

Mercer County Fair Association

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MEETING MINUTES

Mercer County Fairgrounds, Beulah
Friday, June 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Bauman at 5:44 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Askim, Rick Bauman, Val Bauman, Jeff Klein, Vern Muscha, Dawn Sailer, Chandler Sailer, Tiffany Weigum

Members Absent: Donna Buchmann, Aaron Kasper, Tracy Siemieniewski, Rick Skraba, Rita Skraba,

Guests Present:

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

Treasurer's Report – Jeff reported the balance on hand as of June 14, 2022 is \$68,656.79. Rick B. received verbal notice from the commissioners that the fair board will be getting \$50,000 from mill levy money, at the June 22, 2022 meeting. Jeff stated the fair board added a second account for loans for the hoop barns and panels with Union State Bank of Hazen.

Correspondence – Rick B. said we did not get the grant we applied for from Farm Credit Services. No reason was given. We can apply again in the fall. The Roughrider Electric grant application is due July 1. Ben Gerving from New Salem asked if he could rent the hoop barns this fall for his sale in September.

Old Business:

- **Hoop Barn Update** – Construction is in progress.
- **Fairground Improvement Update** – The hog barn cement is poured allow with crow's nest by arena. Chains and gates need to be hung for the arena. Rick B. and Jeff will hang fair banners this week.
- **Pressure Washer** - Jeff moved to purchase a gas pressure washer for the fairgrounds for around \$500. Val seconded. Motion carried. Rick B. will look into purchasing one.
- **Gate Helpers** - Val. reported we still need gate helpers for the fair. She and Tracy will start calling people next week.
- **Advertising** – Tiffany reported the KFYP TV ads are ready to go.
- **Beer Garden Help** – Rick B. talked to Rick S. about the beer garden. The Golden Valley Fire Department will work Friday night. Beulah Lions will work Saturday starting at 1 p.m. Pick City Fire Department will work Sunday. Pick City is willing to work Thursday night too. Someone should let them know if they are needed.

Old Business (continued):

- **Premium Books**– Tiffany gave the Beacon the final approval of the premium book draft. The books should be ready the week of June 20.
- **Flyers** – The flyers should be ready the week of June 20.
- **Livestock Show** – Tiffany posted the open livestock show information on the Mercer County Fair website and Facebook.
 - **Announcer** - Still need an announcer for Saturday and Sunday.
- **Fair Office** – Rick B. will talk to Larry to see if the fair office can get finished before the fair.

Other Business:

- **Internet on Fairgrounds** – Jeff said West River Telephone would put internet software on the fairgrounds for \$1,150. Once the software is in place, the board would have internet year-round and just pay the monthly fee. Tiffany moved to accept the bid. Chandler seconded. Motion carried.
- **Parade** – Still looking for someone to help with the parade set-up on Saturday.
- **Junior Rodeo** – Still need help for the Junior Rodeo on Sunday afternoon.
- **Food Vendors** – Still need one more vendor if possible. The fair board will see if someone wants to rent the civic center.
- **Permits** – Gaming, building and ranch rodeo permits have been submitted.

New Business:

- **No new business.**

Next meeting: The next meeting date will be June 28 at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. Members are encouraged to wear old clothes. It will be a work night with a short meeting to follow. We will start at 5:30 p.m.

Val moved to adjourn the meeting. Dawn seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by: Craig Askim, CEA/Fair Board Secretary