

MORGAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES
January 30, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

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

In attendance, Jon Cook, Emily Curtis, Matt Kalous, Dan Kendrick, Erik Mohrlang, Carter Mortensen, Dave Sharman, Shawn Stolberg, Commissioner Tim Malone, Mindi Cloyd, Marlin Eisenach, Robin Halley, Katie Seelhoff and Jamie Dixon.

Fair Board Secretary, Jamie Dixon, called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm, per Commissioner Tim Malone's direction.

Dan Kendrick welcomed Commissioner, Tim Malone and Commissioner Secretary, Mindi Cloyd to the meeting. Everyone present introduced themselves to both Tim and Mindi.

Matt Kalous made a motion to accept minutes for October 24, 2024. Carter Mortensen seconded. Motion carried.

Dan Kendrick read Jason Frasco's letter of resignation to the board.

Dan Kendrick also read a Thank You from Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center for help with residence to attend the 2024 Morgan County Fair.

Jamie Dixon presented the following treasurers report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Account</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>9/30/204</u>	<u>10/30/2024</u>	<u>11/30/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sale Checking			\$432,727.85	\$67,644.77	\$29,193.77	\$11,652.15	(\$421,075.70)
MM		0.55%	\$11,817.59	\$6,821.90	\$6,824.60	\$6,827.29	(\$4,990.30)
CD	1.24.2025	4.00%	\$38,478.16	\$38,478.16	\$38,478.16	\$38,866.10	\$387.94
Overall Total			\$483,023.60	\$112,944.83	\$74,496.53	\$57,345.54	(\$425,678.06)

Jamie Dixon also, reported that the CD renewed on 1/25/2025 at 3.55%. Change in interest is based on the current market. The new maturity date will be 1/24/2026.

Erik Mohrlang made a motion to accept Treasurers Report and Matt Kalous seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dan Kendrick explained each committee to Tim and Mindi as he called for reports.

Entertainment, no report.

Bull Riding, Erik Mohrlang reported that Casey Decker with No Credit Bucking Bulls is a go for the 2025 Morgan County Fair Event.

Booth/Vendor, Shawn Stolberg reported that CWilly's from Wiggins and University Auto Parts-Show Supply trailer from Sterling are both on the schedule for the 2025 Morgan County Fair. Knight of Columbus needs to be contacted about returning with concessions, but it was suggested that they receive a schedule of events for better planning. Will need to send letters to local stores for shavings/booth space. Shawn Stolberg said he check with his kids 4-H Club, Winning Edge, to see if they want to have a shavings booth again in 2025. Dan Kendrick tabled concessions to be discussed

at the February 27, 2025 meeting.

Carcass Contest, Carter Mortensen, no report.

Steak Fry, Jon Cook reported that he will work with Dillon at Edward's to order all supplies again this year with a few modifications on quantities. Dave Sharman will ask CommonSpirit for the \$1500.00 donation for the steak upgrade.

4-H and Open Horse Events, Emily Curtis, no report.

Sale Committee, Dan reported that Jordan and Justin Traxler are the co-chairs of this committee.

Crops/Horticulture/Farm Mechanics, Jon Cook reported that there were actual crop entries in 2024 and he has contacted another seed company to get in competition for 2025. Jon will work with Jamie to get a flyer out to the local Ag advisors in February to build interest with FFA youth in exhibiting in 2025.

No old business.

New business:

Jamie Dixon reported that the Morgan County Commissioners received reappointment letters from Dan Kendrick, Carter Mortensen, and Dave Sharman, their terms end 12/31/2027. Two positions still remain open, one term ending 12/31/2025 and one term ending in 12/31/2027.

Dan Kendrick reported that the Fort Morgan Young Farmer Foundation would like to sponsor a scholarship for the Senior Master Showman. Dan will contact Rob Hastings to find out if they are going to continue to award the Jake Hastings Memorial Scholarship to the Senior Master Showman and if they are okay with the addition. Dave Sharman made a motion to accept the additional scholarship and Erik Mohrlang seconded. Motion Carried.

