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**Missoula County Fair Event Committee**

Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Fair Office, Building #12

Missoula County Fairgrounds

1101 South Avenue West, Missoula, MT 59801

**Committee Members**

1. Jim Sadler – Chair
2. Dave Bell - Vice-Chair
3. Sarah Knobel
4. Brooke Martin
5. Tonya Robert
6. Jane Kelly
7. Hailey Jo Bergstrom

**Meeting Minutes**

1. **Meeting commencement**
   1. Vice Chair Dave Bell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Dave Bell, Sarah Knobel, Brooke Martin, Tonya Robert, Jane Kelly, Hailey Jo Bergstrom, Campbell Barrett, Allison Wilson, Jacey Grange & Billie Brown were present.
2. **Rollcall & Introductions**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
   1. Agenda has been approved for January.
4. **Public comment on items not on the agenda**
   1. None
5. **Action Items**
6. Approval of December 14th, 2023, minutes.
7. **Discussion Items**
8. **Western Montana Fair**
   1. **Food Vendor Application**
      1. All vendor applications (concession, commercial, and amusement) are open and can be found on the Missoula Fairgrounds website as of January 8th, 2024.
   2. **WMF Legends Award**
      1. The WMF Legends Award application is now live on the Missoula County Fairgrounds website.
         1. Jane requests that nominator submits a resume for the nominee. Brooke requests that 2023 winner presents award to 2024 winner.
   3. **Rodeo Stock Contractor**
      1. Cervi Rodeo will be the stock contractor for the 2024 Missoula Stampede Rodeo. The proposed schedule of events for the 2024 Missoula Stampede are as follows:
         1. Tuesday, 8/6: Xtreme Bulls
         2. Wednesday, 8/7: Rough stock night with barrel racing and mutton busting. The official name for Wednesday night is being brainstormed.
         3. Thursday, 8/8, - Saturday, 8/10: Missoula Stampede Rodeo with mutton busting
9. **4-H Update**
   1. Campbell reported that the 70 beef were weighed at Market Beef weigh-in. 4-H enrollment numbers have increased compared to January 2023. 4-H participants are utilizing the new space at the Extension Office for workshops and other learning opportunities. 4-H Program Assistant, Deidad Wright, resigned from the Missoula County MSU Extension Office.
10. **Development Update** 
    1. **Clouse Bauer Arena** 
       1. The County Commissioners approved the construction bid for the Clouse Bauer Arena on Tuesday, 1/9/2024.
    2. **Other**
       1. The Fairgrounds signed a contact with Always On, LLC. Always On, LLC will produce a music festival at the Fairgrounds during Fourth of July weekend starting in July 2025.
       2. Billie Brown and Emily Brock have been attending neighborhood meetings in Midtown to discuss how the Fairgrounds is expanding as an event center.
11. **Adjournment**
    1. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Next meeting Thursday, February 8th, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at Missoula County Fairgrounds, Fair Office, Building #12, 1101 South Avenue W, Missoula, MT 59801.