

Mercer County Fair Association

1400 Hwy 49 N #103
Beulah, ND 58523

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center
November 17, 2020

2020 Fair Board Directors

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

The reorganizational meeting was called to order by Vice President Vern Muscha at 7:15 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Jessica Beck, Adrain Mittelsteadt, Vern Muscha, Gloria Olheiser, Liz Simpferfer, Allison Skraba, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba and Tiffany Weigum

Members Absent: Rick Bauman, Scott Bauman and Donna Buchmann

Guests Present: Commissioner, Dwight Berger

Secretary's Minutes - Craig read the Secretary minutes from the September 15, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report – Rita reported the balance on hand as of October 31, 2020 was \$105,441.70. Gloria moved to accept the report. Liz seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: The board received a thank you note from Taryn Askim for the support and money donation for 4-H Achievement Days.

Old Business:

- **Improvements** – Vern stated that Roughrider Electric and an electric company from Bismarck will be donating poles to the fair board that will be used as replacements in the arena. He is trying to get things lined up so the poles get replaced early in the spring of 2021.
- **Ticket booth** – Vern talked about the trailer he purchased that he thought would work for a replacement to the ticket booth on the south side of the fairgrounds. It does not meet all the requirements the fair board was looking for. Two more trailers are coming up on auction in the near future and he will report the outcome to the board.

New Business:

- **2020 Heartland Association of Fairs Convention** was discussed. The convention will be virtual this year and open to all directors across the U.S. The registration fee is \$199. Gloria moved to pay for one registration for the board and share the link if it is allowed, if not, any directors that are interested will need to register. Directors will pay the registration fee, turn the receipt in to the treasurer and be reimbursed. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: (continued)

- **2021 County Fair Dates** – The suggested dates are: July 8-11, July 15-18 and August 19-22. The fair board discussed the pros and cons of the proposed dates. Gloria moved to present these dates to the carnival manager, the junior livestock point show committee and other organizations for consideration and bring feedback to the December meeting. Allison seconded. Motion carried.
- **Entertainment Budget** – Gloria moved to set the 2021 entertainment budget at \$50,000, with the carnival excluded. Liz seconded. Motion carried.
- **Three-Meeting Attendance Rule** – Tiffany moved to remove the three-meeting attendance rule for Donna for one year, due to family health issues. Rita seconded. Motion carried.
- **City Equipment Use** – Vern discussed with the city the use of the city equipment during the fair. Due to city lease arrangements and hours of use we can only use the city equipment during the fair. Vern suggested that we look at renting equipment to use during the month of the fair.
- **Invoice for Use of Skid Steer** – Vern made a motion to pay an invoice from Frank Senn for \$660 for the use of his personal skid steer. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried. Dwight Berger stated that the fair board should talk to the county highway manager to see if they could rent or use the county's skid steer during the fair. The county has two of them.
- **Election of Officers for 2021:**
 - Vern asked for nominations for the office of **President**. Vern nominated Rick Bauman. With no other nominations, Vern moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Rick. Liz seconded. Motion carried.
 - Vern called for nominations for the office of **Vice President**. Liz nominated Vern Muscha. With no other nominations, Liz moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Vern. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.
 - Vern called for nominations for the office of **Treasurer**. Allison nominated Rita Skraba. Gloria nominated Liz Simpfenderfer. Gloria moved to cease nominations. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried. A written ballot was taken. Liz was elected Treasurer.
 - **Secretary:** Craig Askim, ex-officio by county commissioners.

Other Business: None

Next meeting: December 8, at 7 p.m. at the Beulah Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary