

Three Forks Rodeo Arena Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, April 1, 2024

Our regular meeting was held on this date at the City Hall, 206 Main Street, Three Forks, MT at 5:38pm.

Present were Adam Miller, Casey Elmore, Mike Lane, Ann Price, Ryan Hamilton and Gene Townsend; Secretary Crystal Turner and Marketing Director Christina Kamps were in attendance. Ryan Pestel was excused.

Financials & Approval of Minutes

Ryan Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting, Gene Townsend seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Crystal Turner said there are no bills entered yet but it would be normal monthly bills, which she would send out before the next Council meeting. Gene Townsend motioned to pay the bills, Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Adam Miller reviewed the financial reports. He reported there was just under \$250,000 total in all the accounts/CDs. Crystal said she knows there is still High School rodeo income for advertising and concessions to be received, but asked if it seemed realistic to expect another \$25,000 income? Adam answered no and added that he is unsure where the estimated revenue for “Events” (Account #346130) ever came from because it is unrealistic. Crystal said she guesses it was just an estimate when a budget wasn’t submitted, so she will reduce it in next year’s budget.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Rodeo & Events

Buckles ordered for All Around winners; Adam Pulasky is making the rope halters for other event winners. Christina said she will have to split up some of the sponsorships because when it was just High School we never had to split them up. But now there are Junior High winners, male and female, teams too – for both Junior and High School. She went over budget so is reaching out to more sponsors in order to cover the expense of the prizes.

Casey asked if everyone was good on volunteers. Ryan and Gene both said they were good on volunteers, although Gene may need to find additional cook.

Casey asked if there were any additional arena signs needed. Christina said she doesn't think we will need new signs for High School rodeo. There has been some interest in new signs, but no commitments. She added, "I think we only have a few spots that could be available anyway."

Scheduling a prep/workday: Christina asked when is Sayers Fence project schedule? Mike Lane said it is still unknown, but he will call him tomorrow, and added that he told Scott Sayers already that Mike is going to start pulling stuff down so he will have to be there to fix and complete it by end April. Mike started pulling down hog fence to repair as well. It was agreed 4/20/2024 will be High School Rodeo prep day, meeting around 10AM.

Gene Townsend asked if there is any sand needed in the area. Casey said he is unsure, but wants Whobee to work the arena by next weekend. Move to Fence agenda topic: **Approval of Sayer's Fence repair/rebuild 512-feet of fencing for an estimated total of \$4,500.** Gene Townsend moved to approve spending an estimated total of \$4,500 to Sayer's Fence to build or repair 512-feet of fencing. Mike Lane seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Crystal said she has been in contact with Kaehl Berg who has confirmed his availability for High School Rodeo but she does not have a contract from him yet. (She then looked through her emails and did find he had sent a contract, which she printed and gave a copy to the Board to ensure it covered everything needed.) Christina recommended reminding Kaehl Berg to bring eyes. Christina and Ryan both explained about payouts, and having to pay based on entries. If contestants are non-notified doctor turnout then they could reimburse the TFRA at a later date. This covers Kaehl's stock that he is scheduled to bring to the rodeo. Ryan Hamilton made a motion to approve Red Eye Rodeo's contract. Gene Townsend seconded the contract. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Casey asked Crystal to remind the Three Forks Area Ambulance of the High School Rodeo's start times.

Any updated on July rodeo? Crystal has been working on getting additional quotes for the Security Contract. Adam Miller said we usually have just six officers but he got Invictus to provide a quote for eight this year. He asked if we want to have 2 extra, which is what we got a quote for to stand in front of the bleachers. For eight officers the quote is \$3,344. Crystal said she has called around and tried to get other quotes, but has only got a call back with one, and the other was unavailable. Gene Townsend

moved to approve the Security contract with Invictus. Ryan Hamilton seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Discussion on capping the online ticket sales. Christina Kamps explained the online ticket sales has been limited at 2500. Adam said we could limit actual tickets printed and sold to 1000 then for a comfortable and safe rodeo. Christina said the price break is in increments of 2500 though she thought so we still may have to order more to get a better deal and toss them at the end of the event.

National Anthem – Crystal Turner asked if everyone had reviewed the link she emailed about the Hutchings girl. They all had and Christina said that Sherry Johnston is unavailable this year. The Board discussed other local possibilities and asked Crystal to ask how much for Miss Hutchings, as well as reach out to Three Forks High School music department. (Mr. Bebe)

New Business

Update on N.W.E. power pole work. Crystal got the information requested by Casey about buried cable - there is buried cable and there are N.W.E. has maps showing. Crystal to keep poking the contractor. Casey will get her the name & contact phone number of the contractor.

Gene announced that Ahren Hastings, who has done our work on the bleachers, he is no longer working for TD&H and went out on his own. TD&H will keep TFRA for bleachers, but Ahren will be moving on to other projects. Gene was OK with this, but said he will ask Kelly Smith to price out additional bleachers - with 2 wings are 50-feet each. The current one is 3 sections, add another section to each end, a total of 900 seats. Gene will also ask Ahren to price through TD&H as well.

Adam said he has been investigating other PA options. Crystal said she will be working with Travis Johnston tomorrow to go inspect what we have, and then see if we need to order some items. Adam reached out Technomad and will work on getting a full-blown quote.

Casey called Gene - we were offered \$250 deal with Pepsi to be the exclusive soda. Gene said he does not recommend this, "I like the variety offered to our customers. Honestly \$250 in free product wouldn't even buy the Gatorade."

Next meeting will be 5/6/2024 at 5:30pm at Cook Shack. Christina cannot attend. Adam is leaving for vacation on 4/26 so will be unavailable to help at High School Rodeo, but will get Gene to get the proper cash withdrawal to start the cook shack.

Ryan Hamilton moved to adjourn. Gene Townsend seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.