

Three Forks Rodeo Arena Board of Directors

Minutes of Special Meeting held Monday, March 16, 2026

The meeting was held on this date at City Hall, located at 206 Main Street, Three Forks, MT and was called to order at 5:40pm.

Present were Ryan Pestel, Gene Townsend, Adam Miller, Casey Elmore, Mike Lane, and Ann Price. Ryan Hamilton was excused. Executive Secretary Crystal Turner was also present. Public present were Jimmi Nose Schmitz and Jenny Nose Davison of Frontier Rodeo Company.

Chairman Casey Elmore called the meeting to order.

Financial & Approval of Minutes: Casey asked if there were any bills to be paid. Crystal Turner said there are two Northwestern Energy bills, a reimbursement to Mike Lane for panels purchased at Rocky Mountain Supply, and the bleacher loan payoff. Gene Townsend moved to pay the bills. Mike Lane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rodeo & Events: Discussion and Decision on a counter offer to Frontier Rodeo Company Weekly Rodeos for Summer 2026 Gene reported he brought the proposal of a weekly rodeo up at the Council meeting last week so everyone would know what the Board was thinking. "Biggest question was about street closures. There really weren't any comments. I think we could try it for a year, and if we have a lot of issues, then revisit. No one had any qualms," Gene reported.

Casey asked Jimmi and Jenny if we can work out what we're going to charge. Adam asked about the stalls. Crystal replied that she and the Nose's spoke and they are willing to coordinate that. Adam said he was wondering how much time that would take Crystal, so if they will coordinate, he proposed foregoing the stall rental fees; they keep the fee. Gene said the TFRA will have some upkeep to the stalls used though, like cleaning them out. Casey mentioned when we know how often that occurs we could revisit that. Jenny said they may not need grooming (which is charged by the hour). They will use lights. Casey explained we provide trash cans and liners, there are ropes around the top to keep the sack in place. Frontier Rodeo would be responsible for trash cleanup in the bleachers, throughout the grounds, and then also to haul the bags to the dumpsters.

Whobee (Arena Manager) could work the arena Tuesday night or Wednesday by noon so it is ready for their slack at 3PM on Wednesdays. Frontier will pay for additional porta-potties needed if 5 is not sufficient, dumpsters if TFRA's 2 are not sufficient. Frontier will pay a flat fee of \$750 per event, close to the à la carte schedule, including 10% of all beer sales. 12%

of ticket sales will go to the TFRA when/if Frontier Rodeo exceeds attendance of 1,500. The first rodeo would be held on 7/8/2026, skip the next week, then Wednesdays through end of August. Crystal to do a tour with Jenny and Jimmi later this week.

Decision on Music Director Three Forks Rodeo: Mindy Avila provided two bids: one with her rate of \$500/performance, plus \$100 to cover slack and a room; and another bid without a room for \$700/performance, plus \$100 to cover slack. Ann Price moved to accept the Sound Tech Bid #1. Mike Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Crystal to reach out to Mindy to finalize paperwork.

Decision on Announcer for Three Forks Rodeo: Ryan Davis provided his rate of \$1,500/performance. This does not include announcing at slack. He also requested the TFRA cover his room and board at a motel in town over the weekend.

Crystal to counter at \$2,500 which includes slack if Tyler Noyes cannot help out instead, and a room. Adam Miller moved to authorize Crystal to go up to \$3,000 if Mr. Davis declines. Ryan Pestel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Decision on Funny Man for Three Forks Rodeo: Crystal has been in communication with Ryan Hamilton's contact, Dustin Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins has not submitted anything yet to the Rodeo's email. Crystal reached out to him today and he has been very busy on the road and will get her something next week. This item was moved to the April meeting.

Casey will talk to Cody Jackson about a beef for the July rodeo and to call Amsterdam Meats to reserve a spot to get it processed.

No update on new Bleacher Loan yet, but existing loan will be paid off 3/19/2026.

Ryan Pestel to ask Zak Tesoro if we can borrow his grade all to do our speakers.

Adam Miller move to adjourn. Mike Lane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38PM.