East Otter Tail County Agricultural Society P.O. Box 152 Perham, MN 56573

February 2024

Dear Township Government Boards,

East Otter Tail County Fair will be celebrating 113 years of providing Family Fun and Entertainment to East Otter Tail County.

I am sending this correspondence requesting a consideration for funds to help with our operational expenses such as providing family entertainment, educational activities, building maintenance, new building structures, fairground improvements, and general expenses that are necessary for us to continue hosting the East Otter Tail County Fair. We rely on numerous donations and sponsors to operate the county fair and have been facing several cut backs in funding due to the economy. We are seeking annual donations from our County Townships and Cities so that we will be able to continue the tradition of providing a family oriented carnival and county fair.

County Fair Federations we were informed that Township and City governments are allowed to make donations to county fairs according to Minnesota Statue§38.12. A town board may appropriate and pay up to \$1000 a year to a county agricultural society that is a member of the state agricultural society that hold a fair in the town or in a close proximity. This authority is supplemental to any other existing appropriation authority Minn.Stat. §38.20.

A town board of a town with a taxable market value of over \$105,000,000 may appropriate and pay the county up to \$10,000 to aid in the improvement of county fairgrounds located in the town. Minn. Stat. §38.18-19.

Any contribution that you would be proud to give on behalf of your township would be greatly appreciated. You may indicate specifically how you would like your funds to be used.

Our Fair Board Directors would be willing to attend your monthly or annual meeting to provide you with further information or answer any questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to arrange a Fair Board Director to attend your meeting.

You may contact Diane Sazama at 218-849-7520 after 6pm or by e-mail: woolyacres@arvig.net. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

East Otter Tail County Agricultural Society/East Otter Tail County Fair Viane Digama

Diane Sazama

East Otter Tail County Fair Secretary/Treasurer

EAST OTTER TAIL COUNTY FAIR

JULY 25-28, 2024

BUSINESS OWNERS and SPONSORS,

East Otter Tail County Fair Agricultural Society P.O. Box 152 Perham, MN 56573 218-346-2750 (July only)

Greetings, as in past years we have sent letters to business owners located in East Otter Tail County and have asked for your support. We are very grateful for all the generous donations that we have received in the past years, and we hope that you will be proud to support the County Fair in 2024 too.

Sponsorship Donations help provide many opportunities to continue the family-oriented tradition of a carnival, entertainment, and for the FFA, 4-H and the Open Class Entrants to exhibit their projects at the County Fair. Other areas that you may support include Senior Citizen Day, Building & Maintenance, general expenses, Grandstand Events-Demo Derby and Tractor Pulls, Music Entertainment, and many other areas.

We are a non-profit organization so any donation that you make is tax deductible and we will send you a receipt. Your name will be posted to our website as a sponsor of the EOT County Fair. Be sure to check out both sides of the sponsorship form to see the different levels of support available. Therefore, we are asking for your generous financial support that you would be proud to help with. We would like to thank you for your support, and we hope you can join us as we celebrate 113 years.

The Perham Focus newspaper will be selling ads for the premium book. This publication has a circulation of 14,000 and will be distributed before the 4th of July weekend. We encourage you to consider placing an ad in this year's premium booklet as it is certain to benefit your business. This is an excellent opportunity to work together and promote both the fair and your business.

A SPECIAL BANNER WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR 2024 SPONSORS THAT CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE FAIR.

FAIR OFFICE HOURS: (218) 346-2750 (July Only)

- # JULY 16 & 18 (Tuesday & Thursday) (6 to 7 pm)
- * July 22, July 23 (6 TO 9 pm), July 24 (Noon-9pm)
- # July 25, 26, 27 (10am-10pm) July 28 (10am-7pm)
- * July 29 (Noon -2:00 pm)- Monday after the fair

Any questions prior to July you may contact Diane Sazama

218-849-7520 or woolyacres@arvig.net

Please call Monday- Thursday after 6 pm or leave a message.

Sincerely,

Diane Sazama

East Otter Tail County Fair Secretary/ Treasurer

Encl: Sponsorship Form (salmon paper)-Please return by June 15, 2024