

Northwestern Michigan Fair Association

Board of Directors Annual Meeting

November 7, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Joe Hubbell at 6:33 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** By Frank Guerin
3. **Roll Call:** By Tom Looks
 - a. **Board Members Present:** Al Henning, Carolyne Woodhams, Clarissa Johnston, Cody Foster, Erika Sprenger, Frank Guerin, Jill Duell, Joe Hubbell, Karen Zenner, Laurie Ashley, Milt Lewis, Sonya Youker, Tammara Sanchez, Tom Looks
 - b. **Board Members Absent:** Molly Caminata
4. **2024 Annual Meeting Agenda:** **Motion 11.7.24.1:** Carolyne Woodhams/Frank Guerin made motion to approve 2024 Annual Meeting Agenda. **Motion Passed.**
5. **Presentation & Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes:** **Motion 11.7.24.2:** Clarissa Johnston/Carolyne Woodhams made motion to approve 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes as amended. **Motion Passed.**
6. **President's Annual Report:** Joe Hubbell – Last summer we started and completed the large grandstand replacement project. Our total project cost was \$820,000 including fencing, bleachers, sound system, announcers' booth, etc. There were thousands of hours of volunteer time. Molon excavation, C.C. Power, Medler Electric, Elmer's, Story Insulation Technologies, Precision Plumbing and Heating, Innovative Land Solutions. We did receive a \$100,000 Grant from MDARD, \$25,000 from Marty and Valarie Cotanch, \$5,000 from Browne's Electric and \$4,000 from Tractor Supply. We financed about \$500,000 of the total project.
7. **Treasurer's Report & Annual Finance Report:**
 - a. Tammara went over the Treasurer's report. There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report. Tammara reviewed the 2024/2025 proposed Budget. There were no questions on the Proposed budget. **Motion 11.7.24.3:** Mike Barley/Keri Bancroft made motion to approve the 2024/2025 Budget. **Motion Passed.**
 - b. Tammara reviewed the October 31, 2024 Balance Sheet. There were no questions. Tammara reviewed the Budget vs Actual for

2023/2024. There were no questions on the budget. Tammy Nemeskal asked what the percentage rate for our loan.

8. **Public Comment:** Beth Stevens - At the Livestock council meeting Monday night, it was mentioned that the camping fees were going to be increasing. Joe – as of right now there are no plans to increase camping fees in 2024/2025. Also, with the additional seating what was the increase in revenue. Joe - The approximate number was \$50,000 and we did not sell out all of the seats but we did have a significant increase in our income. Milt – we did not need to turn anyone away.

9. **Introduction of 2024 Board Member Candidates:**

- a. Karen Zenner
- b. Jill Duell
- c. Erika Sprenger
- d. Sonya Youker
- e. Jack Hubbell

10. **Introduction of the 2024 By-law Amendment Proposals**

- a. Carolyn Woodhams reviewed the 2024 By-law Amendment Proposals. There were no questions on the proposed amendments.

11. **Voting**

12. **Presentation of 2024 Election Results**

By-Law Proposal Amendments

- 1. Passed 32/17
- 2. Passed 44/3
- 3. Passed 46/3
- 4. Passed 48/1
- 5. Passed 48/1

3 Year Positions

- a. Karen Zenner - 50
- b. Jill Duell – 47
- c. Jack Hubbell – 44
- d. Sonya Youker – 40
- e. Erika Sprenger – 36

13. **Changing of the Board:** Al is retiring from the board – Thank you for all of your 20+ years of service. Jack is joining the board. Joe introduced the 2025 Fair Board directors.

14. Motion 11.7.24.4: Carolyn Woodhams/Jill Duell made a motion to destroy the 2023 Ballots. **Motion Passed**

15. Adjournment: Motion 11.7.24.5: Al Henning/Carolyn Woodhams made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm. **Motion Passed.**

President

Joe Hubbell

Clarissa Johnston/Jill Duell

Vice President

Frank Guerin

Karen Zenner/Tammara Sanchez

2nd Vice President

Karen Zenner

Cody Foster/Jill Duell

Treasurer

Tammara Sanchez

Karen Zenner/Jill Duell

Secretary

Tom Looks

Clarissa Johnston/Carolyn Woodhams