

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

The regular meeting of the Jasper County Fair Board was called to order on Monday, September 22nd 2025 at 7:00 pm by Jim Soppe with **13** directors and 3 guests present.

<input type="checkbox"/> Jake Clymer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Elscott	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Engle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morgan DeHaai
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Halferty	<input type="checkbox"/> Reed Heimstra	<input type="checkbox"/> Josh Fosenburg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karla Jordan
<input type="checkbox"/> Chauncy Wiggins-Kain	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Kenny Schlosser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Saak
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Soppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chelsey Van Genderen	<input checked="" 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 Jerry 2nd by Logan to approve Treasurer's Report - motion carried

- Kendra noted that we are hoping to have the line of credit by the end of October

Motion made by Morgan 2nd by Logan to set the 2027 fair dates - motion carried

- 2027 Fair dates: **July 16th - 22nd**

The 2026 fair theme will be 'Let's Glow Crazy!'

Karla, Reed, Jim, and Mindy attended the South Central Fall District meeting. They shared what they learned at the meeting:

- There will be a spokesman attending the convention and district meetings promoting a new program called "You Make the Difference".
- Randy is retiring from the State Fair Board, and the nominees for the SC Representative position are Roger Iverson and Deb Dedecker
- There will be another online auction for surplus items at the state fairgrounds (old signs, equipment, etc)

The State Fair Board Convention is December 12th - 16th. We will pick a delegate at the October meeting as well as the SC representative we want to vote for.

Kendra and Jim shared the following updates from Ed on fairground projects:

- GP Building: The floors and gutters should be done by the end of the week.
- Newton HS Bleachers:
 - There is a school board meeting on October 20th to approve the sale of the visitor side bleachers to us for \$1.
 - October 24th is the last official home game on the schedule, but district games are still TBD
- Courtyard Tree: An arborist came to look at the tree, Ed will share more information at the October meeting.

The Ag Society Annual Meeting will be held in the new building if it is ready in time.

Ann shared the following grant updates:

- We did not get the Mid-American grant for appliances for the new building
- She put a grant request in with Theisens for \$5000 to go towards the roof project, she should hear back in November

Jim spoke with Farm Credit about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities. They would like more information on projects they can help with.

Jim is going to check about having someone come carve the donor rocks outside the hoop building.

There was more discussion about forming an associate board. Roger and Mindy are reaching out to Warren County for more information on how theirs works. We plan to revisit this topic at the October meeting.

Motion made by Logan 2nd by Shaun to adjourn - motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm.

Submitted by
Morgan DeHaai
Fair Board Secretary