

# Mercer County Fair Association

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**2024 Fair Board Directors**  
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Tiffany Weigum  
Cody Wiedrich

## FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Country Kettle, Beulah  
May 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 6:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Billy Anvik, Rick Bauman, Valerie Bauman, Duane Hopfauf, Jeff Klein, Roy Rasch, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba, Tiffany Weigum and Cody Wiedrich

**Members Absent:** Craig Askim, Kathy Earnest, Mark Hafner

**Guests Present:** Cora Smith

**Secretary's Minutes** –The secretary's report from the April 24 meeting was emailed. Val made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Duane seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jeff gave the treasurer's report. On May 6, 2024 the bank balance was \$18,077.67. There was \$3,641 in outstanding checks. The ending balance was \$14, 436.67. We received a total of \$3,375 in sponsorship monies yet to be deposited. Rick S. motioned to accept the report. Billy seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** – Alan Geiger needs to know what kind of siding and roofing should be used for fair board office building. T111 will be used for the siding and tin for the roof.

### Old Business:

- **Entertainment Finalization** – Saturday still needs to be filled in. The axe throwing company said they will come and do whatever hours we need. Mutton busting will be Saturday, time to be determined and limited to 25-30 participants. Lawn mower rodeo will be held between 1 p.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday. The BBQ will be at 5 and the mutton busting at 6. Lizzy Hofer is scheduled for four hours on Saturday, but may be only from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Mark McKay will be from 9:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Schedule of Events for 4-H:** Wednesday, July 10 – Registration for horse show, 9 a.m.-10 a.m., horse show, 10 a.m., Thursday, July 11 – static interview judging, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., county 4-H member photo, 11:45 a.m., rabbit and poultry show, 1 p.m., pet show, 4 p.m.
- **Advertising** – Rick B. took 180 – 30 second radio promos with KDKT radio station. They will also put an ad in the Dollar Saver, as well as interview Rick B. on-air at a later date.
- **Website** – Tiffany reported the new website will go live soon. She and Cody met with developers and approved the website. Morgan Hochsprung is working on a way to pre-register open static exhibits.
- **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Rick S. purchased stainless steel coffee mugs and tumblers that will have our new 50<sup>th</sup> year logo engraved on them. Cameron Braun is working on the logo. Mark is working on t-shirts.

## **New Business:**

- **Carnival Start Times and Gate** – Wednesday and Thursday: Gate, 2 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. and the Carnival, 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday: Gate, 8 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. and the Carnival, 12 p.m.
- **Work Night Schedule** – July 8, Monday before the Fair. Other items needing to be done before then are to rebuild the arena and tear down the beer garden.
- **Ticket Booth** – Ticket booth sign up has been completed and is ready to sign up gate helpers.
- **Fairground Improvements** – Suggestions on ways to get more help with fairground projects and events were made. They included advertising on Facebook in advance, and sending emails to let people know where help is needed and when.
- **Tent Set Up** – Will be June 28 or 29. We need to set up two tents. The beer garden tent will be the smaller one, 40' x 80', and the large tent will be for food. Rick reported the large tent is being rented on June 15 for Todd Erickson's wedding. They are paying \$2,500 to put it up at a camp in Amidon.
- **ATM** – Is up and running at the Country Kettle. Dakota Music set it up and stated they will put as many as we need at the fairgrounds. We keep the fees collected. Discussion on placement was held. Possible places are the public works building and the sheep barn. May need to look into how to lock up machines at night. The beer garden, main gate and possibly the back gate will definitely be ATM placement locations.
- **Ashley Wineland** will play Friday night. It was decided not to hire Peyton Walker to open for her.
- **Safe** – Jeff Klein requested to purchase a safe. He will look into prices and what he wants and needs.
- **Equipment Check** – Friday, May 10, the sound guy is supposed to come and check our equipment.
- **Business from the Floor** – None
- **Next meeting date:** Discussion was held where the next meeting will be. It was decided to have it at the Beulah Golf Club on May 22, at 6 p.m.

Rita motioned to adjourn the meeting. Duane seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rita Skraba for  
Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary