

ORGANIZATION MEETING – BARRON COUNTY FAIRBOARD
NOVEMBER 19, 2024
BARRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

Board Members	Present	Absent	Board Members	Present	Absent
Sarah Doyen	X		Cory Picknell	X	
Jerry Donath	X		Heather Colburn	X	
Ken Kolzow	X		Brooke Bates	X	
Devon Laursen	X		Russ Rindsig	X	
Ken Kolzow	X		Kevin Roske	X	
Amanda Kohnen	X		Jacque Schaffer	X	
Patty Mann	X		Dwight Thurs	X	
Steve Matthys	X			X	

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 pm by Russ Rindsig.

MOTION by Cory Picknell; seconded by Dwight Thurs to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MOTION made by Jerry Donath to nominate Russ Rindsig as president. **MOTION** made by Jerry Donath; seconded by Sarah Doyen to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Russ Rindsig. Motion carried. **MOTION** made by Devon Laursen to nominate Dwight Thurs as Vice President. **MOTION** made by Brooke Bates; seconded by Cory Picknell to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dwight Thurs. Motion carried.

MOTION by Dwight Thurs ; seconded by Cory Picknell to approve the minutes from the 2023 organizational meeting. Motion carried.

Patty presented bills to be paid since the last meeting. **MOTION** made by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Brooke Bates to pay the monthly bills for November, December, January, February, and March. Motion carried.

Old Business

District Meeting Recap – It is felt that there are too many projects listed in the fair book and we will be working on a revision. There will be a project identified as Board Choice and it will change every year. We will have a new grievance committee.

2025 Convention – The convention will be January 5-8 in Wisconsin Dells.

County Board Meeting Results – The decision was reversed concerning the deduction of \$10,000 to the fair.

Christmas Party – It will be on December 14 with social time start at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. Kevin will provide meat and potatoes and everyone should bring a dish to pass. Please let Kevin know if you plan to attend.

Accounting Update – There was no further update.

NEW BUSINESS

Stock Transfer – Selmer Nelson and Nancy Nelson have transferred their shares to Justin Nelson and Jarek Nelson. Larry Jerome's share has been transferred to Alicia Wirth. Gary Solum from Turtle Lake has surrendered his share. **MOTION** made by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Cory Picknell to issue shares to Taylor Dryer, Jim Dryer, Kristin Hanson, and Scott Queiser. Motion carried.

Changes for the 2025 Fair – There will be a season pass to the fair and the grandstand with a price of \$45 for adults and \$15 for kids. We will open on Tuesday night with no gate fee and food stands will be open and there will be a band playing. It was also suggested that we have a grandstand pass at a price of \$30 for adult and \$10 for kids.

Manager Report – The county board approved funding of \$50,000. We also got \$10,000 from tourism. We will have a new garbage company and a reduced price.

Ground's Keeper Report – Ken reported that he is in the process of shutting down everything.

The next meeting will be in March or April – date to be determined - at the Office Building at the Fairgrounds 8:00 pm.

Meeting went into closed session to discuss bonuses.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque Schaffer - Executive Secretary, Barron County Fair