

**Jasper County Agricultural Society**  
**Jasper County Fair**  
**Extension Office - Newton**

The regular meeting of the Jasper County Fair Board was called to order on Monday, January 27th 2024 at 7:00 pm by President Jim Soppe with 17 directors and 2 guests present.

<input type="checkbox"/> Jake Clymer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Elscott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Engle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morgan DeHaai
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Halferty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reed Heimstra	<input type="checkbox"/> Josh Fosenburg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karla Jordan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chauncy Wiggins-Kain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Machin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Maher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerod DeVries
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Moorman	<input type="checkbox"/> Mindy Kerwin	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Roger Zaabel		

Motion made by Kendra 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chauncy to approve the Secretary Report – motion carried

Motion made by Karla 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed to approve the Treasurer Report – motion carried

Kendra, Jim, and Morgan spoke to the Jasper County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, January 16th about funding and covering the building permit fee for the new GPYLC

- Agreed to give \$30,000 (same as last year)
- Offered to cover half the cost of the building permit, and advised we ask the City of Colfax to cover the rest

The brick order fundraiser closed December 31st. 52 bricks were purchased and will be delivered to the fairgrounds.

State Convention attendees shared about how the convention went. Spent \$215.00 on silent auction items.

The 2025 SC Spring District Meeting will be held in the afternoon on Sunday, March 30th in Ringgold County (Mount Ayr). Anyone wishing to attend needs to let Karla know by mid-March.

Chelsey provided an entertainment update for the following days at the fair:

- Friday - Cornhole tournament in hoop building
- Saturday - Rodeo
- Sunday - OPEN (Bring suggestions!)
- Monday - Band (Still looking)

Chauncy provided a Rodeo update:

- Contracts are signed
- There will be more mutton busters this year (30-35 total), mutton busting will be held @ 5:30 before the rodeo begins.

- Arena set up will begin Friday after the horse show
- Chauncy attended the IRCA Annual Banquet to accept our award - Best New Rodeo 2024
  - We received lots of positive feedback from their board and contestants!

#### Fairbook Update:

- An email will be going out to superintendents to have all fairbook changes submitted by February 21st. Plan is to get the books printed in April.
- Horse show schedule: email will be sent to horse superintendents with final decision on 4H/FFA show date

#### Sponsorships:

- Jim will send a letter in the coming week(s) to the REG Group about a sponsorship and putting their sign back on the side of the pavilion.
  - Asking for \$3,000/year for a 5 year commitment
- Jim and Kendra spoke at the last Jasper County Farm Bureau meeting and asked about a sponsorship for this year. They said they are looking for a project to sponsor.
  - The playground was suggested as a project to present to them.
- Discussed creating a list of items/smaller projects that can be sponsored (ex: chairs, picnic tables, pavilion fence)

#### 2025 Fairground Projects Update - GP Building

- Hope to have final prints in 2 weeks
- Vendor building storage out: **March 29th/30th**
  - Shaun to reach out to storage contacts
- Salvage/Teardown: **First week of April**
- Jerry presented suggested adjustments to building plans that included bringing the east entrance/porch out further and adding beams to the interior. After much discussion, it came to a general consensus that we will not pursue the adjustments at this time. No motion was made.

February meeting will be held at the Extension Office in Newton - February 24th at 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Kevin & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerod – motion carried to adjourn the meeting @ 8:11pm

Submitted by  
Morgan DeHaai  
Fairboard Secretary