

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

Mercer County Fair Association

PO Box 640, Beulah, ND 58523

MEETING MINUTES

Beulah Civic Center

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

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

Members Present: Rick Bauman, Donna Buchmann, Jeff Klein, Liz Simpfinderfer, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba, Tiffany Weigum and Vern Muscha.

Members Absent: Jessica Beck and Gloria Olheiser

Guests Present: Gene Wolf

Secretary's Minutes – Read by Craig Askim. Vern requested that names be added to the minutes from the hand vote taken at the August 3 meeting. Minutes read, five members were in favor of Rick B. signing the check and three members were against. Minutes will read, Rick B., Rita S., Rick S., Jeff K. and Tiffany W. voted in favor of paying Rita and Liz S., Gloria O. and Vern M. voted against. Rita S. moved to accept the report with additions. Vern seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Provided by Liz Simpfinderfer. A detailed report was reviewed. The total expenses were \$66,043.92. Board members had questions and concerns. Discrepancies on the report were noted. Liz stated she would review it. Vern moved to table the acceptance of the report until discrepancies are resolved. Liz will report back at the October 12 meeting. Rita seconded the motion.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- **Bleacher rental** – The board discussed the rental agreement from the last meeting. After long discussion, Rita S. moved to amend the motion in the minutes from the August 24 meeting and drop the requirement to have a \$5,000 deposit as long as proof of insurance for any damages of loss and liability is provided to the board. Zap Motor Days will be charged \$100 per bleacher and \$250 for the stage as voted on. Tiffany seconded. Motion passed five to one with Vern voting against it.
- **Beulah Civic Center kitchen rental** – The City of Beulah informed the board that the vendor that rented the kitchen did a poor job cleaning up the kitchen and damaged some towels while trying to clean grease off the floor. The floor was not cleaned well and the stove will need to be professionally cleaned. The board questioned this because the stove was not used except for the frying part on top of the oven, which the board members looked at and it appeared to be clean. Tiffany moved to pay for the towels that were damaged and hire Kim from Kimi's Catering to clean the oven for \$15 per hour. Rita seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business (Continued):

- **Tent repair** – Vern reported the rods were worn causing wear and tear to the tents. Jeff moved to have Vern take care of this and spend up to \$800 to fix the tents. Rita seconded. Motion carried.
- **Rodeo arena tilling thank you** – Jeff moved to send Linda Huntimer a card for tilling the rodeo arena. Rita seconded. Motion carried.
- **Weed spraying** – Rick B. stated he would contact Brad Seifert, Mercer County Weed Officer, to spray the fairgrounds for weeds this fall.
- **Sound system** – Jeff is looking into two different options. Cost estimate is \$2,000 to \$3,000. Jeff will find out costs and report at the October meeting.
- **Computer** – Rita stated she needs the old fair computer to complete the static reports.

New Business:

- **Resignations** – Gloria Olheiser emailed a letter of resignation. Rita moved to accept her resignation. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Jessica Beck's status on the board was discussed. She has not attended any meeting in the last four months. Rita moved to remove Jessica from the board. Donna seconded. Motion carried.
- **Boat storage rental** – Tiffany moved to increase the rent amount from \$85 to \$125 per boat. Boats can be stored from October 15 to May 1. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Discussion was held to discontinue the storage rental for boats for 2022/2023. The board will decide whether to discontinue or not at the October meeting.
- **Livestock scale** – Rick S. reported he found a scale for sale for \$1,000 from Jeff Ellwein. The scale has a side door and can weigh up to 16,000 pounds. It can weigh anything the board would want it to. Rick moved to purchase the livestock scale. Donna seconded. Motion carried. Rick will work with Jeff to make the purchase and get it to the fair grounds.
- **Hog barn** – Improvements to the hog barn were discussed. The plan is to pour a concrete slab to finish off the south half of the building and look into options of enclosing the walls on the west and east ends. Rick S. stated he would get estimates and report back at the October meeting.
- **Other Business:**
- **2022 Mercer County Fair** – Tiffany moved to set the dates for July 14 – 17, 2022. Rick S. seconded. Motion carried.
- **Golf cart** – Rita stated the board should look for another golf cart for the fairgrounds.
- **Annual meeting** – is set for October 26 at the Beulah Civic Center. Anyone wanting changes to the bylaws must submit the changes to Craig Askim in writing by October 5, 2021.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 12 at 5:30 p.m., at the Beulah Civic Center.

Donna made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick S seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary