

THE MENOMINEE COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> AT THE MENOMINEE COUNTY ANNEX IN STEPHENSON. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT LARRY ROETZER AT 6:42 PM. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE TREASURER PHYLLIS KACZMARCZYK, BOARD MEMBERS SCOTT PARRETTE, DIANE BRAZELTON, WAYNE ERICKSON, SECRETARY KANDACE TICKLER AND COUNTY COMMISSIONER JIM LYNCH.

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** STEPHANIE BRUNO, KATHY PARRETTE, AND THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS ZONE 6 DIRECTOR, BILL HAGER.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** STEPHANIE BRUNO HAD RECENTLY ATTENDED A SEMINAR IN DELTA COUNTY ON THE PROCESS OF QUARANTINING ANIMALS AT THE FAIR AND HOW TO HAVE A MANAGEMENT TEAM IN PLACE. STEPHANIE GAVE A HANDOUT ENTITLED "FAIR ANIMAL HEALTH PLAN" TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

PARRETTE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA AS PRESENTED, LYNCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** READ OUT LOUD AND LATEST BANK STATEMENT WAS IDENTIFIED WITH BALANCE.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** THE MINUTES FROM THE FAIR BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2007 WERE SUBMITTED BY KAREN HUBBARD AND READ BY NEW SECRETARY TICKLER.

**OLD BUSINESS:** DIANE REPORTED TO THE BOARD REGARDING A LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON HOLDING A RODEO IN MENOMINEE COUNTY AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE FAIR. ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE COST, LIABILITY INSURANCE, LOCATION, GATE, PARKING, SPONSORS NEEDED AND A RODEO COMMITTEE. JESSIE MILCORE IS A RODEO ORGANIZER THAT WAS CONTACTED FOR MORE INFORMATION BY DIANE. JESSIE STATED THAT A \$10 MILLION DOLLAR INSURANCE POLICY WOULD BE NEEDED ALONG WITH A 200 x 250 FOOT ARENA AND 5 ACRES PLUS PARKING WOULD ALSO BE NEEDED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT DIANE WOULD PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF STARTING A RODEO COMMITTEE AND FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE EVENT FOR MORE PRECISE INFORMATION AND COST ANALYSIS TO BRING TO THE FAIR BOARD.

COST SHARING WAS DISCUSSED AND BILL INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THERE WILL BE NO COST SHARING FOR THE FAIR FROM THE STATE FOR 2008. THERE WILL, HOWEVER, BE A PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM IN PLACE FOR THE 2008 FAIR SEASON.

**NEW BUSINESS:** IT WAS AGAIN DISCUSSED IF THE COUNTY WOULD PAY FOR A LIQUOR LIBILITY LICENSE FOR THE FAIRGROUNDS. OTHER AVENUES WERE DISCUSSED AND WILL BE LOOKED INTO FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

STEVE HUMMEL HAD REQUESTED A REFERENCE LETTER TO BE USED AT OTHER FAIRS BASED UPON HIS REPUTATION AND PROCEDURES AT LAST YEAR'S FAIR. IT WAS DECIDED THAT STEVE SHOULD SUBMIT HIS OWN LETTER OF REFERENCE TO THE BOARD AND THEY WILL EITHER APPROVE OR DENY IT AT THE NEXT MEETING. HE WILL BE CONTACTED TOMORROW WITH THIS INFORMATION.

BILL HAGER DISCUSSED HIS ROLE ON THE BOARD FOR OUR REGION. THERE ARE 3-4 BOARD MEETINGS PER YEAR AND THE MAFE HAS A LOBBYIST IN LANSING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE AG INDUSTRY TO MAKE SURE THE PUBLIC IS AWARE OF THE CHANGES THAT TAKE PLACE. THERE WILL BE A SEMINAR HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> FOR FAIR BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND AT THE CHIP-IN ISLAND RESORT IN HARRIS.

THE FEDERAL RATE INCREASED IN 2008 FOR MILEAGE AT THE RATE OF \$ 0.505/MILE AND MEETING PER DIEMS WILL STAY THE SAME FOR 2008.

SCOTT PARRETTE WAS NOMINATED BY LARRY ROETZER FOR THE POSITION OF VICE-PRESIDENT. PARRETTE ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT FAIR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:23 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Kandace Tickler 3/10/2008*

KANDACE TICKLER, SECRETARY

MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

APPROVED,

LARRY ROETZER, PRESIDENT

MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2008