

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
September 9, 2025
Minutes**

“This Meeting is a meeting of the Cass County Fair Board in Public for the purpose of conducting Fair Board business and is not considered a public meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.”

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, Fair Manager Brenda Smego (via phone), Directors Jim Teter, Rob Eubank, Neil Bowman, Stephanie Bender-Bresemann, Zelda Cloud, Rob Carpenter, Gail Peterson, Rodney Waldschmidt, Mike Frushour, Shane Harris, and Ben Waldschmidt, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Jeff Toy, Stacy Toy, Vicki Shoetzow, Tim Miller, Preston Bartow, Melissa Town, Treasa Ridenour, Bridget Teter, Jon Blough, and Laura Blough.

Absent: Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Director David Gleason, and Rental Mike Smego.

Minutes: Rob Carpenter moved to approve the August 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Jeff Toy proposed adding waterfowl/duck market classes.
- Melissa Town inquired to have a 2nd water spigot installed for the poultry and concrete poured between the two barns with a drainage system. This will resolve any possible poultry water contamination for other species.
- Jon Blough proposed that the exhibitors of the top six rabbits qualify to sell both rabbits.
 - Sara Johnson responded to Blough to submit a proposal to the board before the workshop on September 27th.

Committee Reports:

- Rodney Waldschmidt reported the Super Kickers rodeo has raised their price from \$12,500.00 to \$13,000.00 for 2026.
 - Rob Carpenter suggested going with TK Rodeo for 2026.

Old Business:

Review - After Fair

- Light Horse Meeting: Brenda Smego reported better communication, and there was a misunderstanding about 2 judges. There was a suggestion to place a camera in front of Silver Spurs barn.

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- Livestock Meeting: Brenda Smego reported.
 - Dairy: No issues.
 - Beef : 2nd barn refresh.
 - Goat: Show was an hour late.
 - Swine: All went well and would like to remodel the trophy room.
- Still Exhibit Meeting: Stephanie Bender-Breseman reported.
 - Suggested to reroute the line for 2026.
 - Larger Directional signs needed.
 - Fans were requested for the 4-H side.
 - Ask Files to cater lunch for volunteers in 2026.
 - Wifi was requested for the building.

New Business:

- Superintendent Reviews Thursday, September 18th and Saturday September 20th.
- After Fair Board Workshop 9/27/2025 8:00AM-NOON
- After Fair Camp/Weekend of 10/3-10/5
- Last POA Show of the Season 10/3-10/5
- Updates from Executive Secretary Brenda Smego
 - Last report for the bathroom grant = \$8,600.00
 - MDart-Can apply for a new grant project this year.
 - Suggested to have the Dog Show begin at 12:00PM
 - Pen reservations need to be shared
 - The auction went well. Communicate the haul out times and haulers to Auction Office
 - Livestock Judging went well: 50 participants.
 - Auction checks were mailed out
 - 12 outstanding still owe for a total of \$15,994.02

Adjournment:

7:53 p.m.

Rob Carpenter, moved.

Zelda Cloud, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple

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