

Monday, February 13th, 2023

**PRESENT: Eddie Coulter, Chairman; Matt Plaisted, Vice Chairman; Wendy Wagner, Derrick DeHann, Karrol Williams Fair Board Members, Jennefer Wheeler Fairgrounds Manager**

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS: Walt Losinski, Melissa Rost, Vaughn Zenko, Amanda Williams**

**6:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Matt Plaisted called the meeting to order.

**6:31 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the February 13, 2023 Fair Board Agenda. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

**6:32 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Derrick DeHaan motioned to approve the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Minutes and the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

**6:33 PM EXTENSION REPORT**

Amanda said the Food Festival will be held February 25<sup>th</sup> in the Library Basement. They hired a new administrative assistant. Jolinda Allerdings will be working in the afternoons. Shooting Sports went well on Feb 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>. Rifle 29, Pistol 14, Archery 59 participants. Community Crafts is going well, the ring and flower ones are full. Weed Dept. Spray Days are Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rec Lab is in Culbertson on March 17-19.

**6:34PM Managers Report**

Jennefer went over the events that have been happening at the Exhibit Hall and the Barn since our January meeting. Also, she reported on the upcoming events in both buildings. Jennefer let the Board know that they are going to advertise for the Seasonals and she will be attending the Job Fair at the High School on March 22, 2023. All contracts and Addendums are back to our Entertainment or the Commission for signatures. She is waiting on one to get back. She received an email about Miss Rodeo MT coming to the Fair. We can send in a request to see if she is available. Prairie Dogs is getting back to us if they will be available. They don't have a trailer that can travel that far on the highway.

**6:36 PM PUBLIC COMMENT**

Melissa Rost with the Fallon County Museum is excited because it is Steer Montana's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year also. Melissa had done some thinking and was going to host a Birthday party at the Exhibit Hall but decided to think bigger. Her best bang for her buck she was thinking was the Fair. She thought maybe she could create a display so that no one could touch him but bring him out and have him displayed. Wendy thought that would be a great idea! Melissa asked if it would be ok to have some Museum and Fallon Historical Society information to hand out? All thought it would be fine. Then she was also thinking about a cake or cupcakes maybe? Wendy thought maybe we could all go together and do one for both the 100 year celebrations. Melissa would work on maybe some volunteers to help hand out the cake. Thinking Saturday may be the best day for this. Melissa said thank you and left.

#### **6:42 PM**

Vaughn Zenko-1<sup>st</sup> before I start my reason for coming, SMART/EMEDA have a \$1500 grant for advertising available. After the 1<sup>st</sup> year then it is \$1,000. Same organization can apply 2 times a year. It's available for anyone/event.

Recently I (Vaughn) started with Baker Arts and Culture Council. One of the things that was brought up was bringing back the Talent Show. Wendy said maybe in the future but this year we have a full slate planned already for this year. Tuesday maybe would be an option but just not sure. Vaughn commented that it used to have good attendance. Wendy said that it went down after Lester and Angie quit running the show. Vaughn said he did remember 1 year a lot of acts pulling out. Wendy said if she remembered the last year there was only 20 people in attendance. It was also a free will admission charge and they raised money for scholarships. We can sure try maybe after Breakaway or Tuesday but for sure we can try for next year. We will be in touch. Vaughn said thank you and left.

#### **7:07 PM** Eddie Coulter arrived.

Walt Losinski wanted to come and meet everyone again and touch base. First, he would like to thank you all for providing him the 4 wheeler to get around during the Fair it is really helpful. I really like coming to the Fair here in Baker. He talked about a few things that caused him to step back a bit and said the Crow's Nest last Fair was tough. Eddie asked who was causing the issues? Walt wasn't sure the names. Eddie, my question, are you coming back? Walt says, yes, I want to. I love coming here. It isn't my intention to be done. Eddie said we will have all meet to let them know who is allowed to plug/unplug things and who needs to be in charge of what with everyone on the day they all arrive so there are no more questions and issues. Walt said thank you I would appreciate that. Walt then talked about coming and looking at all the things in the Exhibit Hall and he is familiar with the Barn issues and that we need another equipment. He talked with Justin his partner about maybe putting in a small monitor in Announcer box for better conditions. He said there are a couple types of microphones SLX & SSLX-digital one. Board asked him if he would investigate prices. Walt stated he was afraid it would cost more to clean the Barn system than to buy new. The Board asked him to get them quotes on all the equipment and timelines by the March meeting they would appreciate that. (Mics, boards, monitor, barn board, cover options) Walt thought he could get all that figured out yes. Walt then left to beat the incoming storm.

#### **7:20 PM OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Xtreme Broncs**

Chamber will do the Calcutta and the 50/50 and they are to have all their own people to work it. Karrol stated that Eddie told her that the PRCA may charge us more for changing the date. So, we will see if PRCA approved the date. Eddie hasn't heard anything from them yet. He will call Tuesday or Wednesday. Eddie talked with Lisa with Montex and they are good with the new date and our Fair dates.

##### **Summer Concert Date**

After discussion the Board thought that Saturday would work better. We would have all day to set up and not be rushed. So we will check on July 1<sup>st</sup> as our first date and if not June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Matt Plaisted motioned to approve the Summer Concert be July 1<sup>st</sup> with a fall back date June 30<sup>th</sup>. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.**

### **Staller Renter Agreement**

Darcy hasn't responded to any emails on it. Jennefer has called over but she hasn't been in office either. Jennefer will keep on her about it.

### **Rodeo Office**

All wood underneath it. Karrol thought that Chuck did fix it once. Eddie can't remember. Derrick thought maybe the County guys could look at it and see what needed to be done. Maybe then we can hire a welder for a day work on it. Eddie agreed and said yes let's tear it out ourselves and see what we need to do.

## **7:30 PM NEW BUSINESS**

### **Expense Review**

Maybe we can make sure we get our contracts to charge deposits in this Fiscal Year.

### **Fair 2023-Entertainment, etc.**

Jen will put in the Formal Offer on our #1 pick and see where it goes. If there is the need we can switch to Friday night. Matt called and talked to the other Act if we do need to switch. He said there would be a charge. Wendy asked if it was significant amount. No. She asked if we don't get a decision soon would we lose them? Matt said no we are good that way. Discussion on how we could go a little later on the concert if we need to for set up. Steer Tripping starts at 8 a.m. and we can make sure we get them done by 1 p.m. at the latest so earliest set up would be 1:30 p.m. in the Arena.

Penelope the Clown to replace Pippi is a go. Jen said they responded and said they are available.

**Matt Plaisted motioned to approve Penelope the Clown for 2023 Fair. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.**

### **Vehicles for Act during Fair-Derrick**

Derrick talked to Neil, and he is saving us vehicles.

### **2024 Fair Acts**

Polka Dot said yes.

**Karrol Williams motioned to approve Polka Dot for 2024. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.**

### **Grand Illusions**

Jen can work with a Fair in Alton, WY and we can reduce travel costs.

### **Jurassic Kingdom**

Jen still has no response. Wendy was surprised cause they were excited. Jen will keep working on them.

### **Commission question on Barn entrance doors**

The Board would like to see it done before Fair. Keyfobs - everyone discussed and Karrol said she was against them for the reason if there were ever a Fire in the barn no one would be able to get in

and rescue any animals with out it. Jennefer will let them know on her monthly meeting what everyone agreed to.

SlammaBama-Contract done. Board discussed they thought Shyla had it done before she left for this year. Jen will look at emails and ask Kimberly if there was a contract done.

Karrol will work on Flag Carriers for the Rodeos.

Eddie asked if there were any other things to discuss?

*Next Meeting: March 20th, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office*

**8:13 PM ADJOURN**

**Karrol Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

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ADJOURN:  
s/ Eddie Coulter, Chairman

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ATTEST:  
s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager