

Wednesday, September 18, 2023

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

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS: Amanda Williams-Extension Agent**

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

Eddie Coulter called the meeting to order.

**6:30 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the September 18, 2023, Fair Board Agenda. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.**

**6:30 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Matt Plaisted motioned to approve the August 9th, 2023, Minutes. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.**

**6:32 PM MANAGERS REPORT**

Jennefer gave the past events on the grounds. Friday after the Fair there was a birthday party, and the YRA had their outdoor rodeo. She did say someone stopped in and wanted to know why we weren't advertising it. She explained that it was a last-minute move from another location, and we were just happy to help them accommodate the situation. The upcoming events are the FFA Districts Convention, there will be 8 schools here. They will be using the Exhibit Hall and the Barn. 4H has their Color Run in the Arena area on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and FMC Salad Luncheon is on October 5<sup>th</sup>. She presented the Revenue Expense report. Amanda reminded Jennefer and told the Board that she forgot to communicate to Jennefer about a 4H kid that had to leave due to last minute moving to North Dakota FFA and Rodeo, so he was paid his premiums. The Board all discussed this and said it's kind of late at this time to ask for it back. Then discussion came up about schools starting sooner and if Counsel and the Board need to discuss what we should do in those events as they can't help having designated dates for move ins etc. Then it would be up to the Board maybe for a case-by-case review. Jennefer then moved on to having the Chamber ask if they could use our electrical tree and our tent. Eddie suggested that yes as the tent by the Rodeo Office is still up and they could easily put it on a trailer or take down part of the legs and haul it down there and then bring it back all taken down. The Board all agreed and yes on the electrical tree. Jennefer also presented the Board with the battery bid from Direct for the Grandstands emergency system. Discussion was had that they are necessary, and we must have them. Wendy said don't forget to call me this week or sometime and I will come to show you more of the lights. Jennefer said she will go to Commission after we vote on it for final approval as it's over the \$2000 limit.

**Matt Plaisted motioned for us to go ahead and have Direct Electric order the batteries. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.**

Social media policy has nothing to do with how we have been running our page. It's more of a safety thing and a way to maintain a page if someone were to quit on bad terms, or in general. Plus, then if the County's IT is administrating the page they are not being hacked, etc. Plus, he can add and remove people as they are on and off the Board or as an employee. There had been no updates for a long time, and this was a better policy. The Board discussed it, and one didn't realize we had a page.

**6:40 PM EXTENSION REPORT**

Amanda Williams said that most of the 4H complaints were having to get sawdust, the garbage being full Wendy and Jennefer both said yes, we again weren't happy with the Cleaners hired, the hood needs cleaned. Otherwise, it was a pretty good week. Upcoming are record book, State Horse Show this weekend, fall meetings, Livestock Committee meeting coming up. Jennefer asked for the date and Amanda said it would be October 9<sup>th</sup>. Jennefer asked if that would be here or at the library. Amanda wasn't positive but thinks the library basement. Jennefer asked then when 4H Counsel would be meeting, and Amanda said that would be October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Amanda said again like Jen said there is the 4H color run October 1<sup>st</sup>, Achievement night for 4H would be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> here at the Exhibit Hall.

## 7:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment

## 7:00 PM OLD BUSINESS

### 2023 FALLON COUNTY FAIR REVIEW

The Cleaners were horrible. Jennefer asked around for some new ones. The ones from Miles City and Glendive won't commit as they are working the Billings Fair the same week. She will call maybe Dickinson and some others. The Derby loved the Arena. Eddie has found lots of debris yet in there and the Derby committee was out there on Tuesday after working on debris. Eddie stated that we need a lot of material brought into the Arena. The Monster Trucks were ok. It was a disappointment to us as a Board, but the crowd loved it. Too bad we didn't get the ride along vehicle and 2 broke down so early in the evening. Derrick said he asked around town what everyone thought about the whole Fair, and everyone had good to say. Most all the Board members said the same thing. Karrol said when she was working on Banners, she found a bunch of Cord Covers and let Lisa with Montex know. A few people were asking how to be Sponsors. Jennefer said it was kind of a rush to get it all mailed out and ready and next year she is going to expand the list. With having a bit more time for it she will put out a lot of letters. The Photo Booth was very well received, and we maybe could have it again. Wendy asked Amanda how the 4H dance went. Amanda said it went ok. There were a lot of new community members there and overall, it was ok. They are talking about not having it again due to a few issues. Plus, it's a lot during that week. Wendy had another person approach her about a big portable ATM that would not cost us to have here and maybe they would be a Sponsor also. She asked Jennefer to call her in the next couple of weeks for that information and get a rundown of the Arena and Grandstand lights.

## 7:29 PM STALLER AGREEMENT

Jennefer presented the last agreed upon changes from Darcy. Everyone decided that we would like to take home and read through and look at the next meeting. Jennefer will start on a letter to mail out with it. Matt would like it to go into effect right away but since our fees, etc. do start in January Darcy did make that recommendation and the other Board members agreed. Give them all time to read the new rules and make their arrangements. We do have a couple of new stallers coming up for inside this year.

## 7:40 PM NEW BUSINESS

Conventions are coming up.

PRCA-Matt and Jennefer

IAFE-Matt, Wendy, Derrick, Jennefer

RMAF-Matt and Jennefer

PRCA-Matt and Jennefer

Circuit Finals-Jennefer will attend and collect our award from this past year. Eddie said we should think about the Hospitality Room. Discussed the room and when we went last. Eddie asked for a motion for Jennefer to pay for a Hospitality Room.

**Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the sponsoring a Hospitality Room for Circuit Finals in January. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.**

Eddie asked Jennefer to add our Winter Event to the Agenda for our October meeting. We all are sad to see Karrol leave us and have enjoyed her on the Board. Eddie asked if there was anything else to discuss.

***Next Meeting: Wednesday October 16th, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office***

**7:52 PM Matt Plaisted made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays 0 Absent. The motion carried unanimously.**

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ADJOURN:

s/ Eddie Coulter, Chairman

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ATTEST:

s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager