



Fair Board Meeting

Date: March 17th, 2025

Facilitated by Joan Kutchin, President

Recorded by Megan Byrne, Asst Secretary

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

Absent: Tom Killebrew

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 May 19th, 2025.
5. Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive – Reviewed minutes from our May 15th board meeting. • Facilities – Rehman will be bringing a tractor for down in the tracks and possibly a skidsteer, Carlton will bring a skidsteer, GreenMark bringing the trash tractor and possibly skidsteer, Burnips bringing a skidsteer. Alta will be bringing a loader with forks and skidsteer. McCann is bringing a loader and skidsteer. McCalister is bringing light towers for King property, teller handler and loader. Ottawa Excavators will be tightening the King Property up prior to fair as well.

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	<p>Bleachers in the livestock arena and some of the picnic tables are getting a fresh coat of paint by Terrie Graftema.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Vendors – 15 confirmed with money back. Waiting on 5 proposals to still confirm. Did get permission from Skerbeck’s to allow Coopersville Creamy to come on board as well. Meeting soon to determine a layout for fair week. • Still Exhibits – Ribbons have been ordered. We will need tables set up in the barns the weekend prior along with the curtains. • Livestock – Ribbons and trophies are ordered with Awards Plus. We have almost all of our judges squared away – looking for a cat judge and poultry judge. Terrie and Joan met with Meijer last week and Interurban Depot and should be all set for the buyers dinner. There are 6 heifers – there was a rule placed in the book regarding not allowing pregnant heifers, this will be voided this year. Parent Meeting – June 2nd at 7pm. We will need a couple more panels for hog photos this year. • Winter Storage – Camp N Cruise has been working on their barns the last few nights. All other items have been removed. • Parking – Sign Up Genius will be going out to pick up additional volunteers. • Adv & Promotion – Signs are starting to go up in the community. We are working on spreading them out in the areas we can get the most foot traffic. • Entertainment – We are sitting good right now. We will be selling pop and water in the grandstands Tues/Wed (no alcohol) along with some chips/snacks. We only have 3 tickets left for Disability Awareness Day. Rodeo Preparty is starting to gain attention as well. • Rodeo – Will talk further into plan during our June 9th fair board meeting (parking, rodeo contestants overnight, office staffing). • Grandstand – We will need volunteers to assist with brooming off the track, Jon will keep the group posted to get volunteers lined up.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse – Jaime Ritsema lined up a Draft Horse judge. Horse stalls will be going up next week. Next horse shows are – Thursday May 29th and June 6&7 • Camping – Camping deadline was May 8th. There are a few spots left in the lottery system for this year that will be given away during the parent meeting. • Social Media – Continuing to push events of fair week on Facebook and boost them. Only spent 25% of the budget for marketing and we have higher interest than last year.
6. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
8. Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder that fair board member interest forms are due at our June meeting. • Dan Momber said he would bring his steer Sy if his health is good.

Next Meeting is Monday, June 9th, 2025.