

Mercer County Fair Association

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2021 Fair Board Directors
Rick Bauman, President
Vern Muscha, Vice President
Liz Simpfinderfer, Treasurer
Craig Askim, Secretary
Donna Buchmann
Jeff Klein
Rick Skraba
Rita Skraba
Tiffany Weigum

MEETING MINUTES
Beulah Civic Center
October 12, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 5:40 p.m.

Members Present: Rick Bauman, Liz Simpfinderfer, Rita Skraba, Tiffany Weigum and Vern Muscha

Members Absent: Craig Askim, Donna Buchmann, Jeff Klein, Rick Skraba

Guests Present: Gene Wolf

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

Treasurer's Report – Provided by Liz Simpfinderfer. The total balance on hand is \$80,335.06. Liz reported there is a few outstanding checks and some businesses have not paid for advertising in the fair book. Discussion was held regarding payment for the open static judges. Liz stated she will look at previous year payments and report back. Jesster Concession Catering has not paid for the rental of the kitchen. Vern moved to accept the report. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- **Bleacher rental** – Rick B. stated he is taking care of the bleachers.
- **Beulah Civic Center kitchen** – Rick B. stated he has not heard back from Kathy Kelsch concerning the cleanup.
- **Boat storage rental** – Boat rental fee is \$125. Boats must be removed by May 1, 2022.
- **Tent repair** – Vern reported the tents are in the process of being repaired.
- **Livestock scale** – Rick B. stated the scale was purchased but waiting on a bill from Jeff Ellwein.

Old Business: (Continued):

- **Hog barn** – Discussion was held. Rick B. stated he had someone who would be able to work on it this fall. Tiffany moved to approve the concrete pour up to \$6,000. Liz seconded. Motion carried.
- **Director positions** – Expiring three-year term; Vern Muscha, Jeff Klein, Rick Skraba and Rita Skraba. Open positions two vacant two-year terms and one vacant one-year term. Submit names to Craig Askim by October 25. Names can also be nominated from the floor at the October 26 meeting. No discussion held.

New Business:

- **North Dakota State Fair Annual Meeting** – will be held at the N.D. State fairgrounds in the FFA Hall on November 16 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rita and Donna will attend. Tiffany moved to pay mileage. Vern seconded. Motion carried.
- **Heartland Association of Fairs, Festivals and Events Convention** – will be held at Aberdeen, S.D. on November 18 – 20. Rick B., Rita and Donna will attend. Rita has all the paperwork to fill out and will send it in. Vern motioned to pay the registration, room and mileage. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business:

- **Fair board assets** – Discussion was held on assets. Rick B. stated the current asset list shows a total of \$214,420. This list needs to be updated to include all of the fair board assets. The board could use the assets as collateral to possibly purchase a new hoop barn.
- **Cash boxes and electronics** – Liz returned the cash boxes (including the one from the beer gardens), two iPads and two tablets that were used during the fair. Rita will store these items.

Next meeting: Annual meeting, Tuesday, October 26 at 6 p.m., at the Beulah Civic Center. Organizational meeting to follow.

Vern made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Rita Skraba