



Fair Board Meeting

Date: April 20th, 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 DeYoung, Ken Zahm, , TJ Murphy, Tom Killebrew. Curtis Kruithoff, Michelle Seifert, Andy Pike, Teddy Omlor, Fred Karel, Lisa Mancarelli, Mary Willcome, Curt Visser, Brenden Visser

Absent: Dylan Visser

Topic	Discussion
1. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve made by Kevin Graftema second by Curtis Kruithoff. Motion passed.
2. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No correspondence.
3. Raceway Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raceway met with Eboard last month – updated minutes from the meeting were provided to the group.
4. Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banks are reconciled through March 2026. • The raceway is paid up as of today.
5. Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive – Met on March 26th, minutes were reviewed. • Facilities – Chad spoke to Russ with Contract electric; there is about 2 weeks of work left. Consumers should be in within that time frame. Reminder that fair clean-up was rescheduled to Wednesday April 22nd. • Commercial Vendors – We received 2 more additional confirmed vendors since last meeting.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still Exhibits – Kelly and Brenda’s book changes were updated. No additional updates. • Livestock – Most of the trophy sponsorships are in as of today payment wise. We should probably set the parent meeting date to get it out there – Monday June 22nd at 7pm. Leader meeting will be schedule for June 16th at 7pm. Chicken judging will now be at 12:30pm on Tuesday – due to chickens coming and then back to Hehl’s by Wednesday. Kevin Werringa will be stepping down from assisting the livestock committee on all of the auction prep. We will pull a small group together to review his work load and to discuss a possible replacement. • Winter Storage – Pull out will be April 25th – plan to pull some out on Thursday the 24th. • Parking – Canopies (4) were reserved for fair week. • Adv & Promotion – Sponsorships have started really flowing in since last meeting, overall, we are sitting at \$41,200. Joan reviewed several of the previous sponsors that need to be connected with. Business (large) and yard signs from Raaps are all in and ready for dispersal. Working on lining up advertising via Memorial Day parades, we would like to be present in as many as possible. • Entertainment – Looking for board members to volunteer to be TIPS certified, connect with Teddy if you are interested in this, • Rodeo – Fire Department has agreed to do the gates for rodeo nights. IPRA sanctioning has been approved and posted. Carnival Food - Joan will reach out to Skerbeck’s and make sure they are planning on having food down by the rodeo again. • Grandstand – No update. • Horse – Lisa Mancarelli from Ottawa Co Horse Committee sent over updates to this year’s schedule along with some rules questions/changes that Joan and Megan will review and circle back to them. Trevor Young’s crew will be on site this weekend to relevel and work up the arena, thank you to their crew for doing this! • Camping – We are giving board members camping contracts to complete.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media – Events are going out and are getting good interactions. Car show has had a lot of interest, working on printing additional flyers.
6. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone meeting May 12th at 4:30pm in Lake O Dessa.
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People Barn Workers – Michelle and Melissa are taking a step down which leaves Julie Teunis by herself. She reached out asking for assistance and to be added to the signup genius • Jr Fair board committee will meet within the next week. We had 4 applications – Sydney Graftema, Brayden Monroe, Noah Davis, and Hope Wallinga. • Chad would like to get the sign for the pulling sled for advertising made. • Ken spoke to Burnips and they are good to go for equipment.
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.

Next Meeting is Monday, May 18th, 2026 at 7:00pm.