

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
February 13, 2024
Minutes**

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

Present: President Dave Bratton, Vice President Gail Peterson, Secretary Zelda Cloud, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Directors, Rodney Waldschmidt, Neil Bowman, David Gleason, Sara Johnson, Shane Harris, Rob Carpenter, Jim Teter, Daryl Keesler, Jerry Zackary, Mike Frushour, Guests Patty Dohm, Hilary Hunt, Erica Boulanger, Bill Shupp, Nikita Mehaney, Tim Miller, Jesse Lemon, Bridget Lemon, Jennifer Stockwell, Robin Breneman, Zoe Scath, Vicki Schoetzow, Jason Whitmyer, Lori Whitmyer, Leslie Vargo, Joe Vargo, Melissa Towne, Aaron Johnson, Recorder Stephanie Knepple.

Absent: Directors Alex Wilson, Ben Waldschmidt, Space Rental Mike Smego.

Minutes: Rodney Waldschmidt moved to approve the January 2024 Minutes, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Neil Bowman. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Hilary Hunt the new 4-H Program Coordinator introduced herself.
- Parent Erica Boulanger complimented Hilary Hunt the 4-H Program Coordinator on the Senior Leader Banquet.
- Hog Superintendent Jennifer Stockwell questioned the protocol if multiple animals die during the fair.
 - Follow-up with Beth Ferry.
 - Tags that need to be ordered. Reach out to Diane Skibbe to get reimbursed.
- Poultry Superintendent Melissa Towne: Asked for clarification on tags.
 - The fair pays for the tags. Does not come from barn accounts.

Committee Reports & Convention Reports from Directors:

- Rob Carpenter moved to approve the grandstand entertainment motorcycle show for the amount of \$20,000.00 and Blammo for \$3,500.00, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.
- Zelda Cloud shared all Free grounds entertainment will be from 5pm-7pm a stage will be needed.
- Sara Johnson reported the Superintendent recommendations.
 - Shane Harris moved to approve Vicki Schoetzow as Dairy Feeder Superintendent and Tim Miller as Horse Superintendent, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.

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- Zelda Cloud shared that Brenda Smego and her attended Allocation of State Funds breakout session at the Fair Convention.
- Brenda Smego shared that she attended the Grant Writing and Allocation of State Funds session at the Fair Convention.
- Jim Teter shared he attended Emergency, Safety, and Active Shooter session at the Fair Convention.
- Sara Johnson and Rob Carpenter attended the Sponsorship session at the Fair Convention and will share more details at the next committee meeting.
- Mike Frushour enjoyed the general session of the motivational speaker at the Fair Convention.
- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego shared correspondences that she received from the Draft Horse Superintendent.
 - Shane moved to approve a donation of \$1,050 for the monetary prize for the July 29th Draft Horse Pull, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.
 - Shane Harris moved to approve the Draft Horse Calendar Raffle and proceeds will go towards premiums for the participants, supported by Rob Carpenter. Motion carried.
- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego shared the quote received for the block work for the new restrooms for the amount of \$100,000.00. Will meet the requirements to be rated for a storm shelter.
- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego Ghouls Night out weekend is scheduled for October 5th Friday-Sunday.

New Business:

- Review of committee signup
 - Brenda Smego updated the contact form and selection process. The Committee Volunteer Form will go back to the Superintendent so they can contact the volunteer.
 - Rodney Waldschmidt moved to approve the new Committee Volunteer Form, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.
- Grand Marshall Selection
 - Gail Peterson moved to approve the High Family as the 2024 Fair Grand Marshalls, supported by Shane Harris. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.

Shane Harris, moved.

Zelda Cloud, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple