



Fair Board Meeting

Date: November 17th, 2025

Facilitated by Joan Kutchin, President

Recorded by Megan Byrne, Asst Secretary

Present: Chad Horling, Seth Hulst, Kevin Graftema, Maria Dunneback, Curtis Kruithoff, Joan Kutchin, Jon Monroe, Karla Potts, Andy Pike, Teddy Omlor, Curt Visser, Braden Monroe, Michelle Seifert

Absent: Ken Zahm, TJ Murphy, Ken Zahm, Mike Wells, Tom Killebrew, Mike Piper

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"> • No report.
3. Raceway Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raceway is not present. No report.
4. Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banks are reconciled through November 13th, 2025. •
5. Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive – Update from the 10/7/2025 meeting. • Facilities – Zach Voogt flew a drone over last week to shoot elevations so that he can size what we need to get the water out of the pits of the track. We are waiting to hear back from him. Mike Bursley is aware we are working on this. Water to the office will be shut off 11/20/2025.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Vendors – No report. • Still Exhibits – No report. • Livestock – Beef weigh in will be held December 13th from 9am-11am. Declarations are slowly coming in – 22 so far for Beef. They are due next week. Poultry declaration are in; we have about the same number as last year so far. Reached out to Tim May about recalibrating the scales. • Winter Storage – We do have some space still. • Parking – No report. • Adv & Promotion – We will be working on the sponsor letter so that we can have it available in the next week or so. Goal is to have this out before next month so we can get this in front of businesses before the first of the year. • Entertainment – Kids market is confirmed for Wednesday of fair. This is an organization that reached out, they need 7000 sq feet, they bring a minimum of 50 vendors and all kids made items and kids selling them. • Rodeo – Contract with Twisted P Rodeo was signed 11/16/2025 for \$31,000. They will be working with us to coordinate a IPRA rodeo and a Ranch Rodeo. • Grandstand – Jon is actively looking at • Horse – No report. • Camping – No report. • Social Media – No report.
6. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Company – Chad was able to negotiate \$3,500/month and signed a 3 month contract with potential of it going longer. • Hunger Grant – this did come in higher than we anticipated. We did donate \$451.10 in the cost that was over the estimate. Coopersville Cares was extremely excited to receive this.
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Heifer – last month we brought this up for discussion and held over for this month. We discussed how we could test for pregnant heifer. This has not gone through as a rule change to date. Rhiannon reached out to a superintendent at Allegan fair, they do not allow pregnant heifers there either. They require

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	<p>a negative test with an RFID 30 days prior to fair. Also chatted with Newaygo Fair and they just started market heifers so they have not incorporated a rule yet.</p> <p>Rhiannon also reached out to Sparta Vet Clinic, estimated \$100 per heifer for pregnancy test.</p> <p>Motion for additional rule made by Rhiannon Finkler, Market Heifers must provide a negative pregnancy test or pregnancy check letter from a certified veterinarian performed within 2 weeks from fair check-in, to verify the heifer is open. The test or letter must include the animals RFID and Berlin Fair tag number. Second by Kevin Graftema. All were in favor, motion passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAFE Convention – Please let Megan know by Monday 11/24/2025.
<p>8. Good of the Order</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No good or the orders.

Next Meeting is Monday, December 15th, 2025 at 7:00pm.