

**Fallon County Fair Board  
@ Fallon County Fair Office  
July 5, 2016 @ 6 PM**

**Attendance: Pat Ehret, Jerrid Geving, Lani DeBuhr, Eddie Coulter and Barb Lechler.**

**Public Comment:** Kent Ehret was here to share some ideas for the MHSRF camping: to have the rows marked for camping spots and mark areas with fence posts, so each camper knows their location to park. Ice could be served from his camping office sight, along with the sawdust. So the parents and contestants could stop anytime. Kent shared that a big problem ~ to keep people out of areas ~ to flag the area off so they actually stay out. Another problem was one person/business for water and sewer for the camper can deal with person for water and sewer. To make a sign for camping office to be noticed, hopefully Pepsi could make a sign. The two check-in days would benefit with extra help when the contestants are entering the fair grounds. Kent wanted to share these suggestions.

The Fair Board stated THANK YOU for all of Kent's and Kenneth's long hours for the entire week.

**Darin Koenig entered the meeting.**

**Approval of the Agenda: Lani made the motion to accept the agenda as written. Eddie seconds it and the motion passes.**

**Approval of the Minutes: Jerrid made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Eddie seconds it and the motion passes.**

**Commissioner Steve Baldwin entered the meeting; he asked if the lower stallers need to leave during the fair also. Yes because the Indian Relay Team will be bringing horses. Steve asked do the stallers have an additional option to move to. It was stated yes options were available.**

**Correspondence: Stalls \$280, Arena Rent \$25, Barn User \$25, & Vendor for fair \$100.**

Debbie Wyrick inquired about Ambulance Food Vouchers for when their services are required to be on the grounds for events, as in Bulls, Broncs & Barrels, the Fair, & MHSRF? Discussion was if they are getting paid why the Fair Budget need to pay for the meals. Lani will check into this.

**Activities in June were:** Livestock weigh in at the barn, Primary Election, MHSRF, 4-H Kids & Horses on Monday evenings, Dog Agility practice on Wednesdays, two Barrel Racing Events, PRO Meeting, Community Appreciation Barbeque with Tom Frieders giving Weather Spotter Training, a couple of guys with the Department of Labor, and the Montana State Insurance Service office sent a couple of ladies.

**Extension Report & Discussion:** Elin was not able to attend the meeting.

**Fairgrounds Maintenance & Repairs:** Thiel Brother's estimate for the exhibit hall addition roof was viewed by the Board. Issue is the tin was not attached to the membrane correctly from the main hall roof. The water/snow is not exiting correctly. The original contractor for the roof will be contacted to repair the roof.

Inverter for the grandstands was ordered. Tom with Direct Electric fixed the exit lights in the exhibit hall by ordering new battery packs and then went to the grandstands to find out that the inverter was burnt up. That is why the emergency lights and fans were not functioning properly during the storm. Tom stated that the lights and the fans should have been running for 90 minutes. Tom stated that the inverter should be here before the fair.

There was a water leak at the top of the hill last Sunday between electrical hookup 20 & 21. Joe, Eddie and Mike Gunderson figured it out that the line went to the golf course for watering the greens. It has been repaired this afternoon. It will have to be winterized now that the hill top is cut down 3-4 feet.

Community Appreciation Barbeque on June 30 served over 125 and then there were around 90 guests that stayed to hear the information on weather spotting. This was a good time for the community to share

thoughts and memories and be able to gather information for insurance procedures then gain knowledge about weather.

Graham Welding Service added 23 ft. to the original bid due to adding additional feet to the privacy fence where the old rodeo office was and also a walk through door. The stall bid was added on for painting the inside in the barn. Commissioner Ranum asked that the stalls be painted prior to installation. Extra work around the grounds prior to High Rodeo was \$2200 for welding and repairs on fences.

**Old Business: Budget 2016/17:** The Board reviewed the Budget for the next physical year. Darin made the suggestion of purchasing a generator that would be installed permanently; Commissioner Steve will look into it. Items that were discussed that will be purchasing were: 32 electrical hookups, utility ATV's, stalls behind the bucking chutes for pickup men and queens for the rodeos, the new stalls in the barn, a set of mobile bleachers, the fair entertainment and the regular repairs and maintenances for the grounds. The Commission will take care of building the new food vendors booths (Youth Center and Lutheran Stand).

**Check Signatures: Lani made a motion to have Eddie Coulter be an additional signer for the checks at the Bank of Baker. Jerrid seconds the motion and the motion passes.**

Tammy O'Donnell and Darlene Horning entered the meeting.

**Advertising ~ Times:** Darlene & Tammy explained their proposal and were concerned about dropping the Country Neighbors that is distributed through the Finder (travels to Golva, Wibaux, Killdeer, Beach; it can reach 7000 homes). The Country Neighbors is Ag related and some folks request this paper in our community Darlene stated. The proposal reflects a package deal with the Country Neighbors and the Times. Lani inquired if the Country Neighbors could put a teaser on the front page so locals look inside. Country Neighbors article is too late for this year.

The ad can be on the front page of the Finder. Jerrid stated that the local people know when the Fallon County Fair is and the Board was trying to outreach guests to come.

Darlene stated that Face book pages only reach 5-10 percent of your followers ~ it does not go to all of your contacts. The Fallon County Times does go on their Facebook page.

Second proposal is \$2497, with the addition of 1000 rodeo programs for \$350.

Lani added that with the fair logo this year the plaques and posters come with as a package deal.

The County Neighbors with the insert for July 25<sup>th</sup> will be more coverage for the fair. Fee is \$680 if Tammy can get that date and will state that the fair schedule is inside of the Finder.

**Lani made the motion to accept the Fallon County Times second proposal of \$2497 in addition with adding 1000 Rodeo Programs. Jerrid seconds the motion and the motion passes.**

**Newell Broadcasting:** Devon was not able to attend the meeting but will come to the next meeting on July 19.

**Fair 2016:** The Board discussed ~ KM Network; Bismarck TV proposal was \$3665 with Kristy. Minot, Dickinson, Williston and Bismarck are the towns that this reaches on Dish Network. **Darin made the motion to accept the bid from KX Network quote. Lani seconds the motion and the motion passes.**

Dressing Room/Motor Home: Jerrid will call for back plan.

Ground transportation: Drivers will be needed and HKT will provide the transportation.

Fair Help: Is still needed for the fair, as in superintendents, helpers, clerks, ticket takers, stage crew hands and 2 barn superintendents.

Scott Roper is on schedule with rides, Pat visited with him. Scott will bring ten to twelve rides, games and a few food booths. Eddie stated that the kid numbers are high in Baker now; it would be wonderful to get the Midway full of rides and games again.

Two veterinarians will be in town for the week of fair, Marvel informed Darin. Hogs will be inspected before leaving the trailers and will also be able to walk through daily Darin added.

Saturday and Sunday panels will need to be taken down after the Indian Relay Race. The Seasonal Fair Crew will assist in this.

Senior Citizens will receive a discount for their Sunday Rodeo ticket; their ticket will be \$15 instead of \$20. This discounted price will be for Senior Citizens only with the age of 65 and up.

**Shed Floor:** Jerrid visited with the Griffith Brothers about replacing the gravel. Replacing 6 inches, packing it and watering it as they go \$6170 or 4 inches of gravel would be \$5685. Jason Wyrick does not have gravel on hand. The Board discussed if the building will ever need to be heated, most likely heat will not be a priority. **Eddie made the motion to accept 6 inches of new gravel and repacking it from Griffith Excavating. Jerrid seconds the motion and the motion passes.**

**New Business: Allow use of Sound System in Grandstands:** The Board viewed the list of Fees. The Board discussed the sound system deposit and it was decided to be tabled.

**Food Vendors:** The Board discussed allowing additional food vendors to come in for the fair. A variety of foods would be good to have during the fair, as some fair guests have stated. Discussion was held that the monies from the food vendors go to the organizations for events and back into the community. **Jerrid made a motion to allow three additional food vendors with not duplicating other menus. Eddie seconds the motion. Jerrid and Eddie voted in favor of the motion and Lani and Darin against. Pat made the statement to try it for 2016, so the motion passes. With the fees being \$500 for the additional vendors and there will not be a fee for the local non-profit food vendors.**

**Utility Vehicles:** The mules that were given to the fairgrounds are very worn out and very old. Jerrid shared that Tim with Riverside and Marine in Miles City could give the fairgrounds a three year lease with purchasing the first one for around \$10,000 each and then buy it back and receive two new ones, for between \$1500 and \$2000 to trade in for a new one within three years.

**The next meeting will be July 19 at 6 pm.**

**Darin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Lani seconds the motion and the motion passes at 9:40 PM.**

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Pat Ehret, Chairperson

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Barb Lechler, Manager