

**FORT ASSINIBOINE and DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jen Christianson, Dawn Fortin, Felicia Bilau, Jenni Williams, Linda Vaudan, Kelsey Thompson, Jen Wood (left at 9:03 p.m.) and Devin Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Renfert, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Ashley Marcellus
Jessika Savoie
Danny Williams

CALL TO ORDER:

J. Christianson, President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

D. Williams moved and J. Wood seconded that the February 12, 2024 agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

F. Bilau moved and L. Vaudan seconded that the January 8, 2024 regular Board meeting minutes be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

Danny Williams, Fort Assiniboine Fire Department, was in attendance to discuss activities planned for the Hamlet Hoedown and access. Diamond 2 was offered, giving access to the track if required.

Ashley Marcellus, Lawnmower Racing, was in attendance to discuss the organization's participation in the Hamlet Hoedown event. She indicated that the group only required about 1.5 – 2 hours, and suggested 2 – 4 p.m. or 3 – 5 p.m.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT:

The Bookkeeper's February 2024 report was reviewed. L. Renfert moved that the Bookkeepers February 2024 report be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

FMM REPORT:

J. Christianson reported that Julie DeGroot's last day was February 6, 2024 and that Penny Price was covering the position until a new FMM was hired.

AAAS CONVENTION UPDATE:

Dawn Fortin and Jennifer Christianson attended the 2024 convention. The provided information gathered from the sessions and stated the next conference is scheduled for January 30 – February 1, 2025 at the River Cree.

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OLD BUSINESS:

CASINO is scheduled for April 18 & 19, 2024. J. Christianson reported that 5 volunteers have put their name in so far and that 10 volunteers were required for the event. Rooms will be need to be booked when all the volunteer positions are filled.

County Ball may be folding if more volunteers don't come forward. There is a meeting tonight that will determine the fate of the 2024 season.

Secretary/Bookkeeper applications are being accepted until February 16, 2024. There are currently 6 resumes and interviewing will take place after Family Day.

ATB Financial – J. Christianson reported she had been in contact with the Credit Union, TD and Scotia banks with respect to service and fees. J. Christianson indicated she would have a comparison for the next meeting.

Accountants were notified with respect to the rates they charge for their service and J. Christianson found that our current accountant is fair in their fees. L. Renfert moved and F. Bilau seconded that the Fort Assiniboine Agricultural Society continue using Hawkings Tinney as their accountant. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE/E-MAILS:

AAAS 2024 AGM was circulated with the agenda package for the members perusal.

Woodlands County Recreation Survey Results were reviewed by J. Christianson.

NEW BUSINESS:

FMM Resumes close February 16, 2024. There are currently 4 submissions and all will be interviewed after the long weekend. The Ag. Society may have to provide Zamboni and ice training for the successful applicant.

Destruction of Documents –

D. Fortin moved and K. Thompson seconded accept the destruction of 2002 – 2012 documents on January 22, 2024. CARRIED.

HOEDOWN:

David Jukebox Lee was proposed for dance entertainment. DJ Services are \$2,600 plus GST and require 2 rooms.

Ideas for this year's theme will be advertised on the website and Facebook. The winner will receive a free pass to the Hoedown.

Kids Korner inflatables have been booked. Other ideas for the weekend were discussed.

EVENTS:

Do More Ag. Foundation Workshop was discussed. J. Christianson will put in a bid for them to facilitate a workshop.

Outdoor Education Summer Program for the children were discussed. J. Christianson will approach the facilitator to see if they can hold a summer program in Fort Assiniboine.

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Worshop Ideas are wanted for future activities, and are asked to be submitted to the executive.

Travel Voucher Raffle was proposed. J. Christianson reported she had seen a similar raffle taking place in High Level and it seemed to be received quite well. It was agreed to have a \$5,000 Travel Voucher raffle for \$40/ ticket and only 250 tickets to be sold.

MEETING TIMES were discussed. D. Williams indicated that more Fire Department members would attend if the meeting time were moved. The next Ag. Society meeting will be March 11, 2024; commencing at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Christianson adjourned the February 12, 2024 meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary/Bookkeeper

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