Fair Board Meeting

Date: September 21st, 2026

Facilitated by Joan Kutchin, President

Recorded by Megan Byrne, Secretary

Present: Chad Horling, Seth Hulst, Kevin Graftema , Joan Kutchin, Jon Monroe, Karla Potts, Mike Wells, Michelle Seifert, Andy Pike, Teddy Omlor, Jessica Doddy, TJ Murphy, Ken Zahm, Randy VanManen, Fred Karel, Tyler Robach, Lindsey Robach, Tom Killebrew, Rhiannon Finkler, Maria Dunneback, Curtis Kruithoff, Samantha Lindberg, Terri Graftema

Junior Board: Hope Wallinga (Absent), Sydney Graftema (present), Noah Davis (Absent), Braden Monroe (Present

Absent:, Dylan Visser, Brenden Visser, Curt Visser

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	• Raceway is not present. • They are done for the season. Mike reached out and would like to have a executive board meeting.
4. Treasurers Report	• Banks are reconciled through September 21st, 2026.
5. Committee Reports	• **Executive –** We will be scheduling a meeting prior to the annual meeting. • **Facilities** – Not a going on at this time. We will finish blowing the wells out after the pulls in October. Raymer did end up donating the well on the King property, in exchange we would like to do a livestock arena sign. • **Commercial Vendors –** No report.

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	• **Still Exhibits –** No report. • **Livestock –** In order to rebuild FairEntry for next year, we need to start redoing the book and classes now. There was a livestock leader meeting recently that the committee met to review the minutes. They discussed items that specifically will affect the book. 1 - Motion on goat changes (see below) by Seth Hulst – Kevin Graftema seconded it. All were in favor, motion passed. ***MEAT GOATS*** Junior Doe Kid – Born April 1st to 6 weeks before fair Senior Doe Kid – Born Jan 1st to March 31st Doe Yearling –12-24 months 2 Yr. Old Does, 24-36 months. 3 Yr. Old Does, 36-48 months. Doe Adult, 48 months and up. Grand & Reserve Champion Meat Goat Wether Kid, Born after November 1st to 6 weeks before fair Wether Yearling Class 8948 Champion & Reserve Champion & Reserve 2 - Motion made to add a market heifer feeder calf (non-Holstein) and cross bred dairy beef steer class to mirror what we have for the feeder calves by Rhiannon Finkler. Seconded by Andy Pike. All were in favor, motion passed. 3 - Motion made by Seth Hulst to lower the age to show market beef to 9, on the condition that the youth exhibitor has shown a feeder calf at Berlin Fair for at least one year and has attended two circuit shows in that calendar year before the Berlin Fair with that same animal. The livestock committee reserves the right to declare an animal unfit to show their animal. Seconded by Rhiannon Finkler. All were in favor, motion passed. 4 – Motion made by Seth Hulst to add born and bred (home grown) beef feeder calf, market goat, lamb, and hog. Seconded by Kevin Graftema. All were in favor, motion passed. 5 – Motion made by Seth Hulst to separate the hogs into four different classes, club hog vs commercial hog for both gilts and barrows. Seconded by Teddy Omlor. All in favor, motion passed. 6 – Motion made by Andy Pike to no longer allow buyers gifts in the arena during the auction. Seconded by Chad Horling. All were in favor, motion passed. 7 – Motion made by Joan Kutchin that you can only fit your animals in the designated areas for the full fair week. Seconded by Andy Pike. All were in favor, motion passed. 8 – Motion made by Seth Hulst to add Master Showmen for goat, lamb, and hog market classes. Seconded by TJ Murphy. All were in favor, motion passed.

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	There are plans to have a meeting with all auction runners during fair week so that things can run a bit smoother this year. New club has been formed, Kortney Kleyn will be the new leader. Just a heads up. • **Winter Storage –** Maria sent out the SignUp Genius for volunteers needed. • **Parking –** No report. • **Camping –** No report. • **Adv & Promotion –** No report. • **Entertainment –** No report. • **Rodeo –** No report. • **Grandstand –** No report. • **Horse –** One show remaining for the Thursday night series hosted by Audrey Monroe. • **Social Media –** No report. • **Junior Fair board –** No report.
6. Old Business	• Truck and Tractor Pulls reviewed.
7. New Business	• Condolence card being sent in honor of Mart Neely. • Need to circle back with Gordy Stroven on potential antique barn. • Beef preview potential date of the second Saturday of May.
8. Good of the Order	• No Reports.

Next Meeting is on Monday, October 12th, 2026 at 7:00pm - annual fair association meeting.