

Three Forks Rodeo Arena Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting held Monday, October 7, 2024

Our regular meeting was held on this date at the Cook Shack, 95691 MT Hwy 2, Three Forks, MT at 5:30pm.

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

Financials & Approval of Minutes

Gene Townsend moved to approve the 8/27/2024 minutes, Ann Price seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Crystal read aloud the bills to be paid. Adam reviewed the financials noting there is roughly \$321,000 cash, savings, CDs. Adam said that Crystal closed the CD at First Security and brought it over to Opportunity Bank and opened a new CD at 4.99%. "This makes the total on hand over the \$250,000 FDIC limit with the funds at Opportunity Bank. What would the Board like to do with it, like move some to First Security?" she asked. The Board was OK with roughly \$40,000 being uninsured. Adam reported the Board has earned around \$9,000 in interest with the CDs over the past two years.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Rodeo & Events

Casey reported the Montana High School Rodeo Association reached out to him regarding a sponsorship again this year. Crystal reminded the Board it did add money to the budget for sponsorships, and last year the Board approved \$400 to this youth event. Gene Townsend moved to sponsor \$500 to the MHSRA. Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The NRA finals in Kalispell are the end of October. Casey said he'd like to attend, no one else can make it this year. Crystal will order the tickets, up to two are free each night. Casey will only attend Thursday night. No hotel needed. Ryan Hamilton is to get any comments to Casey to relay, if he has any, to the Northern Rodeo Association.

Mike Lane asked Crystal to relay to the Public Works crew that we are done with water and can have the irrigation blown out. Gene said that he has the hood scheduled to be cleaned and would like to have access to water, but does not need it if it gets blown out.

Adam has received two quotes for a new PA system. One is from Ascent Technical and the other is from Jacob's Audio. The Ascent Technical quote is \$3,000 less and that is because they do not believe we will need the higher system quotes. Both have 20 year lifespan, and the speakers would be attached to the existing light poles. There are parental controls you can set as well so that users will not be allowed to "crank it up and blow speakers". The main hub would be housed in a plastic box and be carry-able to other locations if needed, "So we could rent it out if we wanted to," Adam added. The speakers would stay up all year long. This system is good enough for all to hear at the NRA Rodeo. They come with 120-degree or 180-degree sound projection. Ascent: \$18,311, plus \$6,300 for labor and Adam volunteered to help to reduce labor costs but we would need to provide a scissor lift. Jacob's: \$21,599 includes 2 speakers at \$1500/each (not three), \$6,600 for the amp. "Give me another month to get a third quote," Adam said. Adam will also verify warranty. Gene Townsend moved to accept Ascent Technical bid with waiting until we have a third quote if possible before awarding the job. Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion Passed 5:0, Adam abstained.

The Board discussed the possible new crow's nest Cody Ham offered last year and asked Crystal to invite him to the next meeting.

Gene said he has not had any response yet on the bleacher addition inquiry. The Board would like to see two wings to add on each side of the existing bleachers, seating about 500 each.

Casey will follow up with Whobee to get winter maintenance complete.

New Business

Casey informed the Board that Whobee ran over a timer eye during the last barrel racing arena rental. "He does a great job, but he moves a little fast at times," Casey said. He and Ryan Hamilton did some research and found that you can get a replacement for the pair around \$270. Casey recommended buying her one, and comping her second arena rental fee. Crystal to send Settle Down Equine a check.

Gene brought up the bulk water being sold and asked who gets the revenue from that. Crystal said the City does. Gene said the Board was required to drill that well because the amount of water it uses often stirred up resident's water. Many Board members who've been on the Board for many years all agreed and wondered if the pump broke who would be responsible. "Who pays the electricity bill for all that pumping?" Mike

asked. Crystal informed them the TFRA Board pays for that bill. Gene said he will bring it up at a future City Council meeting to see if the City would be willing to split the revenue in the event something breaks, or at least pay for the pump to replace if it dies since the City is getting all the revenue. Crystal reported Whobee did have to go use water from the fire hydrant on Kyd Road last week because there were two trucks waiting to get bulk water.

Gene brought up that the Ice House still has not picked up its ice freezer. Crystal will reach out to them.

The next meeting will be on 11/4/2024 at City Hall at 5:30PM. Ryan Hamilton will be gone that date.

Gene Townsend moved to adjourn. Adam Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.