

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
February 11, 2025
Minutes**

President Dave Bratton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Dave Bratton, Vice President Daryl Keesler, Secretary Sara Johnson, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Directors Jim Teter, Rodney Waldschmidt, Rob Eubank, Neil Bowman, David Gleason, Stephanie Bender-Bresemann, Zelda Cloud, Gail Peterson, Shane Harris, Ben Waldschmidt, Rob Carpenter, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Tim Miller, Preston Bartow, Vicki Schoetzow, Nick Dussel, Bill Shupp, Melissa Town, Erica Boulanger, Tim Schrock, Nikita Mehaney, Heather Birchfield, Karen Wright, Phoenix Mourning, Jon & Laura Blough.

Absent: Director Mike Frushour and Rental Mike Smego.

Minutes: Zelda Cloud moved to approve amended January 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, supported by Gail Peterson. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Rob Eubank. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Preston Bartow shared an update after following up with MEC in Shipshewana, IN they no longer sell stalls and suggested contacting Cloverdale. Bartow has not received a response yet from Cloverdale in Indianapolis, IN.
- Phoenix Mourning introduced himself and shared that his family has an 80 acre farm and would like to get involved in the community.

Committee Reports:

- Daryl Keesler shared the grandstand line-up for the week of the fair.
- Zelda Cloud shared the free grounds entertainment line-up for the week of the fair.

Old Business:

- Approval of dog and cat, horse, and poultry rules
 - Dog & Cat: Gail Peterson moved to approve the dog and cat rule updates, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.
 - Horse: Shane Harris moved to approve the horse rule updates, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried. 2 opposed Sara Johnson & Rob Eubank.
 - Poultry: Shane Harris moved to approve the poultry rule updates, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

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New Business:

- Online exhibitor registration: Brenda Smego presented information about the change from Blue Ribbon to Fair Entry Program. There will be a scheduled training with the board members and fair office staff over the new program.
- Judges contracts: Brenda Smego shared that judge contracts will be a new addition to the fair office staff responsibilities.
- Website design: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the presented website design company, supported by Stephanie Bender-Breseman. Motion carried.
- Beer Tent: Rob Carpenter moved to approve the Beer Tent for the 2025 Fair, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.
- Sheep Barn Updates:
 - Shane Harris shared a \$500 dollar donation for the pen stall fee.
 - Stephanie Bender-Breseman reported Julie Robinson of Walter Farms is donating \$3,000.00 to cover the amount owed to fair from charges the fair covered.

Adjournment:

8:18 p.m.

Zelda Cloud, moved.

Shane Harris, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple