

MEETING – BARRON COUNTY FAIRBOARD

April 15, 2026 – 8:00 PM

Barron County Fairgrounds

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	
			Kevin Roske	X	
Ken Kolzow	X		Jacque Schaffer	X	
Devon Laursen	X		Dwight Thurs	X	

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Russ Rindsig. Also present: Sara Waldron, Deb Gotlibson, John Blaskowski

Approve agenda as printed. **MOTION** by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Sarah Doyen to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MOTION made by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Devon Laursen to approve minutes of November meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report/Pay Bills – Scott presented the treasurer information. **MOTION** made by Devon Laursen; seconded by Heather Colburn to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

Appearances – John Blaskowski appeared before the board and talked about horse stalling.

Old Business

Update on Youth Building – They will start on the pegboard as soon as the boats are out. They are going to build a security area to the right of the area when you walk in. What should we do with the 4-H banners which were cleaned.

Fairest Report – Ella Briggs went to state convention and started to prepare for competing next January. She also attended Discovery Days in March. She has started to prepare for fairest project. She plans to attend Dairy Days. Brat Shack fund raiser will be August 14 and 15. Applications for Fairest will be due the first week of June.

New Business

Fair Stock – Cindy Becker returned her fair stock.

Treasurer Position – Scott will be done at the end of April. Deb Gotlibson is willing to take the position. **MOTION** made by Jerry Donath; seconded by Cory Picknell to hire Deb Gotlibson as treasurer. Motion carried.

Secretary Position – Jacque called and said it will be her last year. We will look for someone who she would work with this year. She will provide a written resignation.

Fair Time Chapel Report – Emily Hagen will do it this year yet but will not continue next year. There is a request that the west side of the chapel be closed.

District Meeting – April 22 – Jacque, Heather, Jerry, Kevin, Russ, and Deb plan to attend. Registration starts at 9:00 at Barron Electric.

Manager Report- Contracts are coming in. Banner letters are going out soon. He is working a little on places to get sponsors on one letter. Maple Grove Solar Farm wants to sponsor. Structure shower work started today in the old dormitory. Two new showers and the old one will still be there. Employees will also have a place to shower. We are looking at building table carts for the youth building. More dirt work will be done on the harness track. We are getting a price on rain gutters on the show arena. We are getting an estimate on getting the electric better on the old helipad. That is approximately \$12,000. Old Norske Nook stand got sold to Tex Mex. We ordered 20 new chicken cages. Dairy is all coming in on Wednesday except the milk cows. Milk cows will be here Thursday by 11:00. Rented road sign south of Eau Claire. He would like board opinion on wrapped semi. We have \$10,000 coming from tourism but these two items would cost a little more. Quanex has an event. Circus show is scheduled for June 15 for one day. Monster Truck show on September 20. They provide their own security. Horse people will start coming in the end of April. There will be no draft horse show this year. We are working on goat and sheep pens. There will be a new ticket booth by the grandstand. **MOTION** made by Dwight Thurs to wrap second semi for the fair; seconded by Cory Picknell. Motion carried.

Groundskeeper Report – Ken will start next week to get things going. Jim Dreyer will be helping.

Discussion Items – There are extra tickets and letters available if anyone wants to take some. There are fair books available and Jacque will be delivering to banks, senior centers, and chamber offices in Barron County. Jerry and Melanie Donath are getting inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame this weekend.

Next Meeting will be May 13 at 8:00 pm at the Fair Grounds.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Jacque Schaffer

Secretary