

# Northwestern Michigan Fair

## Board of Directors Meeting

### July 11, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Frank Guerin at 7:03 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Karen Zenner.
3. **Roll Call:** By Tom Looks
  - a. **Board Members Present:** Al Henning, Carolyne Woodhams, Clarissa Johnston, Cody Foster, Erika Sprenger, Frank Guerin, Jill Duell, Joe Hubbell (arrived after meeting start 7:15pm – was required to finish a project on grounds), Karen Zenner, Laurie Ashley, Milt Lewis, Molly Caminata, Sonya Youker, Tammara Sanchez, Tom Looks
  - b. **Board Members Absent:** None
  - c. **Visitors Present:** Keri Bancroft, Amanda Wilkins, Bud Strang, Nicki Brown, Ben Walker, Kathy Easter, Dean Domnoske
4. **Review Agenda**
  - a. **Motion 7.11.24.1:** A. Henning/S. Youker made a motion to approve July 11, 2024 Agenda as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Tom shared a Thank You card from the Gray Family.
6. **President's Report:** 23 days until fair. If you need help just ask.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Tammara shared the treasurer's report.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. **Motion 7.11.24.2:** E. Sprenger/J. Duell made a motion to approve minutes from June 14, 2024 meeting as written. **Motion passed unanimously.**
9. **Public Comment:** No Public Comment
10. **New Business:**
  - a. Nicki Brown – Not speaking as a livestock council or 4H representative. Think it is time to start looking at moving towards an Open Youth Fair and moving away from MSU. Asking that the NWMI Fair Board start having conversations and discussion about what it is going to do for the youth. There is no deadline being suggested, an estimated timeframe could be 2025 or 2026. We have a lot of people in the right places now that would be able to help with this and do it right, those people were not involved with the conversations compared to previous years. She wants transparency during all of the discussions.
    - i. Kathy Easter supported Nicki's suggestion and thinks it would be better for all of us but especially for the youth.
11. **4H Livestock Council:**
  - a. Keri Bancroft – Thank you to all of the fair board being involved with the Cherry Festival Parade last Thursday. As far as we are aware, all 4H members are signed up and registered. Thank you to Erika for assisting. An email was sent out regarding the Zoom meeting that MSU is holding about the cattle update. Rabbit work bee on July 19<sup>th</sup>. All 4H cattle should be fitting in the 4H barn and the open cattle barn is not needed. Asked about the CPR/First Aid class. Rosalie Colliar's last day will be July 15<sup>th</sup>. Kristi will be overseeing Leelanau County and Manistee County now. Robin will still be covering Grand Traverse County. Looking for help with load in day.
12. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. None
13. **Committee Reports:**

- a. The board went down the list for all committee reports.

14. **Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion 7.11.24.3:** S.Youker/M. Caminata made motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. **Motion passed unanimously.**