

Floyd County Fair Board Meeting
August 21, 2024

Called to order at 6:00 PM by Mike Quade

Members present were: Matthew Stille, Amy Staudt, Rich Tynan, Kiersten Heim, Drew Mitchell, Ron Hillegas, Mike Quade, Renee Knapp, Kurt Thorson, Dustin Howe, Ryan Wegner, Melissa Merriss and Jen Schmitt

Secretary Report: The minutes of the May meeting were read. Drew made a motion to approve, seconded by Amy, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa gave the treasurer's report. Matt made a motion to approve it as read, seconded by Kiersten. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

1. Extension and 4-H-4-H enrollment will begin soon, and the State Fair went well. Sarah will be a permanent part-time employee working remotely on fair items during the year.
2. FFA- Farm Safety Day will be held at the fairgrounds on Sept. 24th
3. Auction-Elma, Riceville, and Ionia locker spots are reserved for 2025, discussion was held on if we want to also talk to S&S. Renee will call and check. Renee has spoken to the new Waverly Sale Barn staff; they are onboard to continue to work with us. A discussion was held on how to make the auction check process run smoothly; more discussions will be held.
4. Building & Grounds:
 - a. Leaky hydrant near show arena needs to be addressed.
5. Vendors-Melissa has a few vendors verbally committing for Fair 2025.
6. Off fair events - Figure 8 races Friday, please help if you are able.
7. Publicity- Wrap up of the fair thank you for the press is in the works.
8. Fundraising-Grant Writing Workshop on 8-27
 - a. Codemy night is set for Friday, Nov. 15th
 - b. Spring Fling reserved for March 1, 2025
9. Endowment-as we get closer to fall we will want to discuss using the interest off of the endowment.
10. Security-We need to make sure press photographers have checked in and are wearing something to identify themselves as "press"

Correspondence

1. Many thank you's from 4-H and FFA members regarding the fair.

Old Business:

1. District Meeting-Registration submitted

New Business:

1. Kelsey Uetz has submitted her resignation from the fair board. The board will operate with the current members until the next Fair Society Meeting. Mike Quade, current VP, will preside as President until the new officer team is elected.
2. Pit Road is going to run straight south of pit, and crushed concrete is being used for this.
3. Additional parking—A discussion was held on CRP and additional parking. Matt made a motion that we proceed with removing 1.25 acres from CRP by paying the withdrawal fee of \$3,000 to make more parking space. Seconded by Renee, the motion passed.

4. Pit lights need to be improved, we are currently waiting for quotes on this as well as electrical drops in the barns.

Future Fair Dates were discussed, and the board will be going with the following:

1. July 16-20, 2025
2. July 15-19, 2026
3. July 14-18, 2027

Melissa moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ron, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Next Meeting is set for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:00PM

Minutes submitted by Jen Schmitt