



## Fair Board Meeting

**Date:** December 15th, 2025

**Facilitated by** Joan Kutchin, President

**Recorded by** Megan Byrne, Asst Secretary

**Present:** Chad Horling, Seth Hulst, Kevin Graftema , Maria Dunneback, Joan Kutchin, Jon Monroe, Karla Potts, Curt Visser, Braden Monroe, Michelle Seifert, Mike Wells, Karla Willcome, Mary Willcome, Fred Karel, Ken Zahm, Curt Visser, Dylan Visser, TJ Murphy

**Absent:** Tom Killebrew. Curtis Kruihoff, Andy Pike, Teddy Omlor

Topic	Discussion
<b>Approval of By Laws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrections were made by Adam Sheridan our lawyer. These were sent out to all association members in November for review. Motion made to move forward with By Law changes. All were in favor. Motion passed.</li> </ul>
<b>1. Approval of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve made by Kevin Graftema second by Randy VanManen. Motion passed.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you from the Popma's and a couple of Christmas cards.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Raceway Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raceway is not present. No report.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Treasurers Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banks are reconciled through December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.</li> <li>• Raceway is 3 months behind on paying rent. Chad is going to talk to Mike to catch this up.</li> <li>• We did get an invoice from Contract Electric for \$11,000 – this was part of the grant.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Committee Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Executive</b> – No update.</li> <li>• <b>Facilities</b> – The electric company that was renting the lot will be leaving in the next week.</li> <li>• <b>Commercial Vendors</b> – No report.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Still Exhibits</b> – No report.</li> <li>• <b>Livestock</b> – Beef weigh in was held December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am. Weighed in 7- animals with 55 exhibitors. Some had horns that were educated on removal along with one that needed castration. Went well overall. Reminders will go out on upcoming declarations that are do. Poultry cages came in as well.</li> <li>• <b>Winter Storage</b> – Still have a couple pieces coming in this week and then we are done for the season. Total so far was roughly the same as last year \$70,000.</li> <li>• <b>Parking</b> – No report.</li> <li>• <b>Adv &amp; Promotion</b> – Teddy had L&amp;L print the letters and they have gone out in the mail today.</li> <li>• <b>Entertainment</b> –. Maria and Randy met with the Kids Market, they are confirmed to host this during Kids Day. They run a span of 4 hours and are hoping to do 1-5 along side the event. This would cause the beer tent to open 30 minutes later which all were in favor of.</li> <li>• <b>Rodeo</b> – No update.</li> <li>• <b>Grandstand</b> – Anyone that can make it to convention, there is an outfit called Lickity Split Demo Derby and we would like to get an idea for them.</li> <li>• <b>Horse</b> – No report.</li> <li>• <b>Camping</b> – Sending in the camping permit tomorrow.</li> <li>• <b>Social Media</b> – Teddy started posting doing sponsor posts.</li> </ul>
6. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hunger Grant</b> – Joan submitted the report. Total of \$ donated.</li> </ul>
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax exemption passed at the township; Ken is going to touch base with township to see if it will retro.</li> <li>• Beef Show – (Kristy Pike) there will be a t-shirt order as well as some social media posts that they would like to post through our Facebook.</li> <li>• Karla Willcome – Wondering what the purpose of having leaders if they do not have a say in anything. Are we going to have a livestock committee meeting that includes the leaders. Depending on the purpose of what the leaders are, what are our duties. If we don't have a say in anything, what's the purpose? <b>Rhiannon</b> – Reassured Karla that we are</li> </ul>

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	<p>scheduling a committee meeting with leaders to address questions/concerns. Felt that at the last couple of meetings have not been very productive. Sent out an email to leaders to get there input and did not receive any feedback from any of the leaders following that email. We normally do a Jan/Feb and one before fair. <b>Joan</b> – the fair board is the one that now makes the decisions/rules, not the livestock committee/leaders. We always want input from everyone to try and improve in all of these areas. When we have our next leader meeting, encourage the group to speak up and give input so that we can build a clear process.</p>
<p><b>8. Good of the Order</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No good or the orders.</li> </ul>

Next Meeting is Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00pm.