



Fair Board Meeting

Date: January 20th, 2025

Facilitated by Joan Kutchin, President

Recorded by Andy Pike, Asst Secretary

Present: Chad Horling, Teddy Omlor, Seth Hulst, Andy Pike, Kevin Mike Wells, Rhiannon Finkler, Grace VanDenBrink, Maria Dunneback, Curtis Kruithoff, Ken Zahm, Joan Kutchin, Jon Monroe, Karla Potts, Tom Killebrew, Kevin Graftema, Curt Visser, Brenden Visser, Dylan Visser

Absent:, Megan Byrne, TJ Murphy, Randy VanManen

Topic	Discussion
1. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve made by Curtis Kruithoff second by Kevin Graftema. Motion passed.
2. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas card from Kona Ice \$2,000 donation from Ottawa Excavating to place on the mortgage
3. Raceway Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raceway is not present.
4. Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banks are reconciled through December 31st, 2024. Raceway is paid on all invoices. Waiting on a livestock check of \$3,200 from Rocking AC Cattle.
5. Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive – Raceway has personnel changes. Went over the race schedule with them recently in person. Racetrack liquor license has been audited and will be getting updated. We would like to host a Fall Truck Pull – possibly the first weekend in October. We will be signing a 3 year contract with Skerbeck Family Carnival (2026-2028) 2026 – July 5-11 2027- July 4-10 2028- July 2-8

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities – Test results came back on transformers and they are all needing to be updated. Got a quote from Buist Electrical to update the transformers and will get a second quote from Windemuller. • Commercial Vendors – Working on digital layout of the fairgrounds. • Still Exhibits – No report. • Livestock – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Leader meeting is next Monday January 27 th 2025 at 19:00 -Scale head/Back up will cost \$1500 -Scales have been re calibrated -Feeder calf weigh in will be April 26 th 2025 from 10-12 -Lamb and Goat weigh in is April 26 th 2025 from 10-12 - Art Smith is ok with running the auction again this year. Does not recommend doing online bidding. -Load of for livestock will be Saturday evening of the fair at 23:00 -Have 58 Market Beef weighed in this year -Have 70 Feeder calf declaration this year • Winter Storage – We are officially full for the season. • Parking – No report. • Adv & Promotion – Waiting on final grandstand events. • Entertainment – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Working with I heart radio and WMUS on a pre party -Looking at a chainsaw carving guy this year. -Looking into a second form of entertainment still • Rodeo – No report. • Grandstand – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tuesday West Michigan Pullers -Wednesday USA Demo Derby -Thursday working on an event still

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	<p data-bbox="552 185 999 217">-Friday and Saturday is the Rodeo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="506 289 800 321">• Horse – No report. <li data-bbox="506 358 842 391">• Camping – No report. <li data-bbox="506 428 894 461">• Social Media – No report.
6. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="457 467 621 500">• No report.
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="457 500 1283 532">• -Draft horses are conserved about leaving on Saturday night. <li data-bbox="457 537 1283 570">• -Draft horse could be used as shuttles from the king property. <li data-bbox="457 574 1125 607">• -Talked to a couple secure companies at MAFIA. <li data-bbox="457 612 1667 837"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="457 612 968 644">• -Voted on Junior fair board members <li data-bbox="548 644 1020 677">Curtis and Teddy counted the votes. <li data-bbox="611 677 1346 709">Brenden and Dylan will be the junior fair board members. <li data-bbox="611 709 1667 774">Motion was made by Seth and seconded by Teddy to make them junior fair board members <li data-bbox="611 774 1493 807">Chad made a motion to destroy the votes with a second from Curtis. <li data-bbox="457 807 1241 837">• -There might be an open fair board spot if you know anyone.
8. Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="457 846 1335 909"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="457 846 1335 878">• -Check into racetrack possible promotion our grandstand events? <li data-bbox="506 878 1052 909">• -Euchre in March on Saturday at 19:00

Next Meeting is Monday, February, 17th, 2025.