

# Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103  
Beulah, ND 58523

## MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center  
December 10, 2019

### 2019 Fair Board Directors

Lenny Tesky, President  
Corey Voegele, Vice President  
Donna Buchmann, Treasurer  
Craig Askim, Secretary  
  
Rick Bauman  
Laura Benz  
Vern Muscha  
Rick Skraba  
Rita Skraba  
Stacy Welk

The meeting was called to order by President Lenny Tesky at 7:03 p.m.

**Members Present:** Craig Askim, Laura Benz, Donna Buchmann, Vern Muscha, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba, Lenny Tesky, Corey Voegele

**Members Absent:** Rick Bauman, Stacy Welk

**Guest:** Dwight Berger, County Commission

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the August 12, 2019 meeting were approved as read by Craig Askim.

**Treasurer's Report:** Donna gave the treasurer's report. Balance on hand as of December 10, 2019 is \$59,405.57. Vern seconded. Motion carried.

### Correspondence:

- The Board received a thank you card from the Welk Family for the memorial.
- The Board received a thank you card from the Good Sam organization for the camping services on the fairgrounds.

### Old Business:

#### • Fair Convention Comments:

-**Lenny Tesky** reported the showcase was the best in many years. He attended a session, "Managing Dust at your Outdoor Event" and a round table session on "Agriculture Education-What are the Trends". He said there is a lot of grant money available for kid education events. The Junior Point Show may add dairy goat classes.

-**Rita Skraba** attended the "How Patrons see your Event" session and "Family Friendly, Low Cost Activities" session.

-**Laura Benz** attended the Brian Carlson session on "Hosting Entertainers". They had a round table discussion on disability dogs and what questions you can and cannot ask people with disabilities. She also attended "Cha Ching! Is your website rolling in the dough?" and "High Tech vs High Touch: Which Ticketing Program is right for you?" The ticketing software program can be used from a mobile phone and the use of hashtags.

Laura stated the North Dakota and South Dakota fair convention board has merged. The group is now called Heartland Association of Fairs, Festivals and Events. The 2020 convention will be in Minot.

Entertainment that is booked for the 2020 fair: **Thursday night** – The Johnny Holm Band and **Friday night** – Brianna Helbling and the Outsiders, and a verbal confirmation for the Bull-A-Rama.

- **Payment for setup work** – Vern brought up the issue of the checks the board gave Gaylen for his employees that helped set up the fairgrounds. Vern asked if the motion that was made by Laura and seconded by Stacy at the August 12 meeting could be rescinded, since Gaylen had already paid the four employees and reimburse Gaylen instead. One of the four checks was cashed but that employee returned the money to Gaylen. The other three checks were not cashed. Laura moved to rescind her motion but with the absence of Stacy the motion was not rescinded based on Robert Rules of Order by President Tesky. No other action was taken.
- **Second ticket booth** – Vern brought up building a second ticket booth that is mobile. The board discussed it. Laura moved to table the discussion until after the annual meeting. Seconded by Corey. Motion failed on voice vote by President Tesky. Discussion continued. Rick moved to allow Vern to get estimates for an 8' X 8', 10' or 12' trailer, a shell with three windows, door, wiring and cable winches. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

- **Stage rental** - Laura received a request for the use of the stage for the Beulah all class reunion on July 31 and August 1, 2020. Donna moved to allow use with \$300 rental fee for the two days. Laura seconded. Motion carried.
- **Generator** - Vern suggested purchasing a 7,500 to 10,000-watt generator with the Beulah Vo. Ag. Department. The Ag department needs one for the Aichele building during the school year but the fair board could use it during the fair and other fair board functions if needed. Vern moved to allow him to get estimates. Rita seconded. Motion carried.
- **Storage** – Vern received a request from Beulah High School to store their mobile concession trailer in the beef barn. Donna moved to allow them to store the trailer at no cost based on the schools willingness to allow people to park trailers and vehicles in their parking lot free of charge during the fair. Vern seconded. Motion carried.
- **West River** – is set for February 22, 2020
- **Annual Meeting** – The Mercer County Fair Board annual meeting is set for January 7, 2020, at 7 p.m. at the Beulah Civic Center. Reorganizational meeting to follow.

#### **Business from the Floor:**

- **Presentation act** – Rita moved to hire Iron Will, an educational presentation on dog sleds and the history of it. The cost for two days would be about \$2,500. Rita will get contract information to Laura. Vern seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary