

Monday, December 18, 2023

PRESENT: Matt Plaisted, Chairman, Wendy Wagner, Eddie Coulter, Justin Koenigsfeld, Fair Board Members, Jennefer Wheeler Fairgrounds Manager

ABSENT: Derrick DeHaan, Board Member

GUESTS:

6:32PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Matt Plaisted called the meeting to order.

6:32PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the December 18, 2023, Fair Board Agenda. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

6:32 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Justin Koenigsfeld motioned to approve the November 13, 2023, Minutes and the December 11, 2023, Special Staller Meeting minutes. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

6:33 PM MANAGERS REPORT

Jennefer gave the Board the past and present happenings at the Fairgrounds. She reminded them there will be a Livestock Committee meeting on January 8th at 5:30pm. The light pole is rotten. I put a quote to fix the pole in your folders. If someone could make the motion to fix the light pole. Matt Plaisted said that the quote looked good and if they can do it, we should use them.

Eddie Coulter motioned to approve the Direct Electric quote to fix the light pole, Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

The staller meeting went well. We did ask Darcy to change a bit of the wording on a couple of things. Everything is still in place to go into effect on January 1st, 2024. Those that signed the old contracts Jennefer will have initial the pages that were fixed. Lane stopped with his rep on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023. They feel the Tubular lights wouldn't be very good as it would cause sunburn to everyone as our ceilings are not tall enough. They had some other ideas and options they would be getting to us. Jennefer asked if the added purse money we just add it to their invoice. That way we aren't worrying about 1099's. Yes, Eddie said we just pay Badlands the full amount with purse.

6:44 PM EXTENSION REPORT

No one from 4H or Extension appeared for report updates.

6:49 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment

6:45 PM OLD BUSINESS

WINTER EVENT-BULLRIDING FINALS

See the Managers report for updates. Eddie was going to talk to Miles City and ask if we could use their portable bleachers. The company we rented the heaters from before is no longer in business. Eddie will ask a couple more people on heaters. He will let Jennefer know and if they are a no Jennefer will contact Jasen Wyrick. Matt asked if there was going to be food at the event. Jennefer said that the Country Club was going to have bagged snacks for sure.

6:48 PM BY LAWS

Everyone is still going over all of them and we will discuss them after the 1st of the year.

6:48 PM 2024 FAIR

Wendy is really excited about our new Patio Band. Most all contracts are at Darcy's for addendums. Once those are back from her Jennefer will get them sent on for Commission signature. We have the clown act covered with Marcus. Other than that, we have a great line-up on our Fair.

7:00PM NEW BUSINESS

FEBRUARY EVENT

Everyone thinks this will be great on February 24th, 2024. Jennefer will get out bids before the year is over or catering and a bar. We can either have a 4H or FFA group to help serve the dinner etc. We could donate to a club or organization. If they wanted to help with clean up of tables and chairs the next day too, we could add to the donation. Wendy suggested looking at the old minutes to see what we donated. Jennefer will look back.

2025 FAIR ACTS

Jennefer has a couple of the contracts for 2025 Free Stage Act, Patio Band and the Clown. She wanted to confirm our dates are correct with everyone before we give them the dates. 2025 Fair will be August 14-17th 2025. She will need everyone to vote on paying the deposit now for Free Stage Act. The Patio Band is penciled in and we can cancel if we want to change it up. Wendy said she is really excited for our band this year and we may want them again. Everyone agreed. The clown is ours and she just was making sure our dates were correct. She doesn't need a deposit.

Wendy Wagner motioned to pay the deposit for the Free Stage Act 2025 to secure them for our 2025 Fair. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Matt asked if there was anything else we needed to discuss. Matt asked for a motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Monday January 22, 2024, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office

7:08 PM Justin Koenigsfeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

ADJOURN:
s/ Matt Plaisted, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager