

Monday, November 13, 2023

**PRESENT: Matt Plaisted, Chairman, Wendy Wagner, Derrick DeHaan, Justin Koenigsfeld, Fair Board Members, Jennefer Wheeler Fairgrounds Manager**

**ABSENT: Eddie Coulter, Board Member**

**GUESTS: Amanda Williams-Extension Agent**

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

Matt Plaisted called the meeting to order.

**6:30PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Derrick DeHaan motioned to approve the November 13, 2023, Fair Board Agenda. Justin Koenigsfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.**

**6:31 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the September 18th, 2023, Minutes. Justin Koenigsfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.**

**6:32 PM MANAGERS REPORT**

Jennefer gave the past and present events on the grounds and Exhibit Hall. The Commission was asked to add more light to the highway, and they wanted me to bring it to you guys. I have called Direct Electric to find out what it would cost. The light pole is rotten on top and that is why the light is hanging. Matt suggested maybe we can cut it off and add to it. We will wait for the bid. But everyone agreed that yes, we should probably add more light as it is dark on that highway. Amanda asked if MDT would be helping, and everyone discussed this a bit but no we own the light pole. Jennefer talked with Eddie about Sponsors for the Badlands Bull Riding Finals in December. They really don't need them, and we all feel it would be nice to give the businesses/sponsors a break. What time does everyone want to leave Saturday after Thanksgiving for the next convention. Wendy will leave earlier as she is going to be in Billings doing some personal things. She will meet us at the airport. Everyone else agreed to leave about 1:00pm or so. Jennefer sent out the Staller letter. The Commission feels we should have a meeting before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and the agreement goes into effect. We discussed dates and Jennefer will draft a letter and mail out that we will have a meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Exhibit Hall. This is before our monthly meeting, so it is the only focus. We discussed the Arena Fee, and all agreed that the Stallers also must pay it. They are utilizing the barn as much as everyone else that pays the fee. Jennefer asked how they felt about the corral around the bale. Everyone feels that we have never had them before, and it is a nuisance for plowing. The board agrees we will not allow this. Jennefer said they also asked if they could have more than 1 bale stored by the barn. After we discussed it at length. Everyone is fine if it's down by the trailers, but we don't want more than 1 extra. That we do not have room for extras and makes it harder for plowing. Jennefer talked with the Commission also about the panels on the lower stalls. They would like them taken down if there were no horses. It's harder to plow, it's a liability if we are to hit it with the wings, etc. They wanted the Board to decide how they felt. Everyone agreed that if they are not stalling below for winter, they need to be smaller or taken down completely. Jennefer has been in contact with Gambling Division for our Silent Auction. He called back right before the meeting, and we do not need a license for a Silent Auction as there is no chance in it and it is not considered a raffle or gambling. Everyone discussed this for a bit and was happy to hear this. Jennefer will talk with the Clerk and Records and let them know also. No bar bids were turned in. Brenda was asking and talking to Margaret. I also have Lane looking into the heaters for the Barn. Wendy discussed what they were thinking and said we need to get all the groundwork done before we present it to the Commission. Lane wasn't sure his rep could help him before December. He explained the types and said the Rep would like to come and see it and stuff to give us the bid. This won't be done before our event in December. We may have to find other heaters. Jennefer asked what was used in the past for the Spring rodeo events. Wendy said a company from Dickinson was where they were rented from. Matt said that we may have to go that way. We will see what can be done. Jennefer also asked about our strolling clown. We will wait until after IAFE and then if we don't sign anyone, we can investigate the one we used last year.

### 6:45 PM EXTENSION REPORT

Amanda reported that the Spray Days would be happening this week. It's slowing down a bit. Winter Ag will be in Baker in January. Extension is working on maybe an Annual Convention. It would be about Parliamentary Procedure and other things board related. Do you think all of you would be interested in something like this. Everyone mulled it over and chatted a bit. Wendy asked her if it was something we could get back to her on. Amanda said yes, she was just trying to see if there is an interest. She also reported that Counsel loved the 4H log we gifted them. Everyone said they had seen the thank you and that they have used it several times for pictures. The next Livestock and 4H Counsel meetings will be held in January. Jennefer asked for the dates. Amanda reported they would be January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### 6:49 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment

### 6:46 PM OLD BUSINESS

#### Stalling Agreement Approval

Wendy said that it is all final and we do not need to vote on this.

### 6:47 PM WINTER EVENT

See the Managers report for updates.

### 6:47 PM VICE CHAIRMAN

We missed on nominating and voting on a Vice Chairman. Discussion was had for a bit and Derrick nominated Wendy.

**Derrick DeHaan motioned to have Wendy Wagner as Vice Chair. Justin Koenigsfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.**

### 6:51 PM By Laws

Everyone is still going over all of them and we will discuss at further meetings.

### 6:52 PM 2024 Fallon County Fair

#### Night Show

We talked about our Patio band. Slamabama isn't available. Jennefer will inquire about CMB and see if they are available. Everyone voted on our Friday and Saturday night entertainment. Jennefer will put in the offers on them and see if they are still available. Jennefer will make sure the stage is available for both acts and will work also.

**Wendy Wagner motioned to put in offers on the 2 Acts for the night show. Justin Koenigsfeld seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.**

Also, discussed our strolling acts. We will look at the IAFE convention for those also.

### 6:52 PM NEW BUSINESS

#### RMAF News

We found a great act and depending on what our costs for the Winter Event is maybe we could try to get a dinner thing for February. Everyone discussed this for a while and agreed. Jennefer will get some prices and available dates.

Derrick DeHaan asked if we have a PA system for safety announcements outside of the arena. No there is nothing hooked up. Derrick and Matt are on the Safety Committee and wondered if everyone was ok if they looked into this. Everyone said that would be a great idea.

Matt asked if there was anything else we needed to discuss. Reminder, we have the Staller meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> the week before our regular meeting. Matt asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Next Meeting: Monday December 18, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office**

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

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ADJOURN:

s/ Matt Plaisted, Chairman

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ATTEST:

s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager