

Iowa County Fair Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2026

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Lawinger at the Fair Exhibit building.
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Board of Directors Present: Sean Brown, Mike Eastman, Don Kreul, Ted Lawinger, Tim Lindholm, Amanda Linscheid, Kris Nelson, Donna Peterson, Mary Schauff, Gary Schmit, Gabe Wand.
- ❖ Board of Directors Absent: Tommie Loken
- ❖ Guests Present: Mary Foley, Jackie McCarville, Dan Brandt, Carrie Heins, Matt Heins, Sally Hanson, Kristen May, Marsha Wyatt, Clint Langwreck, Pat Leonard (Zoom).
 - *Note: President Lawinger gave the ok for meetings to be attended via Zoom as it worked out well for Superintendent's meeting.*
- ❖ Introduction of Guests: Clint Langwreck – New Iowa County Administrator
- ❖ Moment of Silence for Steve Simmons: Steve served two terms on the Fair Board and most recently served as the Mineral Point Rescue Squad Director.
- ❖ Motion made by Don to approve agenda; Second by Amanda; Motion carried.
- ❖ Motion made by Gary to approve previous minutes; Second by Sean; Motion carried.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report
 - Gabe Wand gave report on balances of accounts up to date.
 - Motion by Don, Seconded by Gary to approve outstanding bills. Roll Call Vote: S. Brown-Y; M. Eastman-Y; D. Kreul-Y; T. Lindholm-Y; A. Linscheid-Y; K. Nelson-Y; D. Peterson-Y; M. Schauff-Y; G. Schmit-Y; G. Wand-Y. Motion Passed.
 - Gabe reviewed outstanding invoices from the fair. The outstanding auction liability has been paid. We are only waiting on one vendor payment.
 - Gabe reviewed the upcoming CD that is coming to maturity and gave recommendations.
 - Motion made by Tim, seconded by Don to put \$30,000 into a 9 month CD at Farmer's Savings Bank. Roll Call Vote: S. Brown-Y; M. Eastman-Y; D. Kreul-Y; T. Lindholm-Y; A. Linscheid-Y; K. Nelson-Y; D. Peterson-Y; M. Schauff-Y; G. Schmit-Y; G. Wand-Y. Motion Passed.
 - Mary Schauff asked what exact services we are receiving from Johnson Block compared to the charges. Gabe gave a brief overview of services received based on payments made to Johnson Block. Ted/Gabe will reach out to discuss future pricing.
 - Motion to approve Treasurer report by Sean; Second by Amanda; Motion Carried.
- ❖ Petitions and Requests from the Public: None
 - President Lawinger stated that we welcome all public discussion, however, he has added that there will be a 3 minute time limit for all public requests and no further discussion/action will be taken. Anything that needs further action can be added to the following month's meeting agenda.
- ❖ Superintendent Updates
 - Donna, Mary F. & Jackie updated the board on recommendations from the Superintendents meeting.
 - Motion by Amanda, seconded by Sean to change fair book verbiage to: "Junior Fair Exhibitors must belong to an approved Iowa County Youth Organization OR the youth must reside in Iowa County and be a member of a Fair Board approved organization. Further discussion was had on if organizations had to be approved every year. It was

clarified that as long as contacts are current, the organization would approved going forward unless details provide otherwise. Motion passed.

- Motion by Gary, seconded by Gabe to move in person judging date to Sunday, August 30, 2026 due to schools starting before the fair this year. Motion passed.
- Mary Foley submitted a list of superintendents for the board's review.
- More discussion was had on looking into code of conduct and limiting the amount of superintendents per department.
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Advertising, Social Media, Sponsorship, Community Involvement
 - Kristen reported she continues to apply for grants, working on fundraising ideas and is awaiting Cummins' decision on 2026 sponsorship level.
 - Entertainment
 - Kristen presented a blanket budget for events and advertising. Discussion on adding a Lumber Jack Show to Friday as well as for kids events.
 - Tim reported there would no longer be an anonymous donor to the rodeo purses, and this year's price is \$19,000, so asked how the board would like to proceed. Further discussion took place on if the fair should help supplement the riders purses. Consensus was the board was open to it but no final decision was made.
 - Motion by Gabe, Seconded by Mary S. to approve the amended entertainment budget. Roll Call Vote: S. Brown-Y; M. Eastman-Y; D. Kreul-Y; T. Lindholm-Y; A. Linscheid-Y; K. Nelson-Y; D. Peterson-Y; M. Schauff-Y; G. Schmit-Y; G. Wand-Y. Motion Passed.
 - Fair Office
 - Gabe reported that he ran numbers on the printers outlined at the previous meeting. Spreading the purchase of the printer out over the course of contract period, he did not recommend proceeding as each year we would pay more than we would if we outsourced to Inkwell Printers. There was further discussion on procuring a used printer, and the board would look into that if one was found.
 - Emily Oxnem emailed her concern over the late fee for late entries. Current policy is entries must be received by August 1st, but would be accepted until August 7th for a \$100 per entry fee.
 - Motion by Gary, seconded by Sean to keep the policy the same. Motion carried.
 - Grounds
 - Nothing new at this time, however it was mentioned a spring priority would be to look into fixing the water leak.
 - Bleachers arrived and will be looking for help assembling them.
- ❖ Old Business
 - Mary F. gave a recap of WAF Convention. McKenna was unable to attend due to personal reasons.
- ❖ New Business
 - Some members of our board attended the Iowa County Board General Government Committee Meeting on January 8th as they were discussing Amending Policy 101-Iowa County Committees, Commissions, & Boards Structure. No action was taken.
- ❖ Next Board of Directors meeting will be February 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the fair house.
- ❖ Motion made to adjourn at 8:19 pm by Gabe, Second by Sean; Motion carried.
- ❖ Respectfully Submitted: Mary Foley & Gabe Wand