

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
October 8, 2024
Minutes**

President Dave Bratton called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Jerry Zackary, Neil Bowman, Mike Frushour, Rob Carpenter, Daryl Keesler, Rodney Waldschmidt, Ben Waldschmidt, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Stephanie Bender-Dresemann, Jason Holdreman, Dave Van Huis, Julie Tauriaes, Nikita Mehaney, Tim Miller, Erica Boulanger, Karen Wright, Rob Eubank, Mackenzie Hartsell, Jon Blough.

Absent: Directors David Gleason and Alex Wilson.

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

Financial Report: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the August 30, 2024 Financial Report and Grandstand Report, supported by Rob Carpenter. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Jason Holdreman presented a proposal to the Board of Directors of ideas of how to bring families to the fair. A community of churches would like to work together to offer volleyball tournaments, cornhole tournaments, basketball tournaments, putt putt golf course, human bumper balls, Vespers Service Sunday Night, also would like to bring in bands. The churches will cover the cost of the tournaments and entertainment. No cost to the fair other than space.
 - President Dave Bratton responded that the board will review the proposal and put it into consideration.
- Dave Van Huis shared his support of Jason Holdreman's proposal.
- Jon Blough inquired about reimbursement from auction day. Drinks and donut receipts were turned into the office. Blough asked for clarification if he would be reimbursed.
 - Brenda Smego responded that he will be reimbursed.
- Karen Wright inquired about the progress of the goat wash rack.
 - Mike Smego responded that the project will be completed in the spring.
- Rob Eubank shared that he organized a trip to East Tennessee to deliver a feed donation to those in need from the recent storm victims.
 - Shane Harris moved to donate \$500.00 to Eubank to help with traveling costs to deliver the feed donation to storm victims in East Tennessee, supported by Rob Carpenter. Motion carried.

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Committee Reports:

- The Superintendent Committee recommends McKenzie Hartsell as Swine Superintendent.
 - Rob Carpenter moved to appoint McKenzie Hartsell as Swine Superintendent, supported by Sara Johnson. Motion carried.
- Jim Teter proposed to purchase 100 cones/bases and cross bars. cones/bases \$8.00 each and Cross bars at \$6.00 each. Total \$1,200.00 after discount.
 - Mike Frushour moved to approve the purchase of 100 cones/bases and cross bars in the amount of \$1,200.00, supported by Rob Carpenter. Motion carried.
- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego reported the success of the Ghouls Night Out. The weather was cooperative, cornhole tournament, 8 crafts, costume judging, 6 games, 17 craft vendors with 24 tables, 43 campers. Troubling news was that the gazebo was vandalized and fire extinguishers were messed with in the horse barn and draft horse barn.
 - Erica Boulanger on behalf of CASA would like to help contribute to the event next year.
- Space Rental Mike Smego reported horse show updates and has Paint and Appaloosa Horse Shows scheduled for 2025. Smego requested more stalls for the shows due to the large number of horses that will be on the grounds. \$2,500.00 was made at the last show of the year.

Old Business:

- Scholarships
 - Executive Secretary Brenda Smego reported that eight applications have been received. The deadline is Friday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. to submit applications. The scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Meeting.
- Grant Update on Restroom/Storm Shelter
 - Executive Secretary Brenda Smego reported that \$55,740.00 has been received of the total \$100,000.00 awarded. \$44,260.00 is still available. Currently waiting for the inspector and will prepare to pour concrete by the end of the week.
- Review 2024 Budget Items
- Tree Update: Mike Smego reported that trees were delivered to Dussel's today and asked Daryl Keesler to dig the holes. Trees will need to be planted within the next week.

New Business:

- Approval of Everwise credit card account
 - Rob Carpenter moved to approve opening an Everwise Credit Card account, supported by Shane Harris. Motion carried.

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- Nominations for 2024/2025 fiscal year board members
 - There was a committee created to interview current board members that term is expiring and two potential board members. The Committee recommended placing all six on the ballot. The committee was made up of past and present board members, and village leaders.
 - Daryl Keesler withdrew his recommendation to have five of the six placed candidates on the ballot.
 - Jim Teter moved to place all six candidates on the ballot, supported by Mike Frushour. Motion Denied.
 - Daryl Keesler moved to approve five of the six recommendations that received the highest scores from the interview on the ballot Ben Waldschmidt, Shane Harris, Daryl Keesler, Stephanie Bender-Bresemann, and Rob Eubank, Zelda Cloud supported. Motion carried.
- Lowe Building Update: Mike Freshour met with an electrician and is awaiting a bid. Executive Secretary Brenda Smego shared that there is state funding available to complete the project; she just needs the total numbers to submit funding applications.

Adjournment:

8:32 p.m.

Shane Harris, moved.

Rodney Waldschmidt, supported.

Motion carried.