

MORGAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

March 27, 2025

5:30 p.m.

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

In attendance were Commissioner Jon Becker, Cara Draegert, Dan Kendrick, Erik Mohrlang, Carter Mortensen, Dave Sharman, Shawn Stolberg, Jordan Traxler, Marlin Eisenach, Robin Halley, Katie Seelhoff, and Jamie Dixon.

Jon Becker called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Erik Mohrlang made a motion to accept minutes for February 27, 2025 as presented. Dan Kendrick seconded. Motion Carried.

No Correspondence.

Jamie Dixon presented the following financial report: Sale checking account had a \$5,000 transfer to the Money Market account on February 24, 2025. February 28, 2025, Sale checking balance is \$5,975.89. February 28, 2025, Money Market account with an increase of \$5,000 from the transfer and an additional \$2.67 interest for a final balance of \$11,832.57. February 28, 2025, CD balance remains at \$38,964.06. Grand total of the three accounts is \$56,772.52.

Erik Mohrlang made a motion to accept the Financial Report as submitted. Carter Mortensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Entertainment – Cara Draegert asked members if continuing with Corn hole on Tuesday, July 29th was good for 2025. Members agreed. Cara will reach out to Donovan Allen.

Cara proposed looking for a DJ for Wednesday, July 30th Barn Dance since bands are getting pricy and in the past, it seems more are dancing during intermission. The board agreed that it was worth trying. Jamie to ask City of Brush for the Stage for Wednesday, July 30th. Knight of Columbus will be open during both nights selling drinks for all ages.

Bull Riding – Erik Mohrlang nothing new to report. Knight of Columbus will be open during Saturday, July 26th event selling drinks for all ages.

Booth/Vendor – Shawn Stolberg reported that vendor forms from Winning Edge 4-H Club and The Horse Canyon (western boutique) were turned in. Shawn will pick up C'Willy's and Coffee Grounds vendor forms this next week.

Carcass Contest – Carter Mortensen nothing new to report.

Steak Fry - Dave Sharman reported that CommonSpirit was good for the \$1,500 donation to up the cut of steak. Jamie will get an invoice ready.

Open Horse Events – Emily Curtis n/a.

Sale Committee - Jordan Traxler will be meeting with Sale Committee members later this spring.

Crops/Horticulture/Farm Mechanics – Jamie reported that the flyer for Farm Mechanics was emailed

to all FFA Advisors in the County on March 7, 2025.

Jamie Dixon reported that Stormy Productions will live stream all 2025 Morgan County Fair shows, paperwork has been completed and Commissioner approved.

Old Business

Jamie Dixon will continue to be the Fair Board Secretary.

New Business

Commissioner Jon Becker stated that the Board of County Commissioners approved Brianna Walker on March 18, 2025, term ending December 31, 2027, per the Fair Board's recommendation. Brianna has been notified, but was out of town and could not attend this meeting.

Jamie Dixon presented the only Fair Book Cover entry to the board. After members had a chance to look at it, Dan Kendrick made a motion to accept the entry from Katelynn Johnson. Shawn Stolberg seconded. Motion Carried. Katelynn will receive \$50.

Extension Reports

Katie Seelhoff has been working on getting judges for Interview Judging and Open Class. Currently just over half are confirmed. 4-H Shooting Sports is gearing up and Katie has been busy updating sign-in books.

Jamie Dixon will have market goat, lamb and swine ID packets ready by end of day on Monday, March 31, 2025 for exhibitors wanting to tag their own animals.

Marlin Eisenach presented three Horse project, they are:

1. To compete at the Morgan County Fair in the Ranch Horse Division, you must have passed Level 2 Ranch Horse levels test and attend at least one practice (with cows) and be signed off, for safety reasons by the Ranch Horse leaders. Youth must compete with the same horse they tested on at the Morgan County Fair.
2. In the Ranch Horse Show at the Morgan County Fair, contestants must show in all 4 classes in order to qualify for high point or reserve high point award.
3. Drop Class: Training Western Pleasure (Must have completed Level II Horse Testing) (2-3 year old horses)

After some discussion and clarification, Dan Kendrick made a motion to accept all three rules. Jordan Traxler seconded. Motion carried.

Market Beef weigh-in had 65 beef with 53 youth, very similar to 2024. Beef brand papers are ready for pick up.

Wood pellets are working well in the Multi-Purpose building for all shows. Marlin asked for permission to purchase pellets needed. Carter Mortensen made a motion to allow Marlin to purchase needed pellets. Cara Draegert seconded. Motion carried.

The Catch-It Dairy committee was able to secure 7 bred heifers from Chris Kraft. The distribution is Saturday, March 29, 2025. Justin Lowe will supply the Catch-It Pigs, Mary Endsley will supply the Catch-It Lambs, and Amanda Rule will supply the Catch-It Goats.

Fair Judge selection is going good.

Robin Halley reported that CSU was supposed to post the Horticulture/4-H Position today, Thursday, March 27, 2025. As of the meeting, nothing had been posted.

Summer Intern position interviews will be happening in the next two weeks.

CSU is for All.

Stated again the US Secretary of Ag is pro 4-H and FFA, so our programs are safe.

Next Meeting April 24, 2025 @ 5:30 pm @ Extension Office.

Erik Mohrlang made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 6:09 pm. Dan Kendrick seconded.