

# Northwestern Michigan Fair

## Board of Directors Meeting

November 9, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Joe Hubbell at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Frank Guerin
3. **Roll Call:** By Tom Looks
  - a. **Board Members Present:** Al Henning, Carlyne Woodhams, Clarissa Johnston, Frank Guerin, Jill Duell, Joe Hubbell, Karen Zenner, Laurie Ashley, Milt Lewis, Molly Caminata, Sonya Youker, Tammara Sanchez, Tom Looks
  - b. **Board Members Absent:** Cody Foster, Erika Sprenger
  - c. **Visitors Present:** Nicki Brown, Sherri Forton
4. **Review Agenda**
  - a. **Motion 11.9.23.1:** A. Henning/F. Guerin made a motion to approve November 9, 2023 Agenda. **Motion Passed.**
5. **Correspondence:** Milt shared that Larry Bush passed away.
6. **President's Report:** Less than 275 days until fair
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Tammara shared the treasurer's report no changes since the Annual Meeting. On December 1, Tammara is meeting with Informa to repair the ATM. Karen asked about the Julie Nowland fund and if that was included in the barn accounts. The Julie Nowland Fund is separate from the barn accounts. The barn accounts are discretionary spending money for the barns to use.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. **Motion 11.9.23.2:** M. Lewis/C. Woodhams made a motion to approve minutes from October 12, 2023 meeting with corrections. **Motion Passed.**
9. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
10. **New Business:**
  - a. Milt Lewis
    - i. The new doors on the goat barn are nice, the only problem is they open from the inside. The handles were not installed from the outside. They do make an electric opener for those doors. Joe will get a price on the electric door opener.
    - ii. The Fitch building doors need to be addressed. Milt suggested looking into the roller doors, we do need the height for campers. We cannot do anything with them until spring because of winter storage.
  - b. Joe Hubbell/Frank Guerin
    - i. Has anybody checked out the light in the Tanner Building? Asked Medler electric for a quote for 21 of the High Bay lights. The Lights \$1500 and labor is \$2500 to install. Joe would like to move forward with purchasing those lights before prices change. **Motion 11.9.23.3:** C. Johnston/S. Youker made a motion to purchase 21 High Bay lights for \$1500. **Motion Passed.**
    - ii. Joe shared renderings for possible Grandstand entrance/ticket booths.
    - iii. Frank shared information from the loan officer at Independent Bank. Frank also discussed the possibility of increasing income from events because of additional seating and moving the current bleachers to the pit area.
    - iv. Joe asked for opinions/discussion on the design and ideas of the Grandstand entrance/ticket booths.

- v. **Motion 11.9.23.4:** T. Sanchez/K. Zenner made a motion that we move forward and get the blueprints for the project. **Motion Passed.**

11. **4H Livestock Council:**

- a. Nicki Brown – All registrations are open on the website. Large Beef and Dairy Beef registrations are due in January. Around \$10,000 was given away at the annual meeting. Katrina Gross will be replacing Tammy Nemeskal as Treasurer. New cattle rules were announced at the annual meeting. The Dairy Beef program has been added with room for 5 projects. All 5 Livestock Council Executive board members are registered for the MAFE Convention.

12. **Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business.

13. **Committee Reports:**

- a. The Committee list was reviewed and updated.
- b. Joe mentioned there are early discussions of interest in our grounds of a vendor that is looking at holding large event on September 6-7 the fairgrounds. Attendance could possibly be 10,000 people each night.
- c. Frank shared that the Jr. Beef Wash Rack project has been receiving donations and provided a brief description of the location of the project.

14. **Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion 11.9.23.5:** S. Youker/J. Duell made motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm. **Motion passed.**