Fair Board Meeting

Date: June 15th, 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, Curtis Kruithoff, Michelle Seifert, Andy Pike, Teddy Omlor, Fred Karel, Jessica Doddy, Brenden Visser, Brayden Monroe, Sydney Graftema, Terri Graftema , Sam Kruithoff, Hope Wallinga, Dylan Visser, TJ Murphy, Curt Visser, Tom Killebrew, Sam Lindberg

Absent: Ken Zahm, Noah Davis, Randy VanManen

Topic	Discussion
1. Approval of Minutes	• Motion to approve minutes made by Kevin Graftema second by Curtis Kruithoff. Motion passed.
2. Correspondence	• None
3. Raceway Report	• We will be scheduling an executive board meeting with the raceway shortly. • They were not present during the meeting.
4. Treasurers Report	• Banks are reconciled through May 2026.
5. Committee Reports	• **Executive –** Have not met since last meeting. • **Facilities** – Tiling update, they tried jetting it, they made it somewhere roughly by the campground and they are not able to break through. They are suggesting that we put a catch basin in that area. The well is in on the King property. The divider in the beef barn has been started. Drains around the arena need to be shoveled out, looking for help from a board member to assist. We also are ready to pull benches out of storage and start setting those out.

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	We were able to get 100 flags, Curt will cut 10ft pipes at work, and we can get them assembled. We will try to have this ready for parents' night for help assembling them. • **Commercial Vendors –** No update. • **Still Exhibits –** Ribbons are in. We are ready to go for fair week. We will get the table count to Chad before fair week. • **Livestock –** All of the trophies and plaques have been ordered. Banners have been ordered. This past weekend Seth and Fred Karel have been Pylorium certified. Buyer letters will go this week. All of the livestock judges have been secured. FairEntry closes tonight. 6/16/2026 is the leaders' meeting at 7pm and next week 6/22/2026 at 7pm is the parents meeting. A group of fair board members met with Kent County Youth Fair to review how they are using FairEntry. They utilize it for everything fair related for livestock – weights, sale bill, progress throughout the year, etc. Heather from their group will be coming out Monday of fair week to assist us and donate her time. • **Winter Storage –** No update. • **Parking –** No update. • **Adv & Promotion –**. Flyers and Fair books are in. We also have grandstand flyers in as well, take some and start passing them out. We are right at the $50,000 mark for sponsorships which is great, this is close to par for last year. Reviewed who needs to pick up banners from businesses and took volunteers. • **Entertainment –** Michelle Seifert was TIPS certified. • **Rodeo –** Books open on July 1st for contestants. • **Grandstand –** Everything is all set and ready for fair week. • **Horse –** So far things have been going good, and parking has remined on the South side of the vinyl fence to help out the raceway congestion.

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	• **Camping –** Curt received the speed limit signs, hoping to hang these this week. We have 6 camping spots available for the lottery next week. • **Social Media –** We are getting good numbers of interested people on the events. • **Junior Fair board –** Will review people barn schedule and assign people time slots to assist in opening and closing.
6. Old Business	• None.
7. New Business	• Gordy Stroven attended the meeting tonight to check in on the status of his proposal of a antique barn for storage during winter months. He did some homework and met with a builder as well to review where the cost would be at and back into the amount of renter there would need to be.
8. Good of the Order	• Teddy is proposing to get a credit card for the Berlin Fair, seconded by Kevin Graftema. All in favor. Motion passed. • Teddy had Brady from Team IT look at the Wi-Fi services today, still struggling so we will need to continue working with them. We are looking at $1500 to replace and update some of our equipment. • Chad met with Jeff Story regarding the banner on the pulling sled. Jeff and his daughter will work with Pat Raap to design the banner for the sled. • People Barn

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