

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

The regular meeting of the Jasper County Fair Board was called to order on Monday, May 27th 2025 at 7:00 pm by Jim Soppe with 19 directors and 2 guests present.

<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Chelsey Van Genderen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logan Zaabel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lance Moorman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaun Vander Werdt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Zaabel		

Motion made by Jake 2nd by Roger to approve March Secretary's Report - motion carried

Motion made by Jake 2nd by Logan to approve April Secretary's Report - motion carried

Motion made by Jerry 2nd by Logan to approve March Treasurer's Report - motion carried

Motion made by Wayne 2nd by Kenny to approve April Treasurer's Report - motion carried

Codi shared that the 2025 Jasper County Fair Queen Contest is on Saturday, June 14th @3pm at the Newton Community Theater.

Spring District Meeting Update:

- Karla and Reed attended the Spring District Meeting
- Karla shared that there's a law currently on hold that would require vet supervision of the horse show and surrounding equine activities.

Jim gave an update on 2025 sponsorships:

- We are currently at \$15,000, and we have commitments from more sponsors.

Chauncy gave an update on the rodeo:

- She has been in contact with some new sponsors and has some more commitments
- The beer garden will be ran by the Baxter Fun Days committee
- There will be 2 new vendors on the south side of the arena, both have their own power sources.
- Mutton Busting will have 35 spots available and will take place at 5:30pm before the rodeo starts and Gregg Young is sponsoring t-shirts
- Ty Carlson's family asked about increasing the amount of tickets they can have - after much discussion it was agreed that they would not receive tickets or parking passes without providing a sponsorship of some kind.

Ed gave an update on fairground projects:

- Construction of the GPYLC begins May 28th.
- We were quoted \$350 per rock to engrave the large sponsor rocks
 - Still looking for one more rock
 - Motion made by Chauncy 2nd by Kenny to approve engraving expenses
- We will be painting the food court shelter on June 25th with help from Volunteers from Farm Credit Services

- FCS will also be making a donation to the fair based on the amount of time spent volunteering

Jim proposed an advertising package offered by KNIA/KRLS that costs \$500 and includes the following: a 30 second ad that will be played at least 26 times, a website ad, and 4H spotlights

- They would also like to broadcast from the fairgrounds for a day or two during the fair
- Motion made by Chauncy 2nd by Shaun to purchase the \$500 package.

Josh is going to get in touch with Theisens about getting 8 more pallets of wood chips.

Roger is going to get in touch with last year's vendor for common bedding/sawdust.

Fair Planning - Spreaders, Skidloaders, UTVs, Golf Carts

- Van Wall - Maybe a UTV or 2
- Smith Rentals - Skidloader
- Zeigler - Skidloader?
- Logan and Chauncy mentioned that they would check with a few others about ATVs/UTVs
- Denny North - spreader(s) ?
- Equipment to arrive on the Saturday work day (July 12th)
- It was suggested we move after-fair clean up to Saturday July 26th to improve attendance - no motions made

Everyone was reminded to think about some ideas for items to sell in the Monday night auction and bring those ideas to the June meeting.

Karla shared that a large cattle show has asked for a quote for renting the fairgrounds for a full week in June the next two years (2026/2027).

- Motion made by Ed 2nd by Jerry to quote them a price of \$10,000 per year - motion carried

Ann shared the following information on grants she has been working on:

- She has secured a grant from Grinnell Mutual for \$10,000 to go towards repairing/replacing the roof of the horse barn/youth building.
- Waiting to hear back on a grant for the roof projects from FCS
- Working on a grant from Mid-American for appliances for the new building
- Working on a grant for tables and chairs for the new building from the Jasper County Community Foundation
- Shared that our 501C5 is not always eligible for grants due to its ag specific label.

Wayne and Logan shared the idea of allowing fair board members to rent one building once a year at no cost. After some discussion it was agreed that we would revisit this idea in the future.

Kendra presented a customized apron to Karla to thank her for all of her help at every scrapbooking event.

June Meeting will be held at the Fairgrounds - Monday, June 23rd at 7:00pm

Motion made by Jerry 2nd by Logan to adjourn - motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

Submitted by
Morgan DeHaai
Fairboard Secretary