

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
June 11, 2024
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 Gail Peterson, Secretary Zelda Cloud, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors Shane Harris, Jim Teter, Sara Johnson, David Gleason, Jerry Zackary, Neil Bowman, Mike Frushour, Alex Wilson, Rob Carpenter, Daryl Keesler, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Tiffany Graves, Bridget Teter, Vicki Schoetzow, Pauline Harris, Mike Luna, Nikita Mehaney, Mike Stockwell, Jennifer Stockwell, Tim Miller, Arin Johnson, Karen Wright, Heather Burchfield, Tom Gregory, Bubba Williams, Jon Blough, Laura Blough, Sara Heuer, Jeff Peterson, Katie Peterson, Tracy Irwin.

Absent: Directors Ben Waldschmidt and Rodney Waldschmidt.

Minutes: Shane Harris moved to approve the May 2024 Minutes, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Shane Harris moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Tiffany Graves shared an update from the Safety and Gates Meeting. There are four new mounted members which will give eighteen total mounted and twelve horses. Michigan State Police is committed. Cass County will not commit any extra officers.
- Jennifer Stockwell shared information of how the swine tags were ordered. Voiced her frustration of information of her removal as Swine Superintendent a day before she was notified by the board.
- Mike Stockwell shared that he believes Gleason should be removed from the board due to daughter's actions at the Annual Meeting. Stockwell also voiced that he believed that Peterson and Kuemin tried to have his daughter removed.
 - President Dave Bratton responded that he would like to set-up a meeting with the Stockwell family to address their concerns.
- Goat Superintendent Karen Wright shared her plans of pen set-up on July 11th and doors will open at 6:00pm. The estimate that she received for the wash rack is \$2,250.00 and she reported that currently there is \$2,500.00 in the Goat Barn account.
- Rabbit Superintendent Jon Blough reported that at rabbit validation 148 rabbits were validated. Market breed validation will be June 30th and July 6th at 8:00am-11:00am and 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Beef Superintendent Jeff Peterson inquired about poles being set in the barns.
 - Daryl Keesler received a quote for just under \$3,000.00 to do one barn.
 - Peterson asked if the Fair Board would split the cost \$1,500.00 for this year and \$1,500.00 for next year.

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- Mike Frushour offered to set-up a generator to be used for Beef Show Day.
- Will look into a quote for 200 amp service to accommodate blowers etc. that are used on Show Day.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego reported the current Blue Ribbon registration numbers, Fair brochure was emailed to Farmers Exchange, Creative Graphics printing fair ad for free on placemats.
- Director Jim Teter shared his disappointment that different departments were not present at the safety meeting.
 - Jim Teter moved to purchase 100 cones and 100 bars for the amount of \$1,700.00, supported by Shane Harris. Motion carried.
- Space Rental Mike Smego reported \$30,000.00 was earned in rentals for the month, Concert is scheduled in August, There is a need of ice freezers, The Pit Stop building has been emptied out and ready to be power washed.
- Superintendent Meeting: President Dave Bratton reported that the meeting went well and received positive feedback, supplied each Superintendents with a handbook, reviews take place in January.
- Gate Meeting Report: Discussed the role going to play. Will be addressing the concern of hand stamp ink pads drying out.
- Insurance Report: More research will take place on pricing of coverage quotes.
- Camping Lottery Saturday, June 29th
 - Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
 - Lottery begins at 9:00 a.m.

Old Business: No old business to report.

New Business:

- Jeremiah Lee is the interim Swine Barn Superintendent and assistants will be Jeremiah Hartsell, McKenzie Hartsell, and Scott Hartsell
 - Gail Peterson moved to approve Jeremiah Lee as interim Swine Barn Superintendent and Jeremiah Hartsell, McKenzie Hartsell, and Scott Hartsell and assistants, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Shane Harris, moved.
Zelda Cloud, supported.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple