

RESOLUTION MINNEHAHA COUNTY 22-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TASK FORCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING AND ESTABLISHING A VISION FOR THE WILLIAM H. LYON FAIR GROUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, in 1938 Winona Axtell Lyon made a gift of certain real estate to Minnehaha County in commemoration of her deceased husband William H. Lyon and that such gift was to be thereafter designated as the William H. Lyon Fair Grounds;

**WHEREAS**, in 1942 Winona Axtell Lyon made a further gift of additional real estate to Minnehaha County in commemoration of her deceased husband William H. Lyon as an expansion of the William H. Lyon Fair Grounds;

**WHEREAS**, the William H. Lyon Fair Grounds is the site of the Sioux Empire Fair, 4-H Achievement Days, Sioux Empire Livestock Show, sporting events, community events, horse shows and rodeos;

**WHEREAS**, 600,000 people attend an event at the Fair Grounds each year;

**WHEREAS**, the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners seeks to focus future county investments, community support and donor gifts, both for facilities and general operating support, to best meet the needs of the community and the intent of the Lyon's gift;

**WHEREAS**, the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners seeks to identify diverse community stakeholders with no identifiable conflict of interest who are willing to invest time into this important strategic planning process related to the Fair Grounds, including a review of existing facilities, financials, events and opportunities.

**WHEREAS**, the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners seeks to honor the wishes of Winona Axtell Lyon, recognize the community support for the activities at the Fair Grounds; and desires to envision a Fair Grounds that meets the evolving needs of stakeholders, including exhibitors, participants, attendees, and sponsors of all such events both now and in the future;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that a task force be established to review and establish a vision for the William H. Lyon Fair Grounds

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ of January, 2022.

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Cindy Heiberger, Chair  
Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Bennett Kyte  
Minnehaha County Auditor