Dan Kendrick read the fair book cover contest instructions that will be published in the 4-H updates and newsletter.

The Morgan County Fair Board will give the youth who draws the best illustration for the Fair Book Cover \$50 cash. Entries must be hand drawn in dark pencil or ink, no color, on a white 8-1/2 X 11 inch piece of paper with a 1/2 inch border. You must include the date of the fair, "July 25 – July 31" and the words, "2025 Morgan County Fair" in your artwork. Place your name on the back. The deadline to submit your entry is **Wednesday, March 26, 2025 by 4:00 pm**.

Contestants must be 8-18 4-H age.

Matt Kalous made a motion to approve the fair book cover contest instructions as read. Erik Mohrlang seconded. Motion carried.

EXTENSION REPORTS

Katie Seelhoff, 4-H and FCS Specialist, reported 4-H Enrollment numbers as of 4:00 pm on January 30, 2025, which are lower than previous years. Reminded the Board that 4-H Enrollment is due by 4:00 pm, Monday, February 3, 2025.

Katie also shared that she and one other chaperone accompanied 9 senior division 4-H member to the annual 4-H Leadership Development Conference in Denver last weekend of January. Youth participated in career readiness workshops and attended the reading of the 4-H proclamation at the State Capital.

Jamie Dixon, Extension Administrative Technician, shared the Ag in the Classroom program and

National Western Stock Show trips that Marlin, Katie and Jamie accompanied all Morgan County 3rd Graders for 6 days in January.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion buckle anonymous sponsor is no longer going to sponsor. This is not an Extension or Fair Board sponsored item. Dan Kendrick asked for this to be tabled as old business for the February 27, 2025 meeting.

Sale ribbons are paid and delivered with the early bird discount. Total for ribbons for 2025 is \$676.26. Faye Klenda worked during winter break and got a good start on 2025 Fair Book and all things Fair that Extension is responsible for. Unfortunately she will not be back in May. The position will be advertised soon through the County.

Marlin Eisenach, Livestock Agent, reported 4-H livestock member numbers for each species as of 4:00 pm, January 30, 2025, numbers are lower than previous years.

Catch-It numbers are also lower for 2025 with 3 youth that caught are no longer able to participate.

Marlin brought the APHIS, 60 day holding period for Horse Shows to the Boards attention and said he is waiting for further advisement before bringing it to everyone's attention.

Beef Weigh-In is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena from 8:30 – 10:00 am. Set up will be sometime Friday, February 28, 2025 and will need some assistance from Fair Board members both days.

Marlin has confirmed with 3-4 livestock show judges for the 2025 Fair.

Robin Halley, Extension Director, reported that the State Horse Committee is working on the APHIS horse issue and will advise Counties on how to handle.

CSU is opening the Morgan County 4-H and Youth/Horticulture position on March 15, 2025 or possibly later.

DEI is going away at the Federal level and Extension is waiting to hear how that is going to affect our way of doing business.

Highly recommended that a Fair Board chairman and vice chairman be elected before the meeting is adjourned.

Dan Kendrick opened the positions up for nomination for both the vice chairman and chairman.

Erik Mohrlang nominated Emily Curtis for the vice chair position and Matt Kalous seconded. Emily accepted the nomination. Erik Mohrlang nominated Dan Kendrick for the Chairman position and Carter Mortensen seconded. Dan accepted the nomination. Erik Mohrlang made a motion to appoint Dan Kendrick as Chairman of the Fair Board and Emily Curtis as Vice Chairman. Matt Kalous seconded. Motion carried.

Dan Kendrick asked the Fair Board Secretary position be tabled until the February 27, 2025 meeting.

Commissioner, Tim Malone reported that there were four bids received for the replacement of the hog and goat/sheep barns. Two bids were from out of County and two were in County. Tim asked for some clarification on the barn specifications. Tim will take this information back to the Board of County Commissioners and will be in touch.

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

Erik Mohrlang made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Matt Kalous seconded. Motion carried.