

MONTHLY MEETING – BARRON COUNTY FAIRBOARD AMENDED MINUTES

May 10, 2023 – 8:00 pm

Barron County Government Center

<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: Kristin Hanson, Sheila Kisling

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

**MOTION** by John Blaskowski; seconded by Jerry Donath to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

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

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

**APPEARANCES** – No appearances.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**New Office** – The dirt has moved in and the plumber will be there tomorrow and the heat will be in the floor on Monday. They will pour cement as soon as the inspector comes and said that two weeks after that we’ll have a shell done. All the woodwork inside is white. A suggestion was made to paint the walls light gray.

**Sticker Campaign** – We have \$850 that has come in for the sticker campaign.

**Remodel Horse Stalls** – Dave is remodeling the draft horse barn. Kevin and his grandson are working welding.

**Trotter Horse Stalling** – They are currently in the horse barn.

**Vendor Contracts** – We have about ten back so far. We have one crafter sent in and about a dozen asking for contracts.

**Fairest of the Fair** – Sent emails to all the local newspapers asking applications be returned by July 1 and interviews will be July 15.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fair Stock** – There were none.

**Friend of the Fair** – We have three in mind for this recognition this year.

**Moving Accounting Program to Online Version** – We currently have a PC version of QuickBooks. Our Talech system is web based. We have looked into the online version of QuickBooks. The advanced or plus version is recommended. The price is \$85 a month plus \$75 for payroll after the first year. The first year would be half price. We will set up a system that the two systems can talk to each other and look at going online at a later date.

**Grounds Manager's Report** – He is working on the grounds. The first event is this weekend. We will start on the commercial building shortly.

**Manager's Report** – Sunday will look a lot different this year. It will be called Last Blast of the Barron County Fair. The plans are still being made but we will have a 4-wheel drive tractor, combine, horse drawn wagon, hitch show, and a horse pull. We will allow two kids to come in free with one paying parent. There will be 10 to 15 bikes to give away. There will be tractor rides from 1:00 to 4:00. Our Country Gals are going to come and sing from 2:00 to 4:00. There is a business who wants to give us \$2,000 each day. They want people to come in and eat. These people have to be in a uniform or have a badge from work. They can come in from 11:30 to 1:00 and eat and the company will give us \$2,000.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

We will have a daily list of events for each day and print 100 to be given out for the day. We will have a weekly list to be taken around ahead of the fair. We will have a total of 300 of those. Jacque asked if this was instead of the pocket schedule we have done in the past. There will be no pocket schedule created this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next meeting will be June 14 at 8:00 pm. at the Fair Grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque Schaffer  
Executive Secretary, Barron County Fair