

**Floyd County Fair Board Meeting**  
**6/18/2025**

Called to order at 6:01 pm

Members present were: Blake Frascht, Ben Kisch, Drew Mitchell, Dustin Howe, Jeff Harris, Kierstin Heller, Kurt Thorson, Matt Stille, Mike Quade, Rich Tynan, Ron Hillegas, and Ryan Wegner.

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

Treasurer Report: Drew gave an update for all checking and savings accounts. Mike made a motion to approve, seconded by Matthew, the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- FFA Instructors:
  - Charles City FFA will be replacing the old brick planters with a rock on each side of the driveway with 4-H engraved on one and FFA on the other.
- Extension/4-H County Committee:
  - Michelle introduced Jayden Jorgensen as the new fair coordinator. They both will be working together this year. After this year's fair Jayden will take over the fair planning.
- Auction:
  - Due to scheduling conflicts there will be no locker spots at the Deerfield locker. Ionia locker was not willing to save spots either due to lack of interest in previous years. Matthew will check with 346 Butchery to see if they would have any spots available.
- Building & Grounds:
  - Along the west driveway north of the horse barn there has been a large sink hole formed due to a blow out on the tile main that runs through there. Trent Laube will patch it before fair for a short term fix. Mike expressed in the very near future there would need to be extensive tile work done to repair this main tile line. He will be meeting Johnson Drainage on Thursday, June 19th to discuss and get an estimate on repair.
  - River City Fencing will be adding fencing at the pit entrance with two swinging drive through gates and one walk through gate. Gates will also need to be added to the end of the new pit road. This was approved via the group text.

- Rod Merriss is willing to do garbage pick up during fair week but would also be willing to pass on the responsibility. Kierstin had someone in mind that she would be reaching out to.
- Mike expressed the need for some battery powered hand tools to have on the grounds. A motion was made by Matthew, seconded by Kierstin to allow up to \$2,000 of Milwaukee brand tools to be purchased. Ryan will take care of purchasing the tools.
- Entertainment:
  - All hotel rooms have been booked.
  - Some of the final payments will be going out.
  - Kierstin would like some help finalizing the schedule for the website, we have people inquiring as the 2024 schedule is still up.
  - The band shell will be arriving on Wednesday.
  - The volleyball poles will need to be fixed before the sand volleyball tournament.
  - The Sheriff's department will be doing a fundraiser on Monday night, not sure exactly time they will be doing it.
  - The FFA will be doing their annual bean bag tournament on Thursday at 2 pm in front of the YEC.
  - Mike noted we are short about \$20,000 of funding this year due to the withdrawal of the wind turbines and carbon pipeline in Floyd County.
- Publicity:
  - The website needs to be updated.
  - The Charles City Press will have the mock up for the fair schedule coming soon.
  - Continue to share the posts on Facebook, especially Bacon Buddies as the deadline is June 27th.
- Refreshments & Vendors:
  - Need to follow up with the Spud Bus, to confirm if they were still coming to the fair.
  - Island Grill is confirmed.
  - Ginger's Top Shelf will be bringing their cheesecake trailer.
  - We have had an immense amount of interest in outdoor retail vendors this year. We are having to tell people no so we make sure we have enough room for our other activities.
- Security:
  - There is a camera in the beef barn that has fallen and will need to be put back up.

- Off Fair Events:
  - Figure 8 Races will be held August 22nd.
- Royalty:
  - Keep sharing posts on facebook. We only have a few applicants
- Volunteer Coordinators:
  - Have a lot of volunteers signed up but will still need more.

#### New Business:

- Board member availability during the fair was discussed.
- Tammy Quade presented a proposal for a new horse barn. The proposed barn would be 70' x 128' with a price of \$160,592. Preliminary drawing consists of 48 10' x 10' stalls reusing the 8' and 10' gates. All gates would be swinging in so no horses would get out. Estimated cost for the dirt work would be \$25,000 - \$30,000. Bids are still out for the concrete, electrical, and plumbing. The estimated total cost of the project is \$217,831.90. The fair board will be contributing \$20,000. Mike expressed that he thought the fair board could cover the cost of the dirt work as well. The rest of the funding would come from fundraising and Tammy would like to have 75% of the funds raised by fall.

#### Other Business:

- Went over the to-do list. As items are completed please update the list or let the group know.

Kierstin moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by, Ron the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, September 17th at 7 pm in the YEC.  
Minutes submitted by Melissa Merriss