

Three Forks Rodeo Arena Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting held Monday, March 3, 2025

Our regular meeting was held on this date at City Hall, 206 Main Street, Three Forks, MT at 5:30pm.

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

Financials & Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes ready for approval.

Adam stated there are only two bills entered so far: Christina Kamps' monthly stipend and the Northwestern Energy bill.

Gene Townsend moved to approve the bills. Ryan Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adam reported the cash on hand was similar to last month, a little more than \$278,000. The bleacher loan interest rate was reduced to 5%, which will be shown on the next payment due in August. The two CDs are at 5% and 4.25%.

Rodeo & Events

Casey distributed Marty Lyons' quote for the 2025 rodeo videography and advertisement screens. He is offering a free day on the screen due to last year's issue, and there is not charge for the screen for ads placed the week ahead of the event. The total cost is \$7,500 which is less than any other rodeos are paying. Marty offered to chat with the Cowboy Channel to regarding airing the Three Forks Rodeo, and he can offer drone coverage this year. Ryan Hamilton moved to accept Marty Lyons' quote. Gene Townsend seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Christina reported Brian Neimann has reached out to her and Crystal about jumping from an airplane and flying the American Flag into the arena during the National

Anthem. We do not know his cost yet, but he offered that he has spoken with DZone in Three Forks about using one of their planes which would save costs from him flying a separate plane here. Christina will follow up with Brian for more specific quotes.

Crystal reported the trick riders are now three girls interested this year. Christina said one more year would be good, the show seems to be a huge crowd pleaser. After three years, maybe it will be a good idea to try something new for the mid-event show.

Crystal said she already has several food vendor applications in. Jam N' Spud had called her as well, but again he wants to tap into water and use our utilities. Crystal informed him she has other vendors already so encouraged him to submit his application soon so that he could have a spot (to date no application has been received). She informed him he cannot tap into the Rodeo's water (it is not potable water anyway) and that he would still need to bring a generator if the new electrical project is not complete by July.

Rodeo is again the same week as the Gallatin County Fair and the Big Sky PBR. Christina will reach out to David at Bridger Brewing to see if he has his summer music lineup set yet in hopes we are not competing with a concert again this year.

Committee Reports

Special Projects: Northwestern Energy additional power to be hooked up, still no news on this. Steve Johnston will do the locates before digging, but someone still needs to call in 811 when they are ready (Mike Helzer to do this?).

PA System: Adam reported the system weighs 40-45 pounds and so it totally packable. It can fit inside a large plastic tote and easily be carried and locked up in the Cook Shack or elsewhere when not in use. (This weight includes the amp.) Adam did not have an update of delivery date.

Master Plan: Bleachers -nothing to update on the bleachers at this meeting.

New Business

Casey and Ryan Hamilton said they would do a work day and ensure the gates are sliding well prior to High School Rodeo.

Ryan Pestel reported Tim Denson has reached out to him asking if the Board would consider hosting a demolition derby. Ryan informed Tim that he had concerns with metal scraps being left in the arena and the liability of animals getting hurt. The Board agreed and said this would not be a good use of the arena. Ryan will relay this information to Tim Denson.

Mike Lane said there are a couple green panel fencing missing. Crystal had asked Public Works employees to ensure they hadn't borrowed them for any city purpose; they had not. Casey asked Mike to go to Murdoch's or Rocky Mountain and pick up two, and up to six, more panels

With no further business, Gene Townsend moved to adjourn. Mike Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

The next meeting will be 4/7/2025 at 5:30 at the Library.