

Three Forks Rodeo Arena Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, October 6, 2025

Our regular meeting was held on this date at the City Hall, (originally scheduled to be held at the Cook Shack, but due to cold temperatures was move to) at 206 Main Street, Three Forks, MT and was called to order at 5:32pm.

Present were Casey Elmore, Ann Price, Mike Lane, Gene Townsend and Ryan Hamilton. Marketing Director Christina Kamps and Executive Secretary Crystal Turner were also present. Adam Miller and Ryan Pestel were excused.

Financials & Approval of Minutes

Crystal read the claims to be paid to the Board. Crystal explained the City has sold quite a bit of bulk water, and in July the Northwestern Energy bill was roughly \$800 but that had the lights' use during that month. "This month the bill is back over \$800, but some of that is from the pump running the well selling bulk water. Do you want me to ask the Council to reimburse the Rodeo, or pay the next bill or something?" Crystal asked. Casey said go ahead and prepare something reasonable to request to the Council. Ann Price moved to approve the bills. Mike Lane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Casey said Adam relayed to him that is just over \$351,000 total in the various Rodeo accounts and the Board is sitting in good shape.

Casey asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes. Gene Townsend moved to approve the minutes of August 4th. Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rodeo & Events

Stock Contractor - The Board received two quotes from its Request for Proposals put out for a new stock contract which requested a price for the following: rough stock, timed event stock, two bull fighters, three pickup men, rough stock chute help, secretary, announcer, two timers, two judges and a funnyman/clown, and names were requested to be provided. The two proposals: one from Jacob's Livestock for \$25,000/year which includes rough stock, timed event cattle, two bull fighters, two pickup men, rough stock chute help, a secretary, two timers and two judges. The other proposal was from P9 Rodeo Company for \$32,000/year which includes pickup men, rough stock, bull fighters, timed events, an announcer, clown, and delivery/freight; this

proposal did include names/bios for staff. The board would be responsible for items not specifically listed in those proposals.

The Board discussed what a funnyman/clown act would cost, which was around \$1,500/performance. The Rodeo's PA system is not large enough to handle the crowd size of the annual rodeo. It's great for all other events, but you get 3,000 people in the stands and the sound gets buffered or muffled somehow. Another amp and two additional speakers would be necessary, or perhaps renting equipment. The last announcer rented equipment. There was discussion on what the announcer was paid. There were a lot of comments about Ryan (last few years' announcer) and what a great job he did. He was paid \$700/performance by Jacob's, and the sound tech was paid \$500/performance. If the Rodeo Board is responsible for the announcer they would like to get Ryan again and know he is worth a little more for each night's performance. Even if the Board paid \$1500/performance for announcer and sound tech, and \$1500/funnyman, it would still be less expensive with Jacob's proposal over P9's, where the Board will still have to hire all the extras. Christina Kamps and Ryan Hamilton are to reach out to Ryan Davis (announcer), and Mindy Avila (sound tech), and Tate Rhoads (funnyman) to see if they would be available on our dates in the three next years as well as see what equipment would need rented for them so they have everything they need for our rodeo weekends. Casey will ask Adam Miller to price out subwoofers. Gene Townsend moved to accept Jacob's Livestock proposal at \$25,000/year for the rodeos in 2026, 2027 and 2028. Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Projects Nothing at this time.

Master Plan Adam Miller is still working with Ahren Hastings on the bleacher addition wings. Regarding the box seating over the chutes and new crow's nest - Cody & Kari Ham were invited to attend back in August but said they may not be available at the October meeting.

Internal Operations ATM lease agreement - no update.

Arena Operations - no update.

New Business

Casey announced that a VIP table has come available for Saturday night at the Kalispell annual rodeo and he asked the Northern Rodeo to send us an invoice. Crystal will get that paid, and then reserve rooms for the Kamps, Hamilton's and Elmore's from 10/31-11/2.

The next meeting would be 11/3/2025, but Crystal said she would be driving back from California that day and asked if the board could postpone the meeting until the 4th. All agreed. The meeting will be on 11/4/2025 at 5:30 at City Hall.

With no further business, Ryan Hamilton moved to adjourn. Gene Townsend seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.