

MEETING – BARRON COUNTY FAIRBOARD

May 14, 2025 – 8:00 PM

Barron County Fairbrounds

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm by Russ Rindsig. Also present was Sara Waldron.

Approve agenda as printed with additions. **MOTION** by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Sarah Doyan to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

MOTION made by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Heather Colburn to approve minutes of April 16 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report/Pay Bills – **MOTION** made by Heather Colburn; seconded by Dwight Thurs to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

Appearances – There were none.

Old Business

Fairest Update – Applications are live on our website. Saturday, June 21 is the date set for fairest luncheon and interviews with a site to be determined. The Brat Haus will be September 5 & 6.

New Business

2025-2026 Fair Entertainment – Grampa Cratchet will be here again this year. He has offered to come another year, which we will decide at a later date. The Man With the Big Red Shoes will be here Tuesday night but will not perform on Sunday. Gizmo D. Robot will be back. We are looking for next year with the possibility of an act called Balloon Man.

Manager Report- The Chevy sponsorship has come through. All advertising will be advertised by Chevy (Heartland Chevy). We received the Compeer Grant for \$4,000. This will go for sound system and new fans for show arena, which cost approximately \$3,600., but they still need to be wired. We got the \$1,000 Economic Impact grant. Kevin suggested we hire a person during the fair to walk around with a questionnaire. It was reported that we have hired a pig judge. All contracts are back on food and Gyro is not coming back.

Groundskeeper Report – Ken stated he is getting everything ready to go and there are already 45 harness horses here. He has had helpers coming in at night and on weekends working on mowing and fencing. Everything is getting accomplished.

Friend of Fair Awards – Usually we have an individual or business. It was determined that Opening Ceremony would be a good time for the presentation. **MOTION**

made by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Devon Laursen to submit names for friends of the fair.
Motion carried.

The Board went into Closed Session to discuss 2025 pay scales.

Discussion Items

Next Meeting – June 11 – 8:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.