

**Floyd County Fair Board Meeting**  
**4/15/2025**

Called to order at 7:00 pm

Members present were: Blake Frascht, Ben Kisch, Dan Swartzrock, Dustin Howe, Jeff Harris, Kierstin Heller, Les Staudt, Matt Stille, Melissa Merriss, Mike Quade, Rich Tynan, Ryan Wegner, & Shau Landt

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

Treasurer Report: Melissa gave an update for all checking and savings accounts. Matt made a motion to approve, seconded by Ben, the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- FFA Instructors:
  - Added food science division at the Iowa State Fair - kids will make cookies for the county fair.
  - Former FFA members will be coming back to show during the pig show.
  - Taking over the lease on Zoetis' CRP.
  - Bacon Buddies sign up is on Facebook - please share
- Extension/4-H County Committee:
  - Fair Book and Clover Kid guide are published. Printed copies in the office for pickup.
  - The last of the judges are lined up.
  - Broiler orders are all in, they will be here May 26th.
  - Tall Corn is in progress. 4/16 is the last day to sign up.
  - 4-H Food Stand - Peggy is going to do the foodstand one more year. They do have someone in mind for next year and hope to have them get serv-safe done this year.
  - Photography - Stephanie has reached out to a couple photographers. There will be a contract drawn up. Split sponsorship with the photographers, nothing has been finalized yet.
  - Osage Vet has been confirmed for 2026 Fair.
- Storage/Rentals:
  - Rentals will be coming out April 25th and 26th.
- Building & Grounds:
  - CRP was renewed. They will come out in the near future to mark the 1 acre that has been removed from the program. April 21st to May 14th - half needs to be burned off. Looking to burn off the east half. Heartland

got a hold of Rich and has concrete, dirt, and sand to level off the ground when the acre is available.

- Work Nights - will start in May. We will discuss more at the May meeting. Start thinking up ideas or tasks that need to be done. Send CC FFA and Union Busy Bees a list of ideas to be done during their workdays.
- Fence Upgrades - West of the grandstand, the fence is deteriorating. Discussion looking for new fencing and what gate options would be available to replace the red gates. Include the fencing from the grandstands down to the cattle barn. Mike will reach out to get some pricing options put together and bring them to the May meeting.
- Lawncare and Maintenance - currently pay \$6,500 for mowing and lawncare each year. Dynamics of the grounds being used all year and the weed problems we've been experiencing. Mike would like to update the contract to include weed prevention and maintenance. H&R would like a 10% increase on their mowing, we'd pay for the chemicals that are applied but there would be no additional labor costs. Mike has a copy of the old contract to review and update. Jeff made a motion to increase the contract to 10%, for a total of \$7,100, they will supply the chemicals and bill us as it's used, Matt seconded. Motion passed.
- Entertainment:
  - Entertainment has been booked and we are on schedule for the tractor pull.
- Publicity:
  - Wagon down at the courthouse - the form needs to be completed so we can put the wagon down by the courthouse. Skinny will take care of completing the form.
- Refreshments & Vendors:
  - New contracts coming in. Need to reach out to returning vendors to make sure they are coming and go from there. We do need to find a new coffee trailer.
- Building Rentals:
  - Rental Revenue - Sarah Murray completes the second part of our financials. We are down a little bit as compared to previous years. Nothing major, just small things have changed. Rates will have a slight increase effective in 2027. Share any new ideas or events as you think of them.
- Superintendents:
  - Abby & Isabelle - Dog Superintendents. CC FFA will build the ramp for agility. They are requesting \$80 for additional agility equipment. They'd

like to bring this class back to the 2026 fair. Dustin moved to set a spending limit of \$100 for agility equipment for the dog show, Blake seconded. Motion passed.

- Royalty:
  - Little Mister and Miss Applications - please take a stack and deliver to the elementary schools.
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#### Old Business:

- NBHA Contracts are still being worked on.
- Horse Barn Update - dirt work is done. Materials are ordered. Mike stopped out to Countryside and let them know we are on track to start the build. So far we are on budget with the work that has been done.

#### New Business:

- Garbage during fair week - the previous person will be unavailable this year. If there isn't anyone available to do the work, we will develop a schedule for the board to sign up and take responsibility. This is a paid position, \$800 for the week. This includes the food court areas and grandstands.
- Storage/Rentals - increased total number of items stored for 2026. Opportunities to utilize the new horse barn being able to be used. The current rate paid is 15% of the total rental revenue. Discussion was held regarding an increase in the rate being paid. Dustin made a motion to increase the rental payment to 20%, Jeff seconded. Motion passed. Look at rental rates for those storing items for 2027.
- 2027 Fair Dates - Kierstin moved to hold the 2027 fair July 14th - 18th, seconded by Matt. Motion passed.

Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Matt, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, May 20th at 7 pm in the SCC.  
Minutes submitted by Melissa Merriss