

Jasper County Agricultural Society
Jasper County Fair
Fairgrounds, Building 1 - Colfax

The regular meeting of the Jasper County Fair Board was called to order on Tuesday, May 26th 2026 at 7:00 pm by Jim Soppe with **13** directors and 2 guests present.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Zaabel	<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"/> Dan Nolin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Maher	<input type="checkbox"/> Janet Townley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Moorman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mindy Kerwin	<input type="checkbox"/> Kenny Schlosser	<input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Saak
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Soppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brenda DeHaai	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logan Zaabel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lance Moorman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaun Vander Werdt	<input type="checkbox"/> Kyle Padget		

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

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

Upcoming Important Dates:

- July 1st - Unload Trailer @ 5:30pm
- July 8th - Building Set Up with Sheepgate @ 9am

A current list of sponsorships for 2026 was distributed before the meeting began. They continue to trickle in, if you know of anyone who would like to sponsor please reach out!

The Diamond Trail FFA reached out about having a discussion on the rising cost of running the pedal pull. This year, the cost has gone up to \$740. This amount allows the pull to be state-sanctioned and includes the supplies needed in order to be sanctioned. They asked if the board would be willing to split the cost of the event.

- There was not much discussion, as our funds are a bit tight at the moment with the current fairgrounds projects.
- No motions were made, but it was suggested that they look for a sponsor for the event
- The chapter is willing to cover the cost this year, but they would like to discuss the event before committing to run it next year.

Shaun gave an update on fairgrounds projects:

- Bleachers
 - They plan to pour cement pads this weekend
 - Going forward, most work on this project will take place on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

- Jim shared that we were quoted ~\$28,000 for materials/labor to get the project finished.
- Kendra informed that she spoke to Bank Iowa and we are able to extend our line of credit by \$50,000
- The following 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 \$50,000 for the purpose of final construction costs for the bleacher installation project and authorizing Jim Soppe (President) and Kendra Halferty (Treasurer) to sign all bank related documents.’

- Motion made by Mindy 2nd by Logan to approve resolution - **motion carried**
- Motion made by Jerry 2nd by Shaun to approve spending up to \$35,000 for finishing the bleacher project - **motion carried**
- Jerry mentioned that George Dickerson would like to sponsor the project as well, but may break it out rather than doing one payment. George and Chauncy have plans to discuss it further

- Jim informed that the playset needs to be torn down for safety purposes.
 - He recommended a temporary playset for this year if we would like to have something in that spot.
 - The playset from the Newton School District is up in the air. If they do decide to give it away, it's not likely it will happen in time for this year's fair.
- Work Nights: Things needing done
 - Blow out swine pens
 - Fix door latch on Building 1
 - Fix tables/benches
 - Door Stops in GPYB
 - Pavillion/Hog Barn storage clearout
 - Water Sod
 - Tear down playset

Roger was able to secure common bedding for us at no cost!

Fair Planning: Equipment/UTVs

- Jim will ask Danny about reaching out to Zeigler for a skidloader again this year
- We will see if we can use Denny North's spreader again
- Kevin plans to ask LCI about a skidloader
- Jim plans to talk to John Deere about a UTV

Monday Night Auction Items:

- The wood carver should be able to provide 5-6 carvings
- Kendra is going to reach out to those who normally donate pies
- Sign Pro has expressed interest in donating items

T-Shirt Question - Name Rule

- An FFA advisor reached out for clarification on Livestock Department rule #13
“...Wearing apparel with exhibitor’s name, slogans or advertising are not allowed...”
- They asked if it’s allowed to list everyone in their chapter on the back of the shirt
- After some discussion - Kendra made a motion 2nd by Roger to allow groups of names on exhibitor shirts - **motion carried**

KNIA/KRLS reached out about having their trailer on the grounds for fair from Thursday - Tuesday. They shared the list of fair advertising packages that they offer - they also reached out to the extension office about advertising

- Following some discussion - motion made by Mindy 2nd by Morgan to buy one advertising package and split the cost with the extension office - **motion carried**

Reminder: The Queen contest is on June 13th @ 3pm at the Y in Newton. Come early to see the communications projects!

Motion made by Logan 2nd by Jerry to adjourn - **motion carried** to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm.

Submitted by

Morgan DeHaai

Fair Board Secretary