

Northwestern Michigan Fair

Board of Directors Meeting

July 24, 2025

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Joe Hubbell at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Karen Zenner.
3. **Roll Call:** By Tom Looks

Note: (V) indicates the attendee was attending virtually.

 - a. **Board Members Present:** Carolynne Woodhams, Clarissa Johnston, Cody Foster, Erika Sprenger, Jill Duell, Jack Hubbell, Joe Hubbell, Karen Zenner, Laurie Ashley, Milt Lewis, Molly Caminata, Sonya Youker, Tammara Sanchez, Tom Looks
 - b. **Board Members Absent:** Frank Guerin
 - c. **Visitors Present:** Nicki Brown, Tony Saxton, Bud Strang, Ben Walker, Amanda Wilkins, Kathy Easter, Keri Bancroft, Al Henning, Sarah Bye, Jennifer Gainor
4. **Review Agenda**
 - a. **Motion 7.24.25.1:** E. Sprenger/C. Johnston made a motion to approve July 17, 2025 Agenda as amended. **Motion passed.**
5. **Correspondence:** Joe shared a Thank You card from The Family of Joyce Olds.
6. **President's Report:** 9 days until fair.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Tammara passed around the checking account register for the past week. The ATM is loaded and we will be picking up additional money for fair in the next few days.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. **Motion 7.24.25.2:** C. Johnston/C. Woodhams made a motion to approve minutes from July 10, 2025 meeting as written. **Motion passed.**
9. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Kelsey Saxton shared information on her swine project that she is showing at the fair this year and provided a Save Date for the fair.
 - b. Cher'rie Brown shared information on her swine project for the fair this year.
 - c. Tony Saxton wanted to bring attention about the ongoing issue about the swine gates. Storage is causing an issue with the general ground surrounding area. Additionally, he would like to address the anonymous donor of the swine pen fees. After discovering the identity of the individual, they chose to pay for the pen fees themselves and felt that associating with the individual is not in the best interest of the fair.
 - d. Erika read a buyer's letter from Janette Liana Motta 2nd year 4H exhibiter. She is showing a dairy feeder this year at fair.
10. **New Business:**
 - a. Milt Lewis – Received a message from the Kingsley JROTC and would like to volunteer at any events available this year at fair.
 - b. Joe Hubbell – Our insurance agent called again today questioning about the old horse barn. After fair we will be talking about this in depth but the old horse barn will need to come down. To replace it we will be looking at portable storage containers that are side loadable. Once those are replaced with a permanent solution we can move them wherever we want. Currently only fair board directors and staff are allowed inside the old horse barn.

11. 4H Livestock Council:

- a. Keri Bancroft – Thank you for all that came out to the work bee last night. We do have a few odds-and-ends to tie up still. A signup sheet is going around for Saturday load in day. If you haven't yet, please join our BAND app. All animals are going to be fitting inside all of the barns.

12. Unfinished Business:

- a. No unfinished business.

13. Committee Reports:

- a. Committee reports were reviewed by going down the committee list.

14. Adjournment:

- a. **Motion 7.24.25.3:** T. Sanchez/C. Woodhams made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm. **Motion passed.**