

Northwestern Michigan Fair

Board of Directors Meeting

January 15, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Joe Hubbell at 7:03 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Tom Looks.
3. **Roll Call:** By Laurie Ashley
 - Note: (V) indicates the attendee was attending virtually.*
 - a. **Board Members Present:** Breann Kern, Carolyne Woodhams, Erika Sprenger, Frank Guerin, Jill Duell (V), Jack Hubbell, Joe Hubbell, Laurie Ashley, Milt Lewis, Molly Caminata(V), Sonya Youker, Tammara Sanchez, Tom Looks(V), Clarissa Johnston, Karen Zenner
 - b. **Board Members Absent:**
 - c. **Visitors Present:** Kathy Easter, Lilly Garno
4. **Review Agenda**
 - a. **Motion 10.9.25.1:** Frank & Karen made a motion to approve January 15, 2026, Agenda as written. **Motion passed.**
5. **Correspondence:** Our taxes from Tobin, an advertisement from Variety Attractions, and several bills.
6. **President's Report:** 205 days
7. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Tammara reviewed the treasurer's report and check register.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. **Motion 10.9.25.2:** Carolyne Woodhams & Erika Sprenger made a motion to approve minutes from the December 11, 2025, meeting as written. **Motion passed.**
9. **Public Comment:**
 - a. None
 - b.
10. **New Business:**
 - a. Application for the New Director we will add after January 31st.
 - b. .
11. **4H Livestock Council:**
 - a. No updates except we think there are 30 Dairy Feeders, 7 large Dairy Beef and 98 Large Beef
12. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Parking lot across from gate 2: Clear across the street – make \$8250 when they clear & cut the trees. They will grind and haul away chips, cost 6750 for Deerings. 39,510 for whole project for Svec pull stumps pile them, and prep for seed. We will seed and finish it as we wish. Keep track of hourly costs or the quote whichever is cheaper he will bill us. He will be asked to remove the junk pile too. 1st: Frank Guerin motions to approve the proposal to clear and prepare the property across from gate 2 Sonya Youker second and it passed.
 - b. Poultry Barn updates Al Henning sent in that Joe Brooks is going to take out the maple tree and one other tree to remove it before frost laws. Al would like to send an email out donation request to members of the Fair association. Would we do it or post a notice on the website. Suggest we make a flyer and place it on the website. Letter from months ago. Change the proposed cost to \$210,000 not \$175,000.
13. **Committee Reports:** Committee reports were reviewed.
 - a. Carolyne – None

- b. Erika – Merchandise applied for graphic design group at NMC to work with us again this year. Otherwise, we have a person who has volunteered. Pull a small order together. Looking at some new things. New cups. Hot tub show is coming, it's a different company and the circus has signed again.
 - c. Clarissa – Queen activities picking up. Went to sessions at MAFE and with it being the 250th year a lot of Fairs are adding things for the 250th year. Lots of ideas for Veterans.
 - d. Laurie – The premium book will not be printed this year. The In Memoriam page do you want it to continue. We should do an In Memoriam on the tv screen to the grandstands. One for Ben and another for Josiah. Carlyne will write Josiah's Some fairs use camping to increase funds and charge by type of plug used during Fair.
 - e. Jack – None
 - f. Tom – Working on updating tickets. Megabands are on sale now. Website design mtgs with Saffire underway.
 - g. Sonya – None
 - h. Molly – Waiting to hear back on Bingo. Waiting for the approval from last year's group
 - i. Breann – Booked TNT for Sun & Fri, booked Mon West Mi Truck & Tractors, Tues change to Pitt Bike Races, Weds Tuff Trucks, Sat Twisted P. Offering a grand prize for the Pitt Bike Race might increase participation. Out of Mancelona, and excited to participate. Northern Power Race Park is the provider. Maybe Carlyne can get a donated bike. Learned a lot at Convention. Most from TikTok class. We should follow up on it.
 - j. Milt – Website any changes you'd like to make let Milt know asap. Any events we have signed for we can start advertising. Placing people onto the waiting list for storage for next year.
 - k. Karen – Went to camping session and found that we were ahead of the game.
 - l. Tammara – None
 - m. Jill – Got the Dinosaur this year and a trapeze show signed. Glass blower for 2027 and blacksmith for 2026 all signed. Guarantee of 5 items per day to sell. Check on chainsaw guy for 2026.
- Joe: We have a good handle on a lot of stuff we do. Every Fair has a different procedure for lost children, and a lot were asking us what we do.
- Do we do a decorate your campsite contest for the 250th anniversary and Karen be the judge. As the kids age out the Fair board will pick one or 2 out of each species and ask them questions about what they want and used it to recruit help from them to continue.

14. **Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion 10.9.25.5:** Sonya Youker/Erika Sprenger made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm. **Motion passed.**