



## Fair Board Meeting

**Date:** June 9th, 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, Joan Kutchin, Jon Monroe, Karla Potts, Andy Pike, Fred Karel, Terri Graftema, Teddy Omlor, Tom Killebrew

**Absent:** Curt Visser, Brenden Visser, Dylan Visser, Ken Zahm

Topic	Discussion
1. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve made by Kevin Graftema second by Curtis Kruithoff. Motion passed.</li> </ul>
2. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No correspondence.</li> </ul>
3. Raceway Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raceway is not present.</li> </ul>
4. Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banks are reconciled through June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.</li> </ul>
5. Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Executive</b> –No report</li> <li>• <b>Facilities</b> – Sitting pretty good right now. Ottawa Excavating is wrapping up on the King property and donated all of the materials and work. Chad has been working to fix a few things in the campground this week. Andy will be getting a new flag for the livestock arena. All of the new transformers are up.</li> <li>• <b>Commercial Vendors</b> – 27 confirmed commercial vendors.</li> <li>• <b>Still Exhibits</b> – Thank you to Randy and Kevin, they were able to get all of the stuff down for the still exhibit barn.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Livestock</b> – All of our judges are confirmed. Trophies and ribbons are in and will be sorted through this week. Sign Up Genius is looking good, few areas still needing more volunteers. Open Beef – How old does a kid need to be to show open? This has been a topic with leaders. Worried about safety with the younger children wanting to participate.</li> <li>• <b>Winter Storage</b> – No report.</li> <li>• <b>Parking</b> – Figuring out the parking for rodeo night. Will have to gauge after rodeo entries closes how large of quantity of contestants we will have.</li> <li>• <b>Adv &amp; Promotion</b> – Small yard signs and large yard signs were put out over the last week. Radio recording has been proofed and sounds great, that should start going out this week on Joy 99 and WGSV. Large Signs – Priced Right Auto (Spring Lake), Russel Road McCormick's, Alt Oil, Riverridge Dairy, Mottman's, Tri State (Wilson), Cutting Edge Excavating (Chicago Dr), Curtis's front yard, Sparta Chevy, Weaver's Plainfield &amp; Beltline, Hile and Airline (Muskegon), Exhaust Specialties M46, Townline Poultry (96<sup>th</sup> and Quincey), Dykstra's Sandpit (120<sup>th</sup> and Fillmore), Scheonborn's on 31 &amp; Tyler, Blaine's on Wilson, VanManen/J&amp;H on Lake MI Drive, BP station on M45 and 120, Blarney Castle station on 31 &amp; M45, McCormick's Ht Ravenna &amp; Maple Island, Riverridge Cider Plant on M37 in Grant. \$47,775 in total intake for sponsorship money.</li> <li>• <b>Entertainment</b> – We are looking for additional people to assist during beer tent hours, especially to sell raffle tickets. On grounds entertainment is all set.</li> <li>• <b>Rodeo</b> – Rodeo entry opens up 6/11/2025, once it closes, we will have a good idea of what is needed parking wise.</li> <li>• <b>Grandstand</b> – Everything is looking good right and on track.</li> <li>• <b>Horse</b> – Horse stalls were put together; we did leave the NW side of the barn open for photos and spacing if needed for chickens.</li> <li>• <b>Camping</b> – All camping spots are sold and spoken for.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Social Media</b> – Numbers are up overall for all events. Looking like demolition derby is going to be the largest event with the most interest on social media.</li> </ul>
6. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still looking for a group to take money on Friday for gates.</li> </ul>
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year they are having Zion Christian run the chicken barn. They will be in on Wednesday to change banners over.</li> </ul>
8. Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

Next Meeting is Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 during fair week in the main fair office.