

MORGAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

February 27, 2025

5:30 p.m.

The Morgan County Fair Board met in person at the Morgan County Extension Office on, Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

In attendance were Jon Cook, Matt Kalous, Dan Kendrick, Erik Mohrlang, Carter Mortensen, Dave Sharman, Shawn Stolberg, Marlin Eisenach, Robin Halley, Jamie Dixon, and Commissioner Jon Becker. Commissioner Becker excused Erik Mohrlang, to attend another County meeting after 4-H late enrollments were reviewed and Emily Curtis arrived at the same time.

Jon Becker called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Jon explained that he would be the Commissioner to Chair the Fair Board going forward.

Erik Mohrlang made a motion to accept January 30, 2025, minutes as presented. Matt Kalous seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENSE:

Jamie Dixon presented the 4-H late enrollment appeal letters, one at a time, reading each one aloud. After each letter, there was discussion and each one was addressed as follows:

Matt Kalous made a motion to deny late enrollment to Ava Goff and Michael Goff. Dave Sharman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Erik Mohrlang made a motion to deny late enrollment for Mackenzie Hyatt. Matt Kalous seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jon Cook made a motion to deny late enrollment for Rebecca Boone and Easton Peltier. Carter Mortensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Shawn Stolberg made a motion to deny late enrollment for Seth O'Patik, Makayla O'Patik and Kora O'Patik. Erik Mohrlang seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carter Mortensen made a motion to deny late enrollment for Karma Lookingbill, Anthony Lookingbill and Joe Lookingbill. Shawn Stolberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jamie Dixon presented the financial report with the Sale checking account with an expense of \$676.26 for the 2025 Sale buyer ribbons. January 31, 2025, Sale checking balance is \$10,975.89.

Money market account had an increase in interest of \$2.61 and a January 31, 2025, balance of \$6,829.90. The CD had an increase of \$97.96 in interest and a January 31, 2025, balance of \$38,964.06. Total January 31, 2025, ending balance of \$56,769.85.

The 2024 Steak Fry report with a \$2,265.44 ending balance.

The 2023 and 2024 Fair Sale comparison report. Also, presented the 2025 Fair Board Budget, stating that the expenses for January 2025 are \$650 for the ShoWorks subscription renewal, \$105.57 for Beef tags and \$200.92 for the Scale renewals. Carter Mortensen made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Matt Kalous seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Entertainment, no report.

Bull Riding, no report.

Booth/Vendor, no report. Dan Kendrick made a motion to waive the booth fees for all 4-H Clubs that want to have a booth at the 2025 Morgan County Fair. Shawn Stolberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carcass Contest, Carter Mortensen will start reaching out to sponsors soon.

Steak Fry, Dave Sharman has requested sponsorship from CommonSpirit for \$1500. Jon Cook

reached out to Angie Akers at Edward's Right Price Market.

Horse Events, no Open Horse Show report. Emily Curtis reported that the 4-H Horse Orientation Meeting is March 13, 2025.

Sale Committee, no report.

Crops/Horticulture/Farm Mechanics, Jon Cook passed around the flyer that will go out to the four County FFA Chapters in March.

Dave Sharman was contacted by Josh at 21st Century about what they can help with.

OLD BUSINESS:

Concessions, Dan Kendrick noted that all concession vendors need a schedule of events, so they are aware of the peak times to be open. There needs to be a vendor who is always open for drinks.

Donated water will be available as in the past.

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Belt Buckles have a couple options for sponsorship for going forward.

Fair Board Secretary Position tabled until March 27, 2025, meeting. Fair Board email was created for all correspondence going forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fair Board appointment for Jordan Traxler approved by the Board of County Commissioners, February 11, 2025, term ending December 31, 2025. Still one term ending December 31, 2027, open. Commissioners would like the Fair Board going forward to look over the letters of intent received and approve, prior to the Board of County Commissioners' approval. Commissioner Becker, passed around a letter of intent that had been received recently. Members agreed for the Board of County Commissioners to proceed with approval.

EXTENSION REPORTS:

Jamie Dixon reported for Katie Seelhoff who was out of state at a conference. Shooting Sports practices have started for Air Rifle and Air Pistol, outside disciplines will start in April. There are 85 shooting sports members currently. The New 4-H Family Orientation will take place on March 4, 2025. 4-H project workshops are scheduled mid-March to coincide with spring breaks.

Jamie Dixon reported there are 257 (8–18-year-old) 4-H members for the 2024-2025 4-H year. Pulled all project manuals for 4-H members last week and placed in 4-H Club Leaders boxes to be distributed at their next Club meetings. Working on 2025 Fair Book formatting edits. The County on their website has posted Summer Intern position.

Marlin Eisenach reported he needs Fair Board assistance with Beef Weigh-In set-up and the day of help the next couple of days. He sent a sign-up sheet around the room. Currently we have 47 4-H and FFA members in Market Beef. Will be organizing one-day showmanship workshops for all species and use monies donated from Murdoch's for the expenses incurred. Livestock record book workshops scheduled March 11 and 13, 2025, at 1:00 pm for all interested. Horse program orientation, is scheduled for March 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. Will need help from Fair Board for the MQA programs in May and will have a sign up at the April meeting. Catch-It Dairy Committee meeting was February 26, 2025, and they working on securing the bred heifers for seven participants.

Robin Halley reported that the new National Secretary of Ag was appointed and she is a strong supporter of 4-H, so 4-H is not going anywhere. Recently attended the State 4-H 2025 Annual Meeting at CSU campus, welcoming 4-H professionals from across the state, shared a report that was given out on 4-H numbers from the last five years. Still waiting on information concerning Horse

exhibition rules. DEI has been eliminated; National Education will not be talking about it. The Horticulture/4-H Specialist position is scheduled to open on March 15, 2025.

Next Meeting is March 27, 2025 @ 5:30 pm @ Extension Office.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dan Kendrick at 7:21 pm. Seconded by Matt Kalous.