BARRON COUNTY FAIR

Fair Board Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 2026 – 8:00 PM
Barron County Fairgrounds Office

Board Members	Present	Absent	Board Members	Present	Absent
Brooke Bates		x	Steve Matthys	x	
Heather Colburn	x		Cory Picknell		x
Jerry Donath	x		Deb Gotlibson	x	
Sarah Doyen	x		Russ Rindsig	x	
Shelley Effertz	x		Kevin Roske	x	
Ken Kolzow		x	Jacque Schaffer	x	
Devon Laursen	x		Dwight Thurs	x	
Emily Drafall	X		Emily Kalina		x

Others Present: Donnadee Waibel, Kristin Hanson, Sara Waldron

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

Approval of Agenda as Printed - **MOTION** by Devon Laursen; seconded by Heather Colburn to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of August 12th, 2026 - **MOTION** made by Devon Laursen; seconded by Shelley Effertz to approve minutes of July meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Pay Bills - Deb presented the treasