

Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103
Beulah, ND 58523

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center
January 7, 2020

2020 Fair Board Directors

Lenny Tesky, President
Vern Muscha, Vice President
Rita Skraba, Treasurer
Craig Askim, Secretary
Rick Bauman
Donna Buchmann
Trevor Erickson
Gloria Olheiser
Liz Simpfenderfer
Allison Skraba
Rick Skraba
Corey Voegele
Stacy Welk

The reorganizational meeting was called to order by President Lenny Tesky at 8:27 p.m. Board members introduced themselves.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Rick Bauman, Donna Buchmann, Vern Muscha, Gloria Olheiser, Liz Simpfenderfer, Allison Skraba, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba, Lenny Tesky

Members Absent: Trever Erickson, Corey Voegele, Stacy Welk

Guests Present: Dwight Berger, Gerald Bieber, Gaylen Sailer

Secretary's Minutes - Craig read the Secretary minutes from December 10, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report – Donna reported the balance on hand was the same as reported at the annual meeting, \$59,277.14. Rita moved to accept the report. Liz seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- **Payment for setup work** – Rita moved to rescind the motion from the August 12, 2019 meeting to pay Gaylen Sailer's employees that helped set up the fairgrounds, and instead pay Gaylen directly. Donna seconded. Motion passed. Vern then moved to pay Gaylen \$150 for fuel, services and use of equipment. Rick B. seconded. Motion carried.
- **Ticket booth** – Vern called Ice Castle and local vendors for estimates. We have not heard back from anyone.
- **Presentation act** – Rita stated that she has a contract in hand for "Iron Will".
- **Entertainment booked for 2020 to date** – Brianna Helbling; Friday night; Bull-A-Rama, verbal; Magic Joe, signed contract; and Thomas Carnival, signed contract.

New Business:

- **2020 West River Judging Contest** is February 22. Donna moved to donate \$1,000 to the West River Judging Contest Committee to help cover expenses. Rita seconded. Motion carried.
- **Entertainment** – Donna moved to hire The Johnny Holm Band for Thursday night. Rita seconded. After discussion, a verbal vote was taken. Motion failed.
- **Livestock Point Show** – Vern moved to sign up to become a member of the North Dakota Junior Point Show Association (NDJPSA) in 2020 and have Donna pay the entry fee. Rick B. seconded. Motion carried.
- **Committee Assignments** – Board members were asked to review the committee assignment list and think about which areas they would like to chair. Assignments will be determined at the February meeting.

Election of 2020 Officers:

- President Tesky asked for nominations for the office of **President**. Rick B. nominated Lenny. With no other nominations, Donna moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Lenny. Rita seconded. Motion carried.
- Lenny called for nominations for the office of **Vice President**. Rick B. nominated Vern. With no other nominations, Allison moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Vern. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried.
- Lenny called for nominations for the office of **Treasurer**. Vern nominated Rita. Lenny nominated Donna. A written ballot was taken. Rita was elected Treasurer.
- **Secretary:** Craig Askim, ex-officio by county commissioners.
- **Mercer County Fair Date:** July 9-12, 2020

Other Business: None

Next meeting: February 11, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Beulah Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim,
CEA/Fair Board Secretary