



Fair Board Meeting

Date: February 17th, 2025

Facilitated by Joan Kutchin, President

Recorded by Megan Byrne, Asst Secretary

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

Absent: Curt Visser, Brenden Visser, Dylan Visser

Topic	Discussion
1. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve made by Kevin Graftema second by Seth Hulst. Motion passed.
2. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No correspondence.
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 February 17th, 2025. 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 – We met 2/13/2025, the largest conversation was discussing the application process for grant dollars. We would like to propose the electrical upgrade to the fairgrounds. We would like to focus on the main grounds upgrade (not including the campground). We have obtained two quotes (Windemueller and Buist). <p>Discussed security for fair week. Joan is going to be reaching out to two different companies for quotes.</p> <p>We would like to do a memorial monetary donation to two of our fair patrons Chad Aertz and Helen Byrne.</p>

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	<p>We are going to knock off \$100,000 worth of insurance from tractors. Continuing to look at going back to K&K insurance to get another quote to try and reduce this cost.</p> <p>Fairgrounds truck pulls will take place October 4th, 2025. Chad has been in contact with Andy Janssen and we are looking to get more sponsors to make the larger payouts. We are going to look at performing a Calcutta auction during the pulls as well as a fundraiser.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities – Jon Monroe and his kids helped get the brush burned over at the new property this month. Top Notch Pros loaned us a mini excavator to help get this taken care of. • Commercial Vendors – Letters have been sent out to all of last years vendors with the dates of the fair. Included was the “read the rules’ and new applications. We have 9 contracts out already. • Still Exhibits – No report. • Livestock – Schoenborn’s are confirmed for trucking. We will need to confirm with Andy Pike that Jake White will be hauling the remainder. Chad will talk to Randy Lettinga to confirm that we are all set with Ravenna Auction. Joan will follow up with Tim May on processors for this year as well. Chad will line up sawdust for fair week. Will be reaching out to see if Adventure CU will be doing the clerking this year as well. 126 total hogs, we have room for 134. We will let all of the 7-year-olds show at this point. • Winter Storage – No report. • Parking – No report. • Adv & Promotion – Waiting on final on grounds and grand stand events, once we have those we can work on sponsors and letters. • Entertainment – Working with I heart radio and WMUS on a pre party Saturday – if we would like to do advertising with them it could be \$2500 cash hold and then a match of \$3000 for additionally marketing. Working on finalizing the on grounds entertainment. We should have final contracts this month. • Rodeo – No report.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandstand – -Tuesday West Michigan Pullers - \$8,700 -Wednesday USA Demo Derby & Bump N Run – \$7,300 and does require a deposit, ambulance will be needed from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. -Thursday working on an event still. Looking at a SMX show which is a motocross show. This is \$12,000 to get this show here. Discussed and decided to pass on this one. Potentially look at doing a car show – no admission charge but gate fees still being applied for those coming in. • Horse – Megan will reach out to Jaime Ritsema (Draft Club President) to discuss the potential of utilizing the new property for the draft group on Saturday morning to not impede on their Saturday event schedule. Last. Wrapped up the Horsemanship Program year with our banquet Feb 1st. • Camping – No report. • Social Media – No report.
6. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There might be an open fair board spot if you know anyone.
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal made by Teddy Omlor to move forward with the grant application to update the electrical and specifically the transformer replacement in the amount of up to \$50,000. The application amount would be \$100,000. Seconded by Ken Zahm. All in favor, motion passed. Buist and Windemuller were both quoted on this job, Windemuller was roughly \$7,000 less, therefor winning the bid for this job. Andy Pike will work with them to discuss invoicing process to see if we are able to hold off until we have the grant processed/see if we are accepted.
8. Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euchre – will be the four Saturdays and March and first one in April.

Next Meeting is Monday, March 17th, 2025.