MDU and the Association of Fairs for yearly dues. Bronson's Market needs a new email and address for billing. Billy moved to accept the report. Duane seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

### Old Business:

- **Boat Rental** – Three spots are open. Everyone has paid their rental fees.
- **Fair Convention Recap** – Attending members stated the convention was good with a lot of information provided. The regional meeting was a great way to meet people. The Hospitality Room worked very well.
- **Fair Website** – The board would like to see the last 6 months' meeting minutes posted to the website once they are approved by the board. Cody runs the website and any information to be posted needs to be given to him.
- **Entertainment Update** –
  - Rick B. gave an estimate of prices for the currently booked or verbally committed events for the 2024 Fair.
  - Thursday night – The Johnny Holm Band, \$7,500.
  - Friday night – Ashely Wineland. \$4,500, plus lights and sound.
  - Saturday – Lizzy Hofer, \$2,500 plus lights and sound.
  - Donkey Relays – Two shows for a possible \$7,500.
  - DC Entertainment will provide the lights and sound for Friday and Saturday nights for \$4,000.
    - Some of the band will need hotel rooms.
  - Other entertainment –
    - Friday or Sunday - Ranch Rodeo, \$3,500.
    - Friday and Saturday - Messy Mania, \$1,450. per day.
    - Friday and Saturday – Rocky Top Petting Zoo, \$1,800. per day.

- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday - Joe Barrett Magic Shows, \$1,200. per day.
- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday – Montana Premium Entertainment, \$7,250. for three days.
- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday – Laser Tag, \$3,500. possibly.
- JC Hatter is a possibility.

The Board is considering starting the Fair on Wednesday evening with the Carnival running Wednesday to Saturday. There has been a verbal agreement with the Moon Cats Band to play Wednesday night for approximately \$1,000.

Mark moved to approve the entertainment schedule as of today. Duane seconded. Motion carried.

- **Hairball Band** – The Hairball band was slated to perform on Tuesday of the Fair. Mark moved to rescind the motion from the September Board Meeting to hire this band. It was decided this event should stand alone due to the amount of preparation, required or it should be sponsored with another organization. Billy seconded. Motion carried.

Rick B. said Hairball has open dates in September. He has contacted the Harvest Fest Board to see if an arrangement can be made. Billy moved to allow Rick B. to proceed with these meetings, and also see if busing options are available pending an agreement. Duane seconded. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

- **Beulah Rental Agreement** - Rick B. spoke to Cindy, the Beulah Auditor, to talk about an agreement. The Fair Board has authorized Rick B. to present the following: An agreement for \$1,000. per month for ten months of use from August 1 to June 1 for each year. The City will need to mow the grounds. The Fair Board will require use of the skid steer as needed.
- **Requirements for meetings** – Craig informed the board of the law requirements necessary for conducting a government organization meeting. This applies to the Fair Board as we receive county and government funding. The board will make note of that for the future and make corrections on the minutes presented.

### **Other Business –**

- Billy and Rick S. attended an auction that contained restaurant equipment on December 3 in Dickinson. They purchased a cooler for \$5,000. and an ATM machine for \$1,500. They are requesting reimbursement from the Board. A possible spot to place the ATM machine is the Country Kettle. This machine could provide income to the Board throughout the year. The cooler is for ice, and be used in place of a beer trailer for the Fair. Mark moved to reimburse Billy for the purchases. Duane seconded. Motion carried.
- Cora Smith thanked the Board for going out of their way to allow her to use the hoop barn for her wedding because weather was unsuitable. She presented the Board with a check for \$200. She also asked to borrow the vendor curtains for a date night dinner school fundraiser sponsored by the DECCA Club. Jeff moved to allow her to use the curtains. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

Mark moved to adjourn the meeting. Billy seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be January 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The location is to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Craig Askim,  
CEA/Fair Board Secretary