



Fair Board Meeting

Date: March 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, , TJ Murphy, Tom Killebrew. Curtis Kruithoff, Michelle Seifert, Andy Pike, Teddy Omlor, Fred Karel, Lisa Mancarelli, Mary Willcome

Absent: Dylan Visser, Curt Visser, Brenden Visser

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1. Approval of Minutes	• Motion to approve made by Kevin Graftema second by Curtis Kruithoff. Motion passed.
2. Correspondence	• No correspondence.
3. Raceway Report	• Raceway is not present. No report.
4. Treasurers Report	• Banks are reconciled through February 2026. • The raceway is paid up as of today.
5. Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive – No update. • Facilities – We Randy met with Plummers, camera scoped and there are some under functioning drains. This project will cost roughly \$12,1500.00 to resolve the issues. This problem is causing large issues for the raceway as well. Motion was made by Kevin Graftema to approve this project, seconded by Seth Hulst. Vote was taken, all were in favor, motion carried. Contract Electric is hoping to start on the King property 3/23/2026.

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	<p>Fair clean up night will be held on Wednesday April 15th with a rain date of April 16th (This has been posted on Facebook and we will have a sign up genius up shortly).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Vendors – We received 4 confirmed vendors so fair this year. • Still Exhibits – Kelly and Brenda provided updates to the fair book already so we are all set there. We are going to order the small ribbons again this year, this seemed to go over well. • Livestock – Pig tags were handed out tonight. The remainder of the declaration have been trickling in. Motion made by Kevin Graftema to add a market fryer rabbit class to the class options, age and weight requirements would stay the same. Seconded by Curtis Kruithoff. Vote was taken, all were in favor, motion carried. Rhiannon contacted Alpine TSC for shavings, they put the request in. Randy spoke to Blaine's they are good for 2 pallets of shavings. Tri County will be providing 1 pallet of shavings. Lamb and Calf weigh in - May 2 from 10am-12pm. We have locked in with Adventure Credit Union and Bloom Credit Union for the auction along with Art Smith. Terri Graftema said she will reach out to Meijer as well for the auction night. • Winter Storage – Pull out will be April 18th and 25th – plan to pull some out on Thursday the 16th. • Parking – Received the tax-exempt form tonight and will be reserving the tents this week. • Adv & Promotion – Teddy will work with L&L Printing to work on the October Truck Pull flyer. On grounds – we worked with the wood carved to finalize his schedule. We are printing out additional sponsorship forms, please pass them out if you can. Banners for the semi have been dropped off and Randy will need some help putting these back on the semi when they come in. Yard signs – we will order 30 (did 20 last year) of the large yard signs and strategize where we will put these. We will do the same number of small yard signs that we did last year. • Entertainment –.No update. • Rodeo – No update. • Grandstand – Jeff Story has the option for us to put a sign on his pulling sled, thinking of putting our October Pull, this would cost \$1500 and we would need to provide the banner. This would stay for the whole season. This

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	<p>would be a 4ftx8ft sign. Kyser Boys heard us talking about the \$2000 incentive we did for the Derby, they are wondering if we could do that to help build in get people in. We are paying them \$4,000.00 so this would bring us to \$6,000.00, still \$1,000.00 under what it costs last year. Joan would like to table this until next month to see if we get more sponsorships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse – Lisa Mancarelli from Ottawa Co Horse Committee attended tonight’s meeting. She would like to offer her help in any way she can regarding the fair week horse show. Joan, Megan and Lisa will plan to meet within the next two weeks with the committee. • Camping – Email will be going out first week of April to reserve camping spots. • Social Media – Events are going out and are getting good interactions.
6. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone meeting May 12th at 4:30pm in Lake O Dessa. • Reminder that Megan sent out the 2026 Fair Book draft – changes/edits need to be returned to Megan by 3/23/2026. •
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made by Chad Horling and seconded by Randy VanManen. Resolution for beer tent: Be it resolved that the above organization through its duly authorized officers make application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a special license for the sale of either beer or wine for consumption on the premises. This license shall be valid and in affect July 6th – 11th, 2026. All were in favor, motion carries. •
8. Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr Fair board committee will meet within the next 2 weeks to get the post together with the application. • Lamont Chicken Barn has started communication with us on the upcoming fair and the questions that they have. Joan will continue communicating with them as well as working on a contract with them too.

Next Meeting is Monday, April 20th, 2026 at 7:00pm.