



## Fair Board Meeting

**Date:** February 16th, 2026

**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, Mike Wells, Karla Willcome, Ken Zahm, Curt Visser, Brenden Visser, TJ Murphy, Tom Killebrew. Curtis Kruithoff, Michelle Seifert, Andy Pike, Teddy Omlor, Fred Karel

**Absent:** Dylan Visser

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. No report.</li> </ul>
4. Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banks are reconciled through January 2026.</li> <li>• Received \$695 back from Westbend Insurance.</li> <li>• The raceway is outstanding through December.</li> </ul>
5. Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Executive</b> – No update.</li> <li>• <b>Facilities</b> – Chad had been reviewing parking lot D for any fixes needed from the electrical company, it does not look bad just a few fixes will be needed.</li> <li>• <b>Commercial Vendors</b> – We received 2 more applications; however, we will need to turn them both down due to them being ice cream and polish sausage which Skerbecks already have.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Still Exhibits</b> – No report.</li> <li>• <b>Livestock</b> – Working on getting the trophy invoices out within the next week. Only declarations left are due March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We did have two 7-year-olds sign up, and they have been notified we will not be having them compete this year. Numbers are in – 77 Feeder Calves and 133 hogs. Working on lining up slaughter trucking. Chad reached out to Acme for bulk sawdust. TSC in Coopersville is lined up for the bagged sawdust. Seth has scheduled himself to be Pylorium certified. At the March board meeting we need to set up an April spring clean-up date.</li> <li>• <b>Winter Storage</b> – No update.</li> <li>• <b>Parking</b> – Setting up the account with the easy up text place, just need the tax-exempt information.</li> <li>• <b>Adv &amp; Promotion</b> – Received two more checks in the mail – Adventure CU, Newaygo Insurance, and Coopersville Heating and Cooling.</li> <li>• <b>Entertainment</b> –</li> <li>• <b>Rodeo</b> – No update.</li> <li>• <b>Grandstand</b> – Wrapping up our final budget numbers for this year so that we can finalize the events to push the sponsorship letters. Brandon and Marty are here tonight to talk with Keiser Brother Motorsports. There is an opportunity that if we provide 8 people to car count during the bump and run, they will discount the rate by \$500. Rhiannon is going to see if the sports teams want to do it for \$250. Another fun thing that they can do is a raffle car, if there is enough time they will build one or two cars and raffle them up and will then allow the winner to drive the vehicle in the bump and run. They average to 80-120 cars during trout festival, so they are hopeful of a good turnout of 35-50 cars between all of the classes.</li> <li>• <b>Horse</b> – No update.</li> <li>• <b>Camping</b> – No update.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Social Media –</b></li> </ul>
<b>6. Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zone meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in Lake O Dessa. We need to get a deposit check to Lake O Dessa for the bleachers per Chad, he will connect with Maria to get this done.</li> <li>• We do have one position open on the board. We need help on the Grandstand Committee/Entertainment Committee. We do truly have a very heavy livestock base so we need someone outside of that realm.</li> </ul>
<b>7. New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will need some help in the People Barn this year. Michelle Kulicamp will be stepping down.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Good of the Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We do not need to rent the smaller sets (50-60-seaters) of bleachers from City of GR this year.</li> <li>• Kevin was able to find pricing as low as \$35 on signs for fair and provided information to Curt Visser for parking.</li> </ul>

Next Meeting is Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00pm.