

Jasper County Agricultural Society

Jasper County Fair

Newton DMACC Building

The regular meeting of the Jasper County Fair Board was called to order on Monday, February 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm by President, Jerry Elscott with 18 directors presents.

<input type="checkbox"/> Jake Clymer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Elscott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Engle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Guy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Halferty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reed Heimstra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Fosenberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karla Jordan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chauncy Wiggins-Kain	<input type="checkbox"/> Ed Machin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Maher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Merten
<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Moorman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denny North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Kucera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Saak
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Soppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chelsey VanGenderen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doyle Ver Ploeg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lance Moorman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Woebbeking	<input type="checkbox"/> Roger Zaabel		

Motion made by Reed H. to approve the January meeting minutes. Seconded by Wayne S. Motion carried.

Motion made by Karla J. to approve the January treasurer's report. Seconded by Doug W. Motion carried.

Decision on "Big Jerr's Movie Night" screen purchase tabled to the March meeting.

Jim S. and Alan G. shared that the Sponsorship Program is off to a good start. Jim turned in \$6,100 worth of checks to Kendra. Commitments from 4 or 5 sponsors to increase their sponsorship level.

Chelsey VG and Chauncy K. shared the 2022 entertainment options. Volleyball will not be held this year, but replaced with a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, coordinated by Josh F. Impact Pro Wrestling is available on Saturday night as a turn-key, 2-hour event with a start time of 7 pm, location to be determined. The Friendship Show is willing to change the start time to 4:00 pm on Saturday to accommodate the option of Impact Pro Wrestling in the Pavilion. Dueling Pianos is available on Sunday night for 2+ hours for \$3,000. They provide all the equipment needed (except a stage, if needed), just need electrical. Entertainment committee proposed hosting Dueling Pianos in the Horse Arena to tie into fireworks that evening. Waiting for responses from several strolling magicians for availability and quotes. Air rides/bounce houses are being looked into, pending location and timeframe they will be open. Jake Maggard will be the new superintendent of the Bags Tournament and moving it to Saturday at 3:00 pm. Other schedule changes will be provided to Kara to be added to the fairbook.

Motion by Chris M. to approve of the entertainment options as presented. Seconded by Doug W. Motion carried.

Kara Warrick shared that all changes have been updated into the fairbook for 2022 with the exception of the final entertainment schedule. Deadline is March 15. General rules and a pdf can be posted to the website at any time.

Wayne S. shared an update on the current projects. The steel doors for the pavilion are 11-weeks out, should arrive in May. The NE gate entrance to the fairgrounds will only have one padlock now. The Sherman Sunbeams 4-H Club is working to fundraise for new goat pens., they've raised a little over \$1,000 so far. A bid was received from Jarrod DeVries for \$8,474 for 20 pens (5x7 ft) plus roughly \$1,800 for concrete work.

Motion by Kendra H. to fund the project to get it started, Sherman Sunbeams continue to raise funds. Seconded by Chelsey VG. Motion carried.

Chris M. mentioned adding a hydrant to the horse/beef wash rack to replace existing piping around the wash rack. Rick K. brought up the bagged shavings shortage and wanted to ensure we have enough in supply. Josh F. will confirm.

Chris M. and Alan G. shared a rodeo update. The bleachers we had previously used are no longer available. Committee is reaching out to other vendors to find options. Committee is also working to make contact with sponsors to confirm.

Karla J. shared an update from the South Central District meeting. Several rules added into the state fair rule book for all livestock species. Lauren Zaabel is eligible to apply for a scholarship as a fairboard member's child.

Kendra H. recapped the meeting with the Board of Supervisors. We've received \$10,000 for the fair and \$15,000 for upkeep of the grounds. The money will be granted in October.

Rental rates were discussed.

Winter storage:

- **Motion to by Alan G. to update the winter storage rate prices by increasing each category by \$20 and add categories for 35 – 39 feet and 40+ feet. Seconded by Chris M. Motion carried.**

Building and grounds rates:

- **Motion by Alan G. to increase rates for the Youth / Open Buildings to \$300 per day and \$750 per weekend (Friday – Sunday). Seconded by Doug W. Motion carried.**

Livestock barns:

- **Motion by Wayne S. to increase the rental of the pavilion to \$200 per day. Seconded by Doug W. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Karla J. to leave the rental of the full fairgrounds at \$1,200 per weekend (Friday – Sunday). Seconded by Danny E. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Wayne S. to increase campground rate to \$20 per night. Seconded by Denny N. Motion carried.**

Karla J. mentioned that the walls in the Youth Building need to be deep cleaned and added to a work night before rentals of the building.

Motion by Reed H. to adjourn. Seconded by Jim S. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsey Van Genderen