

MONTHLY MEETING – BARRON COUNTY FAIRBOARD AMENDED MINUTES

April 19, 2023 – 8:00 pm  
Barron County Fairgrounds

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Loren Amdall	X		John Banks	X	
John Blaskowski		X	Heather Colburn	X	
Jerry Donath	X		Sarah Doyen	X	
Devon Laursen	X		Ken Kolzow	X	
Patty Mann	X		Cory Picknell	X	
Russ Rindsig	X		Kevin Roske	X	
Jacque Schaffer	X		Dwight Thurs	X	
Brooke Shatley	X				

Also Present: Sara Waldron and Kristin Hanson,

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Russ Rindsig.

**MOTION** by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Devon to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by John Banks seconded by Dwight Thurs to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report** – **MOTION** made by Dwight Thurs ; seconded by Cory Picknell to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

**APPEARANCES** – No appearances.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**New Office** –Bull Dozin Inc. is going to do the excavator work. Kevin met with the plumber and PUSH. Hoping to start building by the first week of May.

**Sticker Campaign** – All printed and about 1/3 ready to go. There will be a total of 435 sent out.

**Fair Book** – We have the books and they have been distributed to 4-H and will be taken to banks, chamber of commerce buildings, and libraries in Barron County.

**District Meeting Reports** – They are asking that the 2-year cap be raised to \$650,000. We had a food safety presentation from Datcp. All food stands should be at least 100 feet from any livestock facility. They sent out a questionnaire to various fairs about pay levels for judges. Member dues for Wisconsin Association of Fairs will likely go up in 2024.

**Changing Commercial and Horticulture Building** –There is a possibility of crafters coming to the fair on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If this happens we probably will not change the buildings. This will be decided in May.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fair Stock** – There were none.

**Fairest of the Fair** – Devon asked who coordinates selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the harness races because they would like to push Cookies and Crowns to a later time and would not be available on Thursday. They were told it was up to them and they should let Patty Strand know and she would have to find people to do it on Thursday. They would also like to present the new fairest with a lifetime pass to the fair. The consensus was this is a good idea. They are getting ready to recruit contestants.

**Snow Damage** – Snow took off the lean to on the draft horse barn and damaged the wall of the commercial building. The bid is \$37,000 to fix the lean to.

**Draft Horse Show** – Superintendent of draft horse called and they are down to ten horses and we can't have a draft horse show with only ten horses. Only had one hitch. We will still have the horse hitch show. Still give draft horse wagon rides. We have a combine coming in and a 4-wheel drive tractor to give kids rides on Sunday.

**Remodel Horse Stalls** – We will remodel the inside of the draft horse barn and accommodate race horses.

**Coke Contract** – Do we want to sign another three year which is the same contract. **MOTION** made by Jerry Donath; seconded by Dwight Thurs that we sign the three-year contract. Motion carried.

**Petting Zoo** – We've talked about bringing back live animals. We would have to have wash stations. Approved by consensus.

**Sunday at the Fair** – There will be a hitch show, horse pull, combine rides, tractor rides, and wagon rides.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Truck show benefactor this year will be from Bloomer. We are in for an audit from the state with our animal records. Gyro Truck has backed out of our fair. Chain saw carver person will be creating a carving honoring the police officers killed in the line of duty and donating it to the fair. We would like to create a wall to honor veterans and any fairgoer could submit a name.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be May 10 at 8:00 pm. at the Government Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque Schaffer  
Executive Secretary, Barron County Fair