

**Jasper County Agricultural Society**  
**Jasper County Fair**  
**Fairgrounds - Colfax**

The regular meeting of the Jasper County Fair Board was called to order on Tuesday, October 28th 2025 at 7:00 pm by Jim Soppe with **19** directors and 3 guests present.

<u>X</u> Roger Zaabel	<u>X</u> Jerry Elscott	<u>X</u> Dan Engle	<u>X</u> Morgan DeHaai
<u>X</u> Kendra Halferty	___ Reed Heimstra	<u>X</u> Josh Fosenburg	<u>X</u> Karla Jordan
___ Chauncy Wiggins-Kain	<u>X</u> Dan Nolin	<u>X</u> Bob Maher	<u>X</u> Janet Townley
<u>X</u> Kevin Moorman	<u>X</u> Mindy Kerwin	<u>X</u> Kenny Schlosser	<u>X</u> Wayne Saak
<u>X</u> Jim Soppe	<u>X</u> Brenda DeHaai	___ Logan Zaabel	<u>X</u> Lance Moorman
<u>X</u> Shaun Vander Werdt	<u>X</u> Kyle Padget		

Motion made by Karla 2nd by Roger to approve Secretary's Report - **motion carried**

Motion made by Jerry 2nd by Morgan to approve Treasurer's Report - **motion carried**

- Kendra noted that we have used all of the GP Grant money and that we should be receiving \$30,000 from the County and \$10,000 in the next few months.

Our meetings from November through March will be held at the extension office in Newton.

Election of officers: Motion made by Kendra 2nd by Shaun to keep the executive committee the same as last year - **motion carried**

President: Jim Soppe

Secretary: Morgan DeHaai

Vice President: Roger Zaabel

At-Large: Shaun Vander Werdt

Treasurer: Kendra Halferty

At-Large: Jerry Elscott

State Fair Board Convention will be held December 12th - 14th. The following decisions for the convention were made:

- Delegate: Karla Jordan
  - Motion made by Kendra 2nd by Jerry - **motion carried**
- SC Representative (voting for): Roger Iverson
  - Motion made by Jerry 2nd by Shaun - **motion carried**
- Karla's Auction Budget: \$350.00
  - Motion made by Morgan 2nd by Mindy - **motion carried**
- Fireworks Budget: waiting until the November meeting to decide, Wayne may receive more information on expected costs.
- Auction Item: Wayne is going to ask Dalton's Toys about purchasing another item to put up for auction like we did last year.

Anyone wanting to attend the convention should let Kendra know by November 1st.

The following updates were given on fairground projects:

- Newton HS Bleachers:
  - The Newton School Board approved the sale of the bleachers to us for \$1 at their meeting on Oct. 20th.
  - Load out date is still TBD and depends on when district games wrap up.
  - The grounds committee has a plan and equipment lined up for when we are able to begin taking them out. We will need lots of manpower.
  - Jerry spoke with Lynnville-Sully FFA and has a group of students who volunteered to come help.
- Courtyard Tree:
  - The arborist's recommendation is to take down the tree due to its type and how it is positioned.
  - There was discussion about transferring a few trees from the south side of the horse arena to the courtyard after it is taken down.
  - The grounds committee will create plans for when and how to remove the CY tree.
- GP Building:
  - Kendra noted that there will be an electric heater plugged in until gas can be hooked up to the building (late Nov - early Dec)
  - The rental committee shared the following recommendations for pricing:
    - Friday 12pm - Sunday 12pm = \$3,500
    - Friday only = \$2,000
    - Saturday only = \$2,000
    - Any day Sunday through Thursday = \$1,000/day
    - Required \$1,000 deposit if there will be alcohol at the event
    - No additional fees for use of tables and chairs.
    - The GP building will not be included in rentals of the entire fairgrounds.
  - Motion made by Shaun 2nd by Kenny to approve - **motion carried**
  - The following borrowing resolution was proposed:

‘Acknowledgement of the Borrowing Resolution signed by the Executive Committee and dated \_\_\_\_\_ stating that the corporation is authorized to make application for a loan from Bank Iowa in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the purpose of final construction costs for the Geisler Penquite Youth Center and authorizing Jim Soppe (President) and Kendra Halferty (Treasurer) to sign all bank related documents.’
  - Motion made by Danny 2nd by Jerry to approve - **motion carried**

There was more discussion about forming an associate board. Kendra is planning to ask a Warren County Fair Board member about how theirs was formed and how it works. We decided to wait until the November meeting to make any decisions and/or form a committee for this potential project.

Karla noted that there are large ruts in the ground behind the Youth/Open buildings. They were left by the electric company working on the electric poles. The grounds committee will work on finding a resolution to get the ruts fixed.

Karla also noted that we had a larger attendance at the annual meeting this year than we have had in a while.

The Iowa State Fair has started another online auction selling miscellaneous items from the grounds (signs, doors, equipment, etc)

**Please keep an eye out for Shaun's red box of drill bits.**

Motion made by Jerry 2nd by Dan N. to adjourn - **motion carried** to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.

Submitted by  
Morgan DeHaai  
Fair Board Secretary