

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
October 10, 2023
Minutes**

President Brian Kuemin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Brian Kuemin, Vice President Gail Peterson, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Space Rental Mike Smego, Directors Rodney Waldschmidt, David Gleason, Jim Teter, Dave Bratton, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, Daryl Keesler, Ben Waldschmidt, Mike Frushour, Alex Wilson, Zelda Cloud, Reporter Stephanie Knepple, Guests Mary Lou Peterson, Neil Bowman, Jan Becraft, Jennifer Stockwell, Pauline Harris, Robert Carpenter, Tom Gregory, Mike Stockwell, Julie Jaurides, Treasa Ridenour, Erica Boulanger, Jeremiah Hartsell, Bobbie Labar, Mackenzie Hartsell, Lori Whitmyer, Jason Whitmyer, Rachel Richmond, Robin Brenneman, Nikita Mehaney, Bridget Lemon, Nick Dussel, Vicki Schoetzow, Michelle Westphal, Joshua Westphal, Tiffany Majewski

Absent: Director Jerry Zackary.

Minutes: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the September 2023 Minutes, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Jennifer Stockwell questioned the committee meetings prior to the regular board meeting.
- McKenzie Hartsel asked about adding more board members.
 - President Brian Kuemin answered that he re-read the by-laws and they did not give a good process. Attorney recommends making a motion at the Annual Meeting and in the motion to add the details of 3 year terms. The last time the by-laws were amended was in 1997.

Committee Reports:

- Nominating Committee: Five board members' terms have expired. Gene Deubner, Brian Kuemin, Jill Hershberger, Mike Frushour, Dave Bratton. Jill Hershberger will not rerun.
 - The nominating committee recommends adding Rob Eubank onto the ballot.
 - Daryl Keesler moved to approve the nominees Gene Deubner, Brian Kuemin, Mike Frushour, Dave Bratton, and Rob Eubank to be added onto the ballot, supported by Zelda Cloud, motion carried.
- Superintendent Review: President Brian Kuemin shared that the Superintendent Committee recommends creating a new policy that superintendent reviews be done annually. Committee also received an agreement for superintendents, board members,

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and employees. Once the reviews are completed, then the committee can approve the superintendents.

- Zelda moved to approve the review process, supported by Jill Hershberger. Motion carried.
- Scholarship Report: 15 applications were received. Applications will be available on the fair's website until Friday, October 13, 2023 at 6:00p.m.
- Brenda Smego reported the following
 - The Beer Tent report has been submitted to the state and no taxes will be owed.
 - 34 page report for the Fire Suppression was submitted.
 - Directors Workshop was four hours long and very productive.
 - October 21st storage move-in from 12:00pm-3:00pm. \$9.00 a foot (linear foot)
- Mike Smego reported the following.
 - Winterization has begun
 - Recommended to move the beer tent for next year.
 - Lowe Building alarm needs to be connected and internet installed from Mike Frushour.
 - Would like to get at least 3 bids for electrical work. An electrical plan needs to be completed first.

Old Business:

- Ghouls Night Out: President Brian Kuemin reported that there were 44 campers, photo booth, beer tent, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego reported a list of all the organizations that partnered for the event 8 craft vendors, 5 food vendors. The Village would like to do the event again next year.
- Covered Horse Arena Loan Interest: The original loan was from Dave Bratton the current interest is 3% Bratton requested to increase the interest to 6%.
 - Gene Deubner moved to approve the loan interest rate of 6% for the Covered Horse Arena, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.
- Beer Tent Tips: Tips received totaled \$689 and to be divided between 5 groups.
 - Daryl Keesler moved to increase the tip total to \$1,100.00 total and each shift will receive \$100, Zelda Cloud supported. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Fair Entries/Forms: Shane Harris moved to approve that all fair entries will stay the same for 2024 except do not enforce Clover Buds only on Blue Ribbon, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.
- Street Naming Contest: Zelda Cloud moved to approve a street naming contest, supported by Gail Peterson. Motion carried.
- Rabbit Barn Expenses: The budget for the Rabbit Barn was \$2,600.00. Total spent was \$7,590.00. Approval was given to pay and do it as a loan.

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- Brenda Smego created a superintendent request form.
- Packets to be given to Superintendents at their review meeting of expectations.
- Refreshments will be provided. Jill Hershberger will pick up apple cider and Mike Frushour coffee.

Adjournment

8:12 p.m.

Mike Frushour, moved.

Zelda Cloud, supported.

Motion carried.