

# Northwestern Michigan Fair

## Board of Directors Meeting

March 14, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Joe Hubbell at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Frank Guerin.
3. **Roll Call:** By Tom Looks
  - a. **Board Members Present:** Al Henning, Clarissa Johnston, Cody Foster, Erika Sprenger, Frank Guerin, Jill Duell, Joe Hubbell, Karen Zenner, Laurie Ashley, Milt Lewis, Molly Caminata, Sonya Youker, Tammara Sanchez, Tom Looks
  - b. **Board Members Absent:** Carolyne Woodhams
  - c. **Visitors Present:** Amanda Wilkins, Keri Bancroft, Greg Bancroft, Nikki Brown, Todd Brown, Greg (BMX Track)
4. **Review Agenda**
  - a. **Motion 3.14.24.1:** A. Henning/C. Johnston made a motion to approve March 14, 2024 Agenda as written. **Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **Correspondence:** No correspondence.
6. **President's Report:** 142 days until fair.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Tammara shared the treasurer's report.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. **Motion 3.14.24.2:** E. Sprenger/A. Henning made a motion to approve minutes from February 8, 2024 meeting as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.**
9. **Public Comment:** No Public Comment.
10. **New Business:**
  - a. Greg – BMX Track – Would like to renew the 3 year lease, this year is 25 years. Frank and Greg will meet after the board meeting.
11. **4H Livestock Council:**
  - a. Keri Bancroft – Most of the registrations closed on Monday March 4. Preliminary 4H registration numbers are Alpaca/Llama 8, Cavy 3, Dairy Beef 7, Dairy Feeder 43, Dog 24, Goat 66, Horse 25, Junior Beef 102, Lamb 74, Large Beef 100, Poultry 140, Rabbit 43, Swine 184. May 4th is the first work bee 9a-11a and 2p-4p. New GT County Extension person is Robin Gildner, she takes position April 1<sup>st</sup>.
12. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. Tammara – ATM – International Cash Systems (Ohio company ) will not work with us because we are too far away. America's Access (Tom's contact) will not work with us because we do not do enough transactions. So, we are left with Informa as the only one that would provide a quote. The cost is \$24,308. Tammara suggests that we fix our current ATM for this year and add the replacement into our budget next year. Joe added the suggestion of asking a bank to place an ATM onsite. Tammara will check with a few banks before proceeding with ordering parts for repairs.
13. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. Sonya – Campground is filling up. We will be opening May 12<sup>th</sup> this year. J&S Hamburg will be running the parking lot.
  - b. Al – May have an issue with Pullorum testing, waiting to find more info. The vet is on board.
  - c. Erika shared ideas for merchandise designs.

- d. Tammara – Tickets and Gates – We still have Wednesday through Saturday open still, multiple groups are either not responding or cannot get adults to volunteer.
- e. Laurie – Turned in MAFE Grant for up to \$100,000, we should get the answer soon. Cherryland CARES did say we were not being awarded the grant, but if we have something more along the lines for youth, we can try again. Premium book – animal updates, hope to have the book updated for our April meeting.
- f. Jill – All good.
- g. Milt – Started taking some Winter Storage items out. Let Milt know about sponsors for the website, as well as any other information that needs to be updated.
- h. Clarissa – Getting stuff started for parades. Queen Kelsey has been doing a few book readings and attending other pageants supporting other queens.
- i. Karen – Nothing.
- j. Molly – Nothing.
- k. Cody – The Broads will be coming back again this year.
- l. Frank – All good.
- m. Tom – Working on getting prices for internet providers, with Spectrum being in the area we may be able to get a fiber connection through them but waiting for a call with more details. 186 Networks is going to be unable to provide internet services but will continue to provide services for our phones, cameras, and onsite support. I did have to have Mary with Byte Productions update some settings on our website to meet new security requirements for Saffire regarding emails and online orders.
- n. Joe – Grandstand update – They are all gone. The transformer that needs to be moved has been unhooked. Molon will remove the old slab and prep for the new one. Joe has been gathering quotes for assembling and building the new. Survey the property across the street and placing a marker every 100 feet the cost is \$2000, this will be used from the building and grounds budget. Molon Asphalt would like to come on the grounds mid-May or early June to sealcoat the pass as a sponsorship. Current insurance provider is horrible to get ahold of. Leslie Campbell has provided us a quote but has directed us to someone else. The total quote was approximately \$92,000. Joe feels we are currently under insured. Joe will be getting additional quotes for insurance.

**14. Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion 3.14.24.3:** S. Youker/T. Looks made motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm. **Motion passed unanimously.**