

# Mercer County Fair Association

PO Box 640, Beulah, ND 58523

## MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center

June 14, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 5:32 p.m.

**Members Present:** Rick Bauman, Jeff Klein, Gloria Olheiser, Liz Simpfenderfer, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba, Tiffany Weigum and Vern Muscha by phone.

**Members Absent:** Donna Buchmann and Jessica Beck

**Guests Present:** None

**Secretary's Minutes** – Liz moved to accept the emailed minutes taken by Craig Askim. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Liz Simpfenderfer gave the treasurer's report with a balance on hand as of June 14, 2021 as \$145,410.51. Rita moved to accept the report. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Rick B. stated the insurance renewal is done.

### Old Business:

- **Carnival** –
  - Rick B. discussed the carnival contract. The number of rides that were scheduled to come has changed. The contract guarantee is for \$15,000. The board will wait to sign a written contract until they talk to the carnival to see how many rides will be coming.
- **Kids Rodeo** –
  - Rick B. stated he needed confirmation on pick-up men yet. The water truck from the county is good to go. The board needs to disk the area.
  - Rita is working on food concessions and will pick up the food later in the week.
- **Advertisement** – Gloria gave an update on ads for the fair book. All board members are to submit ad information by June 20 for completion of fair books. The board has agreed to the following:
  - The Beacon - \$400 tab
  - Dollar Saver – double page ad
  - KFYR-TV – \$500 T.V. ad
  - Bismarck Tribune – \$400 ad to run the week of June 28

## Old Business: (Continued):

- **Camping** –Reservations will open on June 15 at Sun Valley Park & RV, Riverside Park or Eagles Campground. Fair board members and food vendors will have first option to reserve the 12 spots located on the fairgrounds, then it will open to 4-H and FFA families. As of June 14, 2021, eight fairground spots have been requested. Vern will confirm with those that spoke for them. Camping fee is \$40 for four days / three nights. Gate passes are not included with camping spot.
- **Overflow parking** – Craig stated he attended the June 7 City Council meeting and received permission to use the open lot Southwest of the Knife River Vet Clinic for trailers and campers if needed. City Council stated the board must provide portable toilets and clean up afterwards.
- **Open Livestock Show** – Tiffany reported 160 entries to date. Entries will be accepted until 10 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2021. She is working on t-shirts for the open class and if pre-registered, gate passes will be \$50 instead of \$75 to the general public.
- **Freckle Farm** – Vern stated the vendor has canceled. He spoke with Erickson's Petting Zoo to see if they are available. The cost would be \$1,600 plus mileage and lodging for Friday night. They are scheduled for July 16 and 17 and will run from noon to 8 p.m. each day. Tiffany moved to have them come to the fair. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.
- **Maintenance/Improvement Update** –
  - Rick B. gave an overview on the estimate from Weber Electric. He spoke with Weber Electric and MDU (Montana Dakota Utilities) about the upgrade and advised the board to proceed with Base #1 of the contract for \$11,000 with Adder #1 for \$3,750 and Adder #3 (C/T cabinet) for \$4,450 and Base #2 for \$2,275 with the additional work needed from MDU for \$4,650. Total cost \$23,850. Board needs to get an easement from Mercer County and the City of Beulah. Tiffany moved to accept the bid and move forward with the project as it is stated. Without the correct power updates, no future improvements to the fairgrounds could move forward. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.
- **Gate passes** – will go on sale starting June 29 and will be sold at Bronson's, Cenex (Beulah and Hazen) and NDSU Extension Mercer County office. Cost is \$75.

## New Business:

- NONE

Next meeting: June 29, 5:30 p.m., at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. This will also be a work / setup night.

Tiffany Weigum made a motion to adjourn. No second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, Fair Board Secretary