

**Cass County Fair Association
Regular Meeting
Gregarek Building
February 14, 2023
Minutes**

President Brian Kuemin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Brian Kuemin, Vice President Gail Peterson, Treasurer Diane Skibbe, Secretary Jill Hershberger, Executive Secretary Brenda Smego, Directors Dave Bratton, Gene Deubner, Shane Harris, David Gleason, Jim Teter, Rodney Waldschmidt, Mike Frushour, Daryl Keesler, Diane Skibbe, Alex Wilson, Recorder Stephanie Knepple, Guests Jackson Bement, Micah Christian, Kenyen Kennedy, Dickson Samadder, Chase DeBruine, Alexandra Westphal, Tabitha Williamson, Neil Bowman, Erin Hayden, Nikita Mehaney, Bobbie Labar, Robin Breneman, Isaac Walker, Karen Wright, Nathan Town, Melissa Town, Laura Blough, Pauline Harris, Jesse Bement, Colt Bement, Braxton Schoetzozz, Mason McMillen, Brylee Jones, Olivia Hayden, Taeler DeBruine, Isabel Kennedy, Patty Dohm, Rennie Witham.

Absent: Directors Jerry Zachary, Zelda Cloud, Ben Waldschmidt, Space Rental Mike Smego.

FFA Presentation: Cassopolis FFA Freshman and Jr. High Teams presented their Green Hand Team Conduct of Meeting. Coached by Mrs. Hannah Hoff.

Minutes: Shane Harris moved to approve the January 2023 Minutes, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Shane Harris moved to approve the Financial Report, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Jesse Bement thanked the board for allowing the FFA Teams to present. Bement also reported that he will be stepping down and will have an assistant shadow him for this year and will be named the new Vice Superintendent of the Tractor Pullers.
- Goat Superintendent Karen Wright gave an update that the gates were delivered and currently being stored in the Baby Animal Barn.
- Executive Secretary Brenda Smego reported:
 - Reimbursement was received for fire monitors.
 - Smego will be meeting with Emily of Village of Cassopolis to discuss licensing for the Beer Tent
 - Rides pricing update \$17.00 mega pass online only, \$45 for 3 day pass, \$70 for 5 day pass.
 - Port-A-Johns 3 year contract \$9,325.00
 - Shane Harris moved to approve the 3 year contract with Port-A-Johns for the amount \$9,325.00, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.

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Committee Reports:

- **Grandstand**
 - Rodney Waldschmidt made a motion to reconstruct classes for the Tractor Pulls by changing the street legal class, supported by Daryl Keesler. Motion carried.

- **Beer Tent**
 - After discussion it was decided to name the Beer Tent Track Side Pit Stop.

- **Grounds Entertainment**
 - Jill Hershberger moved to approve the LumberJack Show for the amount of \$12,000.00, supported by Gail Peterson. Motion carried.
 - Farm Show was approved as long as it's not over 10% more than last year.

Old Business:

- 2023 Fair Book Changes
 - Adopt age groups 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-19
 - Time to have the still and animals removed from ground will be 12:00 p.m. on Sunday.
 - Swine: Premise ID Tags
 - Daryl Keesler moved to approve swine changes, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt.
 - Horse: Needs to add Farboard to the final decision.
 - Gail Peterson moved to approve to pass the changes except for Rule #8 was tabled, supported by Shane Harris. Motion carried.
 - Beef: Add Mini Beef
 - Shane Harris moved to approve the beef change except for line 9, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.
 - Shane Harris moved to approve the changes for Dogs, Dats, Dairy Feeder, Dairy, and Rabbits as written, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.
 - Daryl Keesler moved to approve Draft Horse changes and make Saturday ages the same, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Village of Cassopolis Spring Cleanup
 - Gail Peterson moved to approve April 27-29 for the village trash collection, supported by Rodney Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

- Fall Camping Event in Conjunction with the Village of Cassopolis
 - Possibility of MEC lead out the corn hole game.

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- Creation of Scholarship Committee
 - Committee includes Gail Peterson, Brian Kuemin, Jill Hershberger, Diane Skibbe, and Brenda Harris.

Adjournment

8:45 p.m.

Rodney Waldschmidt, moved.

Shane Harris, supported.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Knepple