

# Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103  
Beulah, ND 58523

## MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2020  
Beulah Civic Center  
7 p.m.

### 2020 Fair Board Directors

Rick Bauman, President  
Vern Muscha, Vice President  
Rita Skraba, Treasurer  
Craig Askim, Secretary  
Scott Bauman  
Donna Buchmann  
Trevor Erickson  
Adrian Mittelsteadt  
Gloria Olheiser  
Liz Simpfenderfer  
Allison Skraba  
Rick Skraba  
Tiffany Weigum

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 7:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** Craig Askim, Rick Bauman, Scott Bauman, Donna Buchmann, Adrian Mittelsteadt, Vern Muscha, Gloria Olheiser, Liz Simpfenderfer, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba, Tiffany Weigum and Allison Skraba by phone

**Members Absent:** Trevor Erickson

**Guests Present:** Dwight Berger, Larry Lueck and Mike Sasser, Beulah Beacon Editor

**Secretary's Minutes** - Craig read the minutes from the April 28, 2020 meeting. Donna moved to accept the report. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Rita reported there were no transactions since the last meeting. The balance on hand as of May 20, 2020 was \$107,901.36. Gloria moved to accept the report. Liz seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Craig received emails, text messages and calls from other agents asking what Mercer County was going to do about having their fair.

Rick B. received notice that Dena Kemmet, Family and Community Wellness Extension Agent, at NDSU Extension Mercer County was leaving her position as of May 15.

### Old Business:

- **Heartland Association of Fairs** – Vern stated the Heartland Association of Fairs set up a website so fair directors can enter information on what their county fairs are doing as far as cancellations, etc.
- **Trevor Erickson Director Position** – Vern stated that Trevor gave him a verbal confirmation that he needed to resign from the fair board due to his new job requirements. Tiffany moved to accept Trevor's resignation. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried.
- **Old Business Tabled** – Ticket Booth, Fairground Improvements, State's Attorney Letter and Committee Updates were tabled until another meeting.

## **New Business:**

- **Mercer County Fair Status** – Board members provided input on the direction they should take on having a fair or not in 2020. Many other county fairs and livestock junior point shows have been canceled, and three out of five Thomas Carnival events have been canceled.
  - The survey results from the Mercer County Facebook page showed a total of 82 responses.
    - 51 said to postpone the Fair
    - 25 said to go on as planned with the scheduled July dates
    - 6 said to cancel everything
  - Board members agreed they should try to do something for a 2020 fair. After much discussion, Donna moved and Liz seconded to NOT hold a Fair on the set dates of July 9-12, 2020, because of the Covid-19 coronavirus. Motion carried.
  - Rita moved to try and hold a reduced schedule of events fair on August 29 and 30. Scott seconded. Motion carried. The Board discussed what options were available. They would like to have the livestock shows for 4-H and FFA, and try to have some type of entertainment. Things discussed were a ranch rodeo, beer garden, and having a band. Board members should look for ideas and options and bring them to the June meeting.
- **Open Director Position** – Jessica Beck wrote a letter to the fair board expressing her interest in being a director on the board. The board welcomed the idea and would like to invite her to a few meetings so they can meet her, and she can get a feel of how the board is ran, and the responsibilities required. If she feels comfortable with the position, they will act on voting her on the Board at a later meeting.
- **Insurance** – Rita and Vern are looking into insurance options based on not having a fair on July 9-12 and seeing what we need for coverage if we can hold a fair on August 29 and 30. They are also looking for estimates from other insurance companies and will report at the June meeting.
- **Accounting Program** – Gloria moved to pay Rita \$48.13 for a new accounting computer software program. The program Donna has is outdated. Liz seconded. Motion carried.
- **Other New Business** – None
- **Next Meeting Date** – June 9, at 7 p.m., Beulah Civic Center

Rita S. moved to adjourn the meeting Scott B. second motion carried.

Submitted by: Craig Askim  
CEA/Fair Board Sectary