

Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
June 10, 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, Fair Manager Brenda Smego, Rental Mike Smego, Directors Jim Teter, Rodney Waldschmidt, Rob Eubank, Neil Bowman, Stephanie Bender-Breseman, Zelda Cloud, Shane Harris, David Gleason, Rob Carpenter, Gail Peterson, Ben Waldschmidt, Mike Frushour, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Tiffany Graves, Mila Luna, Bridget Teter, Melissa Town, Jeremiah Hartsell, Mackenzie Hartsell, Tim Miller, Nikita Mehaney, Preston Bartow, Nick Dussel, Braxton Schoetzow, Karen Wright, Sara Heuer, Deb Ridenoyer, Vicki Schoetzow, Jon Blough, and Laura Blough.

Minutes: Rob Carpenter moved to approve May 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment:

- Tiffany Graves:
 - Reserves are set for the fair. They will work for a total of 150 hours at \$25.00 per hour equals \$3,750.00
 - Safety Meeting recap is that will not have much help from state police this year.
 - There will be 18 mounted division officers. Reserves are allocated for the fair, totaling 150 hours at \$25.00 per hour, for a sum of \$2,750.00.
 - The Safety Meeting recap indicates minimal assistance from state police this year.
 - There will be 18 officers in the mounted division.

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- Mackenzie Hartsell:
 - Saturday, June 21st from 7:00am-11:00am open swine weigh in day.
 - Received a donation for the amount of \$1,000.00 from Keystone.
 - An open swine weigh-in day is scheduled for Saturday, June 21st, from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
 - \$1,000.00 donation was received from Keystone, with the request that the funds be allocated towards the purchase of security cameras.
 - A quote of \$2,200.00 was received for the installation of cameras in the swine barn. Mr. Hartsell inquired about the Fair Board's potential contribution.
- Preston Bartow:
 - A follow-up was conducted regarding the submitted proposal for the small animal auction.
 - The board's response indicates a preference to defer the decision until after the Auction Committee Meeting.

Committee Reports:

- A total of \$16,700 in tickets has been sold to date. Fewer than 20 tickets remain available in the office, with additional tickets still outstanding.
- Sponsorship Report: Sponsorship acquisition is progressing slowly.
- Emergency Exit Plan: A safety meeting was conducted prior to the fair board meeting. A new curfew has been implemented for all individuals from 11:30 PM to 4:00 AM, during which access to the midway and barns is prohibited. The weather response protocols remain unchanged.

Old Business:

- Website Design: Website is up and running.
- Restrooms: Completion is anticipated within the next few days, aiming for completion by the weekend. Concrete pouring is scheduled.

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New Business:

- Fair Entry Program: Registration numbers are currently low. The final training session will be held on Wednesday, June 11th.
- Workshop: The event, which took place last Saturday, was a success.
- Superintendent Meeting: Items for discussion included the buyback program and the relocation of trees for draft horses.
- Worknights: A comprehensive list of tasks to be completed will be posted.
- Campsite Lottery: Scheduled for June 28th. Twenty-three sites will be posted, and maps will be available. Registration begins at 8:00 AM, and the lottery will commence at 9:00 AM at the Show Arena.

Adjournment:

7:46pm

Mike Frushour, moved.

Zelda Cloud, supported.

Motion carried.