

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2026
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, Treasurer Mike Frushour, Secretary Zelda Cloud, Bookkeeper Beth Klug, Fair Manager Brenda Smego, Directors Stephanie Breseman, Sara Johnson, Gail Peterson, Ben Waldschmidt, Jim Teter, Bob Thompson, Dave Bratton, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Melissa Town, Mackenzie Hartsell, Jeremiah Hartsell, Jena Bradley, Jon Blough, and Laura Blough.

Absent: Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors Jason Holdeman and Rob Carpenter.

Minutes: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, supported by Bob Thompson. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Jim Teter. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Stephanie Bremesman has completely revamped the Facebook page, according to her social media report.
- The Safety Committee, led by Jim Teter, is focusing on safety and addressing a security gap related to load-out procedures. A discussion with Tiffany and other officers has taken place to develop improved plans, and a follow-up meeting is scheduled for the end of March. Additionally, an active shooter component will be incorporated into the pre-fair safety meeting.
- Regarding defibrillators, Gail Peterson had a question. Brenda Smego responded, stating that a fee would be necessary to implement changes.
- Chris Yonker of the Centerville Fair is interested in renting 24 horse stalls. Brenda Smego shared this request and will draft a contract.
- Note that serious lifting equipment (like a forklift) will be required to load and unload the stalls. The Centerville Fair would be responsible for both loading and unloading, and for returning the stalls. They will need to provide a forklift and any other heavy equipment for this process.

Old Business:

- Mega Raffle: Jim Teter moved to set the Mega Raffle date as April 1st and to pull the winner of the raffle at Friday Night's Show, supported by Stephanie Breseman. Motion carried.

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New Business:

- Beer Garden: Jim Teter moved to approve the Beer Garden at the 2026 Fair, supported by Stephanie Breseman. Motion carried.
- Grandstand shows:
 - **Sunday:** Street Legal
 - **Monday:** 2D Rodeo
 - **Tuesday:** NTPA
 - **Wednesday:** Pro Wrestling
 - **Thursday:** Bump and Run
 - **Friday:** Tough Trucks
 - **Saturday:** Demo Derby
- Ground Entertainment: Nicks Kids Show and Bands (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday), Whiskey Retreat Friday and the possibility of one more band.
- Auction Meeting Report: President Shane Harris reported that the meeting went well. Blanket recommendation is to change the terms accepted net 15 and add 10% charge. Increase communication with auction barn, Add to Exhibitor checks to void after 90 days. President Shane Harris reported on the meeting's success, highlighting several key recommendations:
 - **Payment Terms:** Change the standard accepted terms to net 15 days and add a 10% late charge.
 - **Auction Barn Communication:** Increase communication with the auction barn.
 - **Exhibitor Checks:** Add a clause to exhibitor checks stating they are void after 90 days.
 - Zelda Cloud moved to approve the 11:30p.m. haul out time, supported by Jim Teter. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Meeting: April 9, 2026 for all Superintendents
- Date Fair Entry/Training Superintendents and Training Dates for Exhibitors and Parents
- Light Horse: Date to Open online registration and close
- Large Animal Sweepstakes-one application-Jena Bradley
 - Zelda Cloud moved to approve Jena Bradley as Large Animal Sweepstakes Superintendent, supported by Dave Bratton. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Melissa, the Poultry Superintendent, plans to host a species information meeting on a Friday night in February.
- The Swine Superintendent, Mackenzie Hartsell, proposed moving the parade to downtown Cassopolis. However, Brenda Smego stated that the parade is restricted to the grounds due to insurance limitations.

Adjournment: 7:27 p.m. Zelda Cloud, moved. Stephanie Breseman, supported. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Knepple