

# Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103  
Beulah, ND 58523

Mercer County Fair Board Meeting  
Beulah Civic Center  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
January 7, 2020

## 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 annual meeting was called to order by President Lenny Tesky at 7:11 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Stacy Welk, Corey Voegele

**Secretary's report** from the 2019 annual meeting was read by Craig. The minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's report** was given by Donna. As of 12-31-19 cash on hand was \$58,277.14. One correction was the \$500 donation was from Hazen Meats not 2K Meats. Laura moved to approve the report. Vern seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Donna will mail the Secretary of State report by February 1.

## Old Business:

- **2019 Fair Recap - Director Reports:**
  - **Lenny** stated the sheep and swine numbers were about the same. Beef numbers were down and dairy numbers were up. Goat numbers doubled. Livestock shows went well. Judges were impressed with the animal quality.
  - **Laura** spent \$6,000 on advertising. Kids day went ok. Entertainment went well even with poor weather Saturday afternoon. Beer garden went well.
  - **Rita** stated open class static went okay but small numbers of exhibits.
  - **Rick S.** worked on fixing things on the fairgrounds. The wash rack, bucking chutes and arena needs some work and some gates need to be replaced.
  - **Vern** said the bleachers placed in the beer garden worked well. Trever Erickson fixed the wash bay and parts of the arena. Some work needs to be done to the hog barn.
  - **Gaylen Sailer** said work needs to be done to the stage. He also suggested to save time and set up the hog barn ahead of time.
  - **Rita S.** moved to approve the 2019 report booklet made by the NDSU Extension staff. Seconded by Rick S. Motion carried.

## New Business:

- **2020 Fairground Improvements**
  - **Wash Rack and Bucking Chute** – Vern gave an overview of what needs to be repaired.
  - **Parking** – Rita S. stated that a parking map should be made.

## **New Business: (continued)**

- **Sound boards and stage** – Vern stated some sound and stage boards need to be replaced.
- **Water for Flowers** – Gaylen suggested to find a way to water the flowers in the 4-H building.
- **West Gate Use** – Rick S. mentioned the possible use of the west gate by the fire hall on Sunday for the fair.
  
- **Election of Directors:** Director whose three-year term was expiring: Laura Benz, plus three open positions. One, two-year unexpired seat was also open for election.
  - President Tesky called for nominations for directors. Vern nominated Liz Simpfenderfer. Rick B. nominated Gloria Olheiser. Rita nominated Allison Skraba. Vern nominated Rick Bauman. Rick S. nominated Trever Erickson. Gaylen nominated Laura Benz. Laura stated that she would not accept the nomination if Vern Muscha stayed on the board. Vern voiced to the board that he did not intend to rescind his director position. Following Vern's statement, Laura declined the motion. Gaylen moved to cease nominations. Seconded by Dwight Berger. Motion carried.
  - A written ballot was cast to determine the four open seats. Secretary Craig Askim and Commissioner Dwight Berger tallied the ballots. The four elected to the board for three-year terms were: Liz Simpfenderfer, Trever Erickson, Rick Bauman and Gloria Olheiser.
  - President Tesky asked for nominations for the open seat for an unexpired two-year term. Rick B. nominated Allison Skraba. Donna nominated Gaylen Sailer. Gaylen declined the nomination. Dwight Berger moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Allison. Vern seconded. Motion carried.
  - Gaylen Sailer and Lenny Tesky thanked Laura Benz for her years of service to the Mercer County Fair Board.
  
- **Other New Business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim,  
CEA/Fair Board Secretary