

**Cass County Fair Association  
Regular Meeting  
Gregarek Building  
January 14, 2025  
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 Daryl Keesler, Secretary Sara Johnson, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Directors Jim Teter, Mike Frushour, Rob Eubank, Neil Bowman, David Gleason, Stephanie Bender-Bresemann, Zelda Cloud, Gail Peterson, Shane Harris, Ben Waldschmidt, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Tim Miller, Jeremiah Hartsell, Preston Bartow, Vicki Schoetzow, Melissa Town, Hilary Hunt, Julie Piock, Jon & Laura Blough.

**Absent:** Director Rodney Waldschmidt, and Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Rental Mike Smego

**Minutes:** Zelda Cloud moved to approve December 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, supported by Rob Eubank. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Rob Eubank. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- Hilary Hunt reported on behalf of the 4-H Extension Office that new office staff is Terry Boulanger. Office hours will be 8am-1pm
- Melissa Town asked on behalf of Brook to have the Cat Show Monday at 10:00am
  - Shane Harris moved to approve the Cat Show to be on Monday at 10:00am, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion approved.
    - Melissa also expressed her frustration and disappointment of a decision that was made on changes of small animal auction in December and how it impacts her program.
      - Stephanie Bender-Bresemann responded to have the 4-Her choose at check-in on Sunday which one they want to sell.
- Preston Bartow suggested a buyback plan.
- Jeremiah Hartsell is currently reaching out to people for swine judge.

**Committee Reports:**

- Rob Eubank shared that while at the Fair Convention he grabbed literature on horse stalls.
  - Dave Bratton shared it was an average of \$1,000.00 a stall through the company the Draft Horse barn used.
  - Preston Bartow suggested asking the MEC. He will reach out to MEC for more information and report back at February's meeting.
- Shane Harris shared that Stephanie Bender-Bresemann needs to be added to the Opening Ceremony list.

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- Daryl Keesler shared Bob Segert Tribute show is \$5,000.00.
  - Mike Frushour suggested it to be a Free show.

**Old Business:**

- Update on Restroom/Storm Shelter
  - Roof is completed
  - Bender Electric is working on electric

**New Business:**

- Convention Highlights
  - Mike Frushour attended Gates & Parking; other fairs share the same issues. Suggested to ask volunteers to stripe the parking lots.
  - Zelda Cloud attended the following:
    - Superintendent review session she felt pretty good that everyone is doing the same thing.
    - Fair Entry and Round table
  - Jim Teter attended the following:
    - Roberts Rules and the speakers did not have all their equipment. Shared our board can use some updates of following the Rules.
    - Food Vendors- is it better to collect money from vendors dailey or charge in rental.
    - Keynote speaker was amazing- in our county we are the largest venue in the county- use it as a tool to help improve the county.
  - Gail Peterson shared that we need to go to the community leaders and ask what they need.
    - Disinfecting between species need to check on disinfectant time drying.
    - Livestock Check-Off Program- request to pay in for check off
    - Getting youth involvement- have youth attend board meetings and create a youth fair board.

**Suggested for 2025 changes per attached:**

- Harris, Shane - Livestock Auction- Was not discussed.
- Brooke Lamb - Dogs & Cats: Tabled
- Kris Sweitzer - Lambs: Zelda Cloud moved to charge a \$10 stall fee, supported by Shane Harris. Motion carried.
- Melissa Town - Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes: Zelda Cloud moved to approve the Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes changes, supported by Rob Carpenter. Motion carried.
- Horse Department-Tabled

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- Beef Department: Rob Eubank moved to approve the Beef updates, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.
- Swine Department: Rob Carpenter moved to approve the Swine updates, supported by Zelda Cloud. Motion carried.
- General Youth Exhibitor Rules-Was not discussed.

**Adjournment:**

9:24 p.m.

Zelda Cloud, moved.

Rob Carpenter, supported.

Motion carried.

**Following adjournment of regular meeting went into Closed Session**

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Knepple