

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
March 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, Secretary Zelda Cloud, Fair Manager Brenda Smego, Directors Rob Carpenter, Gail Peterson, Ben Waldschmidt, Jim Teter, Bob Thompson, Dave Bratton, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Melissa Town, Mackenzie Hartsell, Bridget Teter, Tim Miller, and Jon Blough.

Absent: **Treasurer Mike Frushour** Space Rental Mike Smego, Book Keeper Beth Klug, Directors Jason Holdeman, Stephanie Breseman, and Sara Johnson.

Minutes: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the February 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, supported by Neil Bowman. Motion carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Grounds Entertainment: Zelda is holding off on booking additional bands until she receives the quote for fireworks.

Old Business:

- Sponsorship Kick off Meeting 2/12/26: Fair Manager Brenda Smego reported that the 2025 sponsorship information packets were distributed at the meeting. President Shane Harris reported that the Tractor Pullers were well received regarding funding the purse.
- Light Horse Orientations/Registration opened 3/1/26 and will close 5/1/26: Attendance figures showed an increase, with over 100 people present at the March 1st meeting.
- Beef Jack Pot Show 4/12/26
- Superintendent Meeting: 4/9/26 at 6:00 pm for Superintendents and Assistants.
- Departmental List-Look over and verify

New Business:

- Fair Records have all been picked up from Diane's office.
- Date: Fair Entry/Training Superintendents and Training Dates for Exhibitors and Parents: Upon completion of the fairbook, a meeting will be scheduled. The inclusion of a show bill will facilitate this process.
- Light Horse-High Point will be done online for 2026/ 5/1/26-6/17/26
- Applicants for Open Positions: Home Arts and Maintenance
- Still Exhibit Day 4/18/26: Hilary Hunt requested that all clubs convene in the basement of the Gregarek building to register and finalize fair projects.

Public Comments: None to report.

Adjournment: 7:19p.m. Rob Carpenter moved. Supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Following the regular meeting, a closed session was held to discuss the budget.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Knepple.