

# Mercer County Fair Association

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**2022 Fair Board Directors**  
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## MEETING MINUTES Beulah Civic Center November 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 5:31 p.m.

**Members Present:** Craig Askim, Rick Bauman, Val Bauman, Donna Buchmann, Aaron Kasper Chandler Sailer, Rita Skraba by phone

**Members Absent:** Jeff Klein, Vern Muscha, Liz Simpenderfer, Rick Skraba, Tiffany Weigum

**Guests Present:** Travis Frey

**Secretary's Minutes** – Donna moved to accept the emailed minutes taken by Craig Askim. Val Seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Craig passed out copies of the report emailed to him by Liz Simpenderfer. The balance on hand as of November 9, 2021 was \$78,755.10. Travis Frey asked the board if they do an audit on the fair board books. The board stated that one has not been done for a while. Travis stated an audit should be done on a yearly basis like other county organizations. The board stated they would look into it for the new year. Val moved to accept the report. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Hazen Fire and Rescue reached out to Rick B. about a \$75 sponsorship for a calendar fundraiser they do each year. The board could advertise the dates of the 2022 fair. The calendar is mailed to everyone with a Hazen zip code. Val moved to sponsor \$75 for the ad. Rita seconded. Motion carried. Rick B. will be in charge of this.

### Old Business:

- **Sponsorship**– Rick B. is still working with Heritage Insurance on clearing up the details.
- **Payment updates** – Rick B. reported that to his knowledge, three people have not been paid for work done during the fair. Rita will reach out to the two static judges. Rick B. will check with Billy to confirm he received payment.
- **Civic Center stove**– Rick B. stated that he spoke with Kathy Kelsh and the cleaning issue of the stove has been resolved.
- **Heartland Association of Fairs, Festivals and Events Convention** – Donna, Rita, Rick B. and Val will attend. Rooms and registration information have been sent.
- **North Dakota State Fair Annual Meeting** – Donna and Rita plan to attend the November 16 meeting in Minot.

## Old Business: (Continued):

- **Hog barn** – still working on bids.
- **Sound system** – Jeff collected two bids. One for \$9,950 as presented at the October 26 meeting. The other, Dakota Sound gave a verbal bid of around \$6,000. Donna moved to table until all written bids have been submitted. Rita seconded. Motion carried.
- **Website** – Travis Frey is working on transferring the website management responsibilities from Gloria Olheiser to Val.
- **2022 committees:**
  - Beer garden – Rick S.
  - Advertisement – Vern
  - Gates/helpers – Val
  - Office manager – Donna
  - Livestock – Jeff and Tiffany
  - Static – Rita
  - Food vendors – Donna and Rick B.
  - Commercial booth – Rita
  - Carnival – Rick B.
  - Grounds/Arena – Aaron and Chandler
  - Entertainment – TBD and Rick B.

## New Business:

- **2022 fair ideas** – The board talked about some new fair entertainment ideas like a bird show, turkey races, horse pull and small tractor pull.
- **Entertainment** – Freddie Prez and Messy Mania reached out to Rick B. about coming to the 2022 fair. The board gave approval to talk to these acts at the Heartland Association of Fairs, Festivals and Events Convention.
- **Fairgrounds and building updates** – Rick B. has been researching what the fair board can do for updates. He spoke with First Security Bank-West and Beulah Planning and Zoning, both are willing to work with the board. He stated the next step is draft plans on what the board would like to improve as far as hoop barns, updates to buildings, etc. and provide estimated costs. Some suggestions were to place the hoop barn by the beer garden or the NE corner of the fair grounds. The board gave approval for Rick B. to continue researching options. This is a long-term plan that would be done in stages. The board would have to approve each stage. The discussion was held about placing an office near the NW corner of the civic center to be used as a fair office during the fair. Details will be discussed at future meeting.

## Other Business: None

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at the Beulah Civic Center.

Aaron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chandler seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary