

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

The regular meeting of the Jasper County Fair Board was called to order on Monday, August 25th 2025 at 7:00 pm by Jim Soppe with **18** directors and 5 guests present.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jake Clymer                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Elscott        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Engle       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morgan DeHaai |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Halferty      | <input type="checkbox"/> Reed Heimstra                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Fosenburg  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karla Jordan  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chauncy Wiggins-Kain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Machin            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Maher       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerod DeVries |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Moorman        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mindy Kerwin         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenny Schlosser | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Saak    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Soppe            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chelsey Van Genderen | <input type="checkbox"/> Logan Zaabel               | <input type="checkbox"/> Lance Moorman            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaun Vander Werdt   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Zaabel         |   |   |

Motion made by Kendra 2nd by Jerry to approve Secretary's Report - motion carried

Motion made by Karla 2nd by Shaun to approve Treasurer's Report - motion carried

- Kendra noted that we are waiting on a donation from FCS and that fair premiums have not yet been taken out.

Morgan gave a recap of the superintendent meetings held Monday, August 18

- Mostly noting feedback, fair book changes, and suggestions/requests for the next year

Connie Loehr shared how fair went for the rabbit and cat divisions, and she made a few suggestions to improve the small animal barn

Chelsey shared how fair went for the swine division. She shared that they are considering adding a few new classes. She also noted an adjustment to arrival times for next year as well as a change in superintendents.

Devin Burk shared how fair went for the goat division and echoed the request for a meeting with the goat supers and the exec committee.

Wayne and Bob shared how fair went for the sheep division, and noted a change in superintendents for next year.

The Fall District Meeting will be held Sunday, September 21st in the Varied Industries building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. If you are interested in going, let Karla know.

- Karla suggested that we put our name in to host a meeting in the future when the GP building is complete.

Ed gave an update on fairground projects:

- Courtyard Tree:
  - The tree has branches hanging over the new building that need to be addressed

- Discussion was had about whether it is best to trim the branches or cut the whole tree down
- It was decided that we would have an arborist from ISU come look at the tree and make a recommendation
- Bleachers - Newton High School Stadium
  - We are able to go get the visitor-side bleachers after the last football game.
  - We are waiting to hear back on how much they will cost
  - Ed said he is working on finding transportation
  - Ed also mentioned that we will need to hire help to install supports in the ground for the bleachers to go on top of
  - There was brief discussion about adding a few more arena lights and some trees
- Overhead Door for Youth Building
  - The estimated cost for installing an overhead door 9' tall x 12' wide is ~\$6,900
  - There was discussion about whether or not the building should be used for storage next year
    - Karla anticipates there will still be people wanting to rent the building
    - There were concerns about keeping the floor in good condition
    - It would be nice to make up for lost storage space from the old vendor building
  - Motion made by Morgan 2nd by Chauncy to revisit the discussion of using the building for storage next year before storage-in - **motion passed**
- Tile
  - Kevin suggested putting in tile to prevent flooding in multiple areas of the West side of the grounds
  - Ed suggested that we also clean out existing tile yearly
- GP Building
  - A budget summary was printed for members to review, Kendra talked through it explaining the sections and listed options for covering the remaining costs of the building
  - Ed made a motion to approve using the line of credit to cover the remaining amount - Jerod 2nd - **motion carried**
  - Ed recommended we form a committee to research and propose a price to rent the building out for
    - **Committee consists of:** Kendra, Karla, Chauncy, Mindy, Jerry, & Kenny
- Other Items relating to fairground projects:
  - Kendra informed us that we have received \$10,000 from Grinnell Mutual and will be receiving \$7,500 from Farm Credit Services.
    - After some discussion - it was agreed that both amounts will go towards redoing the roof of the horse building
  - Devin Burk shared that the Jasper County Farm Bureau is still looking to sponsor a project
    - One project suggested was putting new fencing in the pavilion

Kendra is waiting to hear back from Sheepgate to set a date for horse stall teardown

Storage-in will be on October 26th, Shaun will send out a message closer to the date to ask for help

Kendra shared that the first fall scrapbooking event will be September 12th - 14th

- A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to volunteer to make a salad and/or dessert for the event
- The next scrapbooking event will be October 24th - 26th

Roger proposed the idea of creating a Junior/Associate board

- The board would be comprised of non-voting members who attend monthly meetings and discuss ideas
- They would also help on work days and during the fair
- He suggested having the County Council involved as well

We will have a work night on September 6th at 6pm to finish up remaining post-fair put away tasks.

Kendra asked for someone to bring a skidloader to unload the new tables and chairs for the GP building - they are being delivered Friday

Josh and Morgan gave an update on nominations for the upcoming annual meeting:

- There are currently 8 people on the list of new nominees
- The following board members have terms expiring. Those at the meeting were asked if they would like to run for re-election:
  - Wayne Saak - yes
  - Kendra Halferty - thinking
  - Ed Machin - thinking
  - Roger Zaabel - thinking
  - Chelsey Van Genderen - no
  - Danny Engle - yes
  - Jake Clymer \* - no
  - Logan Zaabel - thinking
  - Jerod DeVries - thinking

**\*\*Reminder to check how we are locking the padlocks on the gates. It is difficult to unlock/unhook them if they are hooked on a certain way**

Motion made by Kenny 2nd by Chelsey to adjourn - motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm.

Submitted by  
Morgan DeHaai  
Fairboard Secretary