

Iowa County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2026

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Schmit at the Fair Exhibit building.
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Board of Directors Present: Sean Brown, Mike Eastman, Don Kreul, Tim Lindholm, Tommie Loken, Amanda Linscheid, Kris Nelson, Donna Peterson, Mary Schauff, Gary Schmit, Gabe Wand.
- ❖ Board of Directors Absent: Ted Lawinger
- ❖ Guests Present: Kristen May, Jackie McCarville, Chuck Dahl, Mary Foley, Lori Douglas, Matthew Douglas, Scott Douglas, Dan Brandt, Connie Weier.
- ❖ Introduction of Guests: None
- ❖ Motion made by Don to approve agenda; Second by Sean; Motion carried.
- ❖ Motion made by Sean to approve previous minutes; Second by Mike; Motion carried.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report
 - Gabe Wand gave report on balances of accounts up to date.
 - Motion by Don, Seconded by Sean 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; T. Loken-Y; G. Wand-Y. Motion Passed.
 - We are still waiting on one vendor payment.
 - Gabe discussed services of Johnson Block. He and Ted are working on costing, but recommended continuing at a minimum through end of FY 25-26. This allows the rest of the summer to procure other options to look at.
 - Motion to approve Treasurer report by Kris; Second by Sean; Motion Carried.
- ❖ Petitions and Requests from the Public: None
- ❖ Superintendent Updates
 - Donna Peterson informed the board that information was sent to area youth organizations to have them fill out the youth organization intake form to become an approved organization to participate at the fair. Those forms are due March 1st and will be presented to the board for approval at the March meeting.
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Advertising, Social Media, Sponsorship, Community Involvement
 - Kristen reported that she is connecting with sponsors and is happy to report she has confirmed an \$11,000.00 sponsorship from Cummins for 2026!
 - Fair Office
 - Jackie McCarville informed the board that the Fairbook is almost ready to be finalized. She is waiting for the Auction Committee to make updates for the year. There are some changes this year including the addition to a pocket pet/exotic animal class in the Animal and Vet Science Department. These exhibits would be judged during the Face to Face Judging. The Fairbook will be submitted for approval at the March Board meeting.
 - Mary Foley gave a report on the request for holding archery practices for non 4H exhibitors. She will have more information about the matter after she hears back from the insurance company regarding liability insurance for those who would be

- participating. Don expressed concerns over the direction of shooting in the fair house, and it was decided to leave the judgement up to the superintendents.
- Mary S. brought the recommendation to buy a used Sharp printer/scanner from Facebook market place for \$400.00. This would replace one of the current printers that is having issues with the toner marking the papers.
 - Gabe made a motion, seconded by Amanda to purchase the printer. Motion passed.
- Fairest of the Fair
 - Mary Foley submitted a budget for the 2025/2026 Fiscal year for the Fairest and Jr. Fairest of the Fair. Motion by Sean, seconded by Don to approve the budget as presented. 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; T. Loken-Y; G. Wand-Y. Motion Passed.
 - Grounds
 - Amanda Linscheid reported that the Iowa-Grant Highschool Tech Ed classes and FFA would be happy to assemble the new bleachers for us. She will make arrangements to have this completed.
 - Mary Schauff requests that the grounds committee make a plan for the issues in the grandstand bathrooms and have them addressed before this year's fair. There was a brief discussion about problems and issues that need to be taken care of.
 - Kristen May reminded the group that we have a \$3,000.00 credit with Builders First Choice from an in-kind sponsorship from 2025. We should be utilizing that for any material needs on the grounds.
 - A grounds committee meeting has been set for March 18th at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds to dive deeper into making a plan of action. Old Business
 - Mary F. gave a recap of WAF Convention. McKenna was unable to attend due to personal reasons.
- ❖ Old Business: None
 - ❖ New Business: None
 - ❖ Next Board of Directors meeting will be March 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the fair house.
 - ❖ Motion made to adjourn at 7:28 pm by Kris, Second by Don; Motion carried.
 - ❖ Respectfully Submitted: Mary Foley & Gabe Wand

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 3/23/2026, Barbara Weinbrenner