

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2025
Minutes**

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

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

Present: President Shane Harris, Vice President Neil Bowman, Secretary Zelda Cloud, Executive Committee at large Gail Peterson, Bookkeeper Beth Klug, Fair Manager Brenda Smego, Rental Mike Smego, Directors Stephanie Breseman, Jim Teter, Rob Eubank, Ben Waldshmidt, Bob Thompson, Dave Bratton, Jason Holdeman, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Karen Wright, Mary Wright, Tim Miller, Preston Bartow, Erica Boulanger, Bridget Teter, Tiffany Luna, Mike Luna, and Jon Blough.

Absent: Treasurer Mike Frushour, Directors Sara Johnson, Rob Carpenter, and Daryl Keesler.

Minutes: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the November 11, 2025 and December 2, 2025 minutes, supported by Stephanie Breseman. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Bob Thompson. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Jim Teter, reporting on behalf of the Safety Committee, requested a meeting in January to address concerns and discuss the logistics of crowd management on Saturday night, as well as the fair's haul-out and closing procedures.
- Mike Smego provided a report regarding Building and Repairs. It was noted that assistance with plowing may be necessary for beef validation, depending on weather conditions. Additionally, LRS is expected to submit a bid for portable restrooms.
 - Bob Thompson offered to plow.
- Zelda Cloud and Stephanie Breseman provided an update regarding social media, advertisement, and the website.
 - Zelda requested to schedule a meeting to discuss the website.

Old Business: None to report.

New Business:

- Beef Validation: December 13, 2025 (Snow Removal if needed)
- Beef Association Fair Book
 - The Beef Superintendent, Kim Burger, requested the removal of the fitting rule. A vote on this matter was tabled. President Shane Harris indicated a desire to discuss further details with the Superintendent.

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- Sheep Fair Book
 - Zelda moved to add south down class, keep suffix class, and add breeding stock, supported by Stephanie Breseman. Motion carried.
- Draft Horse Additions
 - Zelda Cloud moved to incorporate rule #23, concerning a Horsemanship tag offense, into the fair book and to include one class change, supported by Stephanie Breseman. Motion carried.
- Fair Theme: Present ideas for fair theme and Grand Marshall at the January 2026 Fair Board Meeting.
 - A volunteer is needed for Parade Superintendent/Coordinator: Stephanie Breseman will post the position on Facebook.
- Grandstand Shows: Thursday-Bump and Run & Truck Derby, Friday Derby, Saturday Tough Trucks
- Pending Contracts: Super Kickers, TNT Derbys, NTPA, and Street legal.
 - Zelda Cloud moved to approve TNT Derby's 3 nights for \$24,000.00, supported by Jim Teter. Motion carried.
 - The Super Kickers contract was tabled. Looking into other bids from Bull Riding groups.
- Ideas: Tough Trucks, Micro Wrestling
 - Micro Wrestling: Suggested to be Monday night for \$12,500.00
- Sponsorship Committee: Brenda Smego, Gail Peterson, Shane Harris, Neil Bowman, Erica Boulanger.
- Budget Meeting: Executive Committee December 11, 2025
- Free Shows: Zelda Cloud reported Nick's Kid Show is booked and Whiskey Retreat is scheduled for Friday Night.

Public Comment:

- Karen Wright, Goat Superintendent presented a \$4,025.00 check reflecting the 400 volunteer hours at Niles Haunted House. Also added no rule changes for goats, there are costume class changes.
- Preston Bartow shared some updates that need to be done on Fair's website.

Adjournment:

8:05 p.m.

Bob Thompson, moved.

Zelda Cloud, supported.

Motion carried.

Following the adjournment of the regular meeting, the Fair Board proceeded into Closed Session.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Knepple