

Jasper County Agricultural Society
Jasper County Fair
ISU Extension Office - Newton

The regular meeting of the Jasper County Fair Board was called to order on Monday, November 24th 2025 at 7:00 pm by Jim Soppe with **17** 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	___ Josh Fosenburg	<u>X</u> Karla Jordan
<u>X</u> Chauncy Wiggins-Kain	<u>X</u> Dan Nolin	___ Bob Maher	<u>X</u> Janet Townley
___ 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 Jerry 2nd by Dan N. to approve Secretary's Report - **motion carried**

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

The proposed 2026 budget was distributed before the meeting for board members to review. Kendra noted that we needed an approved 2026 budget to show the county supervisors in January in order to receive their funding.

- Motion made by Jerry 2nd by Wayne to approve - **motion carried**

2026 committee assignments were distributed before the meeting for board members to review.

Decisions for 2026 Friend of the Fair and Parade Marshall were deferred to the January meeting.

We have two items to contribute to the convention auction.

- Motion made by Wayne 2nd by Mindy to purchase a framed picture from Dalton's Farm Toys for \$150 - **motion carried**
- Ben Leonard made and donated a welded forklift figure

Wayne shared that he did not receive any updated pricing information for fireworks

- Motion made by Chauncy 2nd by Kenny to approve a budget of \$5000 for fireworks - **motion carried**

Chauncy shared that the rodeo contract for 2026 remains the same as last year with a price of \$20,500. Motion made by Danny E. 2nd by Mindy to approve - **motion carried**

The following updates were given on fairground projects:

- Newton HS Bleachers:
 - The bleachers are at the fairgrounds - thank you to all who made it happen!

- We will be sending a thank you to Todd Dovons for allowing us to use his crane at no cost
- After some discussion about where to put the press box, a motion was made by Kendra 2nd by Chauncy to put the press box on the set of bleachers it came off of on the South side of the arena - **motion passed**
- Shaun shared that we have a bid for \$20,000 to pour all the concrete needed to install the bleachers - **NOT** including concrete for stairs/sidewalks
 - Motion made by Chauncy 2nd by Shaun to approve spending up to \$25,000 to finish bleacher installation - **motion passed**
- Courtyard Tree: no updates
- GP Building:
 - They are still working to put the finishing touches on the building.
 - Sound will be worked on in January
 - Shaun/Ed looking into solutions for the echo
 - Gas should be hooked up in early December

There was more discussion about forming an associate board. Kendra spoke to Jo Reynolds from Warren County about their associate board and discovered that they don't have the type of associate board we are considering creating. She suggested bringing it up for discussion at the roundtable during convention.

- Those attending the convention will share what they discussed and learned on this topic at the January meeting

Stacey shared that during a leaders meeting she was asked about bringing back the cattle fitting demonstration, and she asked if we could add it back to the schedule.

- After some discussion, the group came to a unanimous decision to add a cattle fitting demonstration to the fair schedule

Ann shared that she has applied for all the grants she had on her list. She asked that we let her know of any projects we're looking to do so that she can see what is out there, or let her know of any grants you hear about that could benefit the fair.

Chauncy created Christmas cards to send out to our sponsors and volunteers. Let her know if you would like to hand-deliver any.

Motion made by Kenny 2nd by Brenda to adjourn - **motion carried** to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm.

Submitted by
Morgan DeHaai
Fair Board Secretary