

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 Monday, April 27th 2026 at 7:00 pm by Jim Soppe with **18** directors and 2 guests present.

<u>X</u> Roger Zaabel	<u>X</u> Jerry Elscott	___ Dan Engle	<u>X</u> Morgan DeHaai
<u>X</u> Kendra Halferty	___ Reed Heimstra	<u>X</u> Josh Fosenburg	<u>X</u> Karla Jordan
<u>X</u> Chauncy Wiggins-Kain	<u>X</u> Dan Nolin	<u>X</u> Bob Maher	<u>X</u> Janet Townley
<u>X</u> Kevin Moorman	<u>X</u> Mindy Kerwin	___ Kenny Schlosser	<u>X</u> Wayne Saak
<u>X</u> Jim Soppe	<u>X</u> Brenda DeHaai	<u>X</u> Logan Zaabel	<u>X</u> Lance Moorman
<u>X</u> Shaun Vander Werdt	___ Kyle Padget		

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

Motion made by Morgan 2nd by Jerry to approve Treasurer's Report - **motion carried**

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 entertainment committee gave a brief update:

- Brenda has booked the vendor for the Tuesday foam party.
- Monday night entertainment will be the dance studios with performances beginning at 7:30pm.
- The clown who makes balloon animals will join us on the grounds after the parade on Monday to make balloon animals for fairgoers.
- The committee decided to forego the drone show idea for this year, as the price did not seem justified at this time.
- Chauncy shared that Margo has volunteered to make decorative balloon displays for the fair at no cost

Shaun gave an update on fairgrounds projects:

- The sod has been laid in the courtyard and around the GP building.
- The biggest project now is the bleachers
 - Please reach out if you or someone you know has a portable welder
 - The buildings and grounds committee is waiting for dry weather to begin the next steps of the project

Josh gave the following update on woodchips:

- Quoted \$7/bag

- If we order half a truckload, they will deliver and we get a slight discount
- Would end up being around 585 bags @ \$6.49/bag = ~\$3,800.
- Theisens Newton location would donate some bags as well

Motion made by Roger 2nd by Shaun to approve purchase of half a truckload - **motion carried**

Roger plans to check the cost of 140 yards of woodchips for common bedding.

Kendra shared that the 2026 fairbooks have been printed and paid for. She also plans to pick up the sign with the fair dates tomorrow.

Trailer unloading will be on Wednesday, July 1st and building setup is tentatively planned for Wednesday, July 8th - Kendra is checking with Sheepgate for their availability.

- We will need a truck that can move the trailer

Sheepgate will be on the grounds to set up horse stalls on Wednesday, May 13th @ 1:30pm.

Jim informed that Bank Iowa asked about renting our inflatables. Kendra looked into how insurance would work in a rental situation and discovered that it would increase our insurance premium by \$380/inflatable per month. After some discussion, we came to a unanimous decision not to move forward with renting them out.

The organizers of the Bootleggers and Bandits Car show that will be renting the grounds in August requested permission to serve alcohol on the grounds. They have a vendor lined up with their own license/insurance, they just need permission.

- Motion made by Shaun 2nd by Roger to grant permission - **motion carried**

Chauncy shared that Baxter Fun Days would be willing to run the beer garden on Sunday for the tractor pull and power wheels derby. They would still give 10% back to us like they do on Saturday, and the only set-up change would be switching which side the entrance is on.

- There was some back-and-forth discussion, but no motion was made.

Road construction on Walnut St will start sometime between June 15th and July 5th.

- The sidewalk and road portions will be done at the same time.
- They are not sure which side they're starting on yet.

Motion made by Dan N. 2nd by Jerry to adjourn - **motion carried** to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.

Submitted by
Morgan DeHaai
Fair Board Secretary