Proposed Minutes MetraPark Advisory Board Meeting March 25, 2025

ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS: Dana Bishop, Pam Ask, Charlie Loveridge, Kevan Bryan, Jase Muri, Brian Brown, Jennifer Sayler, Woody Woods, Joy Culver,

ABSENT: Steve Hurd, Mike Mayott

COMMISSIONERS: John Ostlund, Mark Morse, Mike Waters

<u>OTHERS</u>: MetraPark Staff: Tim Wombolt, Michaela Woempner, Kate Hogan, Darcie Tempel, Liz Arlian, Callie Clark, David Roth, Casey Conlon, Aly Eggart, David Allen, Aaron Leavitt, Todd Garlock, Evelyn Pyburn, Deb Christensen (recording)

GUESTS:

Aly Eggart introduced Casey Conlon. He has taken Evan Black's position for the board.

OPENING REMARKS

Vice President Dana Bishop called the meeting to order and greeted everyone in attendance.

<u>MINUTES</u>

The motion to approve was made by Pam Ask and seconded by Charlie Loveridge. They were approved unanimously.

MANAGERS REPORTS

Monthly reports are in the packets.

Stoney Field –Stoney is out of town at Mid-West Fairs. He has a report in the packet.

Tim Goodridge – Tim is out of town at Mid-West Fairs.

Tim Wombolt – report in the package. The gaps reported for Operations and Entertainment are due to restructuring that has been done since last year.

Cody Reitz – Cody was not available for the meeting today but here is a report in the packet. Mike Waters asked Darcie about the lack of concerts this year. Darcie reiterated Cody's statement that it is due to lack of touring acts this year. Darcie reported that we more than likely will not have an overall MontanaFair sponsor this year. She said that it will not necessarily affect the bottom line.

Mike Groscop - no report in the packet due to time constraints. Charlie asked how the

"healthy food" options went over the last few weeks. He reported that he is pleased with the outcome and expects that it will continue to get better.

Craig Peterson – Report is in the packet. Craig was absent from the meeting,

Fair Committee- Michaela had a report in the packet. The Pepsi Concert series is on sale as is the 6 pack of gate passes.

David Roth – brought a report to the meeting. PBR tickets are selling but Friday is a little lower than last year. Saturday is about on track.

CMS – Aaron Leavitt and Todd Garlock were in attendance. Aaron reported that things went relatively smooth for the last few weeks with basketball and wrestling. They have been monitoring the bags, making sure that medical bags are indeed medical bags and same with diaper bags. Teams are using the back doors. Dana said there will be approximately 2500-2700 wrestlers this weekend for the MT Open. Aaron reported that it just makes it easier if everyone is consistent with the rules from the beginning.

<u>All Committee</u> – Minutes was in the packet. Woody mentioned that the board still needs to get "Friends of the Fair" sponsorships in. Woody wanted to let the board know about "Special Needs Day" for the fair. The board is invited to help and participate as it is a very rewarding day. Meetings for All Committee will be on 2nd Thursday of the month at 9 am in the Hospitality Room on the 3rd floor of MetraPark. David Allen said he is loving seeing all the new dirt for the arena. They are busy selling sponsorships for the rodeo for MontanaFair. He gave kudos to the bidding process for the excellent choice on the arena hardware that was chosen as it is world class. There will be approximately 3200 seats with 300 VIP.

Unfinished Business- N/A

New Business – N/A

<u>Commissioners Comments</u> – Mark Morse said he is happy with the way things are shaping up. Mike waters explained the move of the Elections Department to Cedar Hall on MetraPark grounds. They will be paying rent for the building. This will be for 2026. John thanked Mike for the good lunch.

Advisory Board Comments – N/A

Public comment – N/A

Meeting was adjourned.