

Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103
Beulah, ND 58523

Mercer County Fair Board Meeting
Beulah Civic Center
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2019

2018 Fair Board Directors

Lenny Tesky, President
Corey Voegelé, 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 annual meeting was called to order by President Lenny Tesky at 7:14 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Donna Buchmann, Renee Carlson, Vern Muscha, Chris Renner, Lenny Tesky, Stacy Welk, Corey Voegelé

Members Absent: Laura Benz, Rick Bauman, Judy Brunmeier, Gloria Olheiser, Shanan Weigum

Secretary's report from the 2018 annual meeting was read by Craig. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Donna. As of 12-31-18 cash on hand was \$68,549.76. Stacy moved to approve the report. Vern seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Freddie Prez sent a thank you card to Lenny.

Old Business:

- **2018 Fair Recap - Director Reports:**
 - **Corey** said everything went well with the beef, dairy and goats.
 - **Lenny** said the sheep numbers were down a little, the swine doubled in numbers and the goat numbers were up.
 - **Donna** paid out a large number of premiums for open class static and livestock. The food vendors went well.
 - **Stacy** said open class static exhibit numbers were down and help was down.
 - **Renee** said the commercial booths went well. She developed a diagram of how to set up the curtains and placed it with the curtains.
 - **Chris** said the Gateway to Science, Kid's Day and everything else went well.
 - **Vern** said overall the Bull-A-Rama, ranch rodeo, and the livestock shows went well. Need to look at load out options.
 - **Laura** sent a written report that entertainment went well, except the tornadic weather conditions caused a problem Saturday night.
 - **Craig** reported the 4-H numbers for static and livestock were steady.

New Business:

- **2019 Fairground Improvements**
 - **Wash rack** – replacement work was started until the winter weather arrived.
 - **Ticket booth** – was welcomed. We will look at building a second booth that is mobile.
 - **Beef barn** – Electrical upgrades are complete and was a large improvement.

New Business: (continued)

- **Election of Directors:** Directors whose three-year terms were expiring: Renee Carlson, Vern Muscha, Shanan Weigum, and Stacy Welk.
 - Renee Carlson - submitted a written and verbal statement to the board expressing her wishes not to run for re-election.
 - Gloria Olheiser - expressed her wishes prior to the meeting to Lenny Tesky, not to run for re-election.
 - Shanan Weigum - the board received no feedback on his wishes.
 - President Tesky called for nominations for directors. Chris nominated Vern Muscha. Donna nominated Stacy Welk. With no other nominations, Donna moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Vern and Stacy. They will hold three-year terms.
 - The open three seats on the board will be filled when candidates are found.

- **Other New Business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim,
CEA/Fair Board Secretary