

Mercer County Fair Association

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MEETING MINUTES Beulah Civic Center December 8, 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, Jeff Klein, Vern Muscha, Chandler Sailer, Rick Skraba, Tiffany Weigum

Members Absent: Liz Simpfenderfer, Rita Skraba

Guests Present: Marla Klein

Secretary's Minutes – Tiffany moved to accept the minutes as emailed. Jeff Seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff moved to accept the emailed report sent by Liz. The balance on hand was \$79,649.28. Chandler seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- **Heartland Association of Fairs, Festivals and Events Convention** – Val, Rita and Rick B. attended the convention in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Rick B. gave a report on showcase entertainment. He was voted onto the board as Region 7 District Representative.
- **Entertainment contract**– with prior approval from the 11-9-21 meeting, Rick B. received verbal agreement for Freddy Prez and Messy Mania.
- **Website** – Val reached out to Travis Frey for the password to update the website.
- **Hog barn** – no bids were received for the concrete work. Due to cold weather, the board will discuss options in the spring.
- **Hoop barns** – Rick B. is drafting plans and getting estimates to take to Beulah Planning and Zoning for approval to begin the process of one hoop barn in 2022.

Old Business: (Continued):

- **Sound system** – Jeff received three bids that were over the amount the board was willing to pay. Rick B. spoke with Paver Sound of Aberdeen, SD regarding rental option of \$1,400 per year. This would include inside and outside speakers, amps, wired and wireless mic, set up and take down. Jeff confirmed this information with Paver Sound. Vern questioned if insurance would be an issue due to the rental. The board will have to research it. Rick S. moved for a one year rental agreement with Paver Sound with a renewal option for 2023. Val seconded. Motion carried.
- **Fairgrounds and building updates** – Vern gave a report from Menards in Bismarck on the cost of materials for a mobile fair office building. A 12'x20' with 4' overhang, two front doors, and windows on one side would be \$4,300 - \$4,500. Rick B. reported he got a bid from Menards in Dickinson for \$6,500. No further action was taken. Rick B. will look for more options.

New Business:

- **Carnival** – Rick B. received an email of intent from Thomas Carnival and stated they will issue a contract by December 15, 2021.
- **Livestock** – Tiffany is working on getting judges for 2022 and looking at a new premium payout. Vern presented a \$4,300 invoice for the judging show boxes that were given to the 2021 livestock show winners. Tiffany stated the invoice was invalid and would be clearing it up by the end of December. The amount should be around \$3,500 and she still has sponsor money to help pay. She will report back to the board in January with final details.
- **Committees** – list is complete. Draft will be sent to Craig.
- **Audit** – Diane Schell with McLean County Fair spoke with Rita about the audit process they go through every two years with Jason Radith, an audit company. Wendy, Morton County Fair Human Resource Officer, spoke with Val about the audit process they do with Don LaFleur, Morton County Tax Director. The audit is performed on a yearly basis at \$40 per hour with final cost usually around \$400 - \$800 which is based on 200 transactions per year. Jeff moved to have Don LaFleur, Morton County Tax Director complete the audit for Mercer County Fair if he is willing to start the process and provide an estimate in writing. Rick S. seconded. Motion passed seven to one, Vern voting no.
- **Entertainment:**
 - Messy Mania and JK Fire Walker – cost is \$1,800 for Friday and Saturday, plus two nights lodging. Verbal contract in place; TC Hatter – cost is \$2,400 for three clown shows per day for Friday and Saturday, plus three nights lodging. Contract in place; Keith Raymond Magic Show – cost is \$2,000 for Friday and Saturday, plus one night lodging. Contract is signed. Tiffany moved to book Messy Mania, JK Fire Walker, TC Hatter and Keith Raymond Magic Show. Donna seconded. Motion carried.
 - Iron Will – cost is \$2,050 for Friday and Saturday. The 2021 contract that was canceled due to health reasons will be honored. Contract in place. Rick S. moved to book. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.
 - Mad Hoss Jackson Band – cost is \$5,000 for Saturday night. The band will provide their own lights and sound. Verbal agreement only. No written contract is in place at this time. Jeff moved to book. Rick S. seconded.

- **New Business:** (Continued):
 - Freddy Prez – cost details are being negotiated. Estimated cost is \$3,800. Verbal contract in place. Tiffany moved to book. Donna seconded. Motion carried.
 - Total cost of entertainment to date is \$17,050, without lodging.
 - Entertainment vacancy ideas:
 - Thursday night – band
 - Friday night – band or entertainment in area
 - Saturday night – Bull-A-Rama
 - Sunday –
 - Calls have been made for Ranch Rodeo and Bull-A-Rama

Other Business: None

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., at the Beulah Civic Center.

Donna made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Submitted by:

Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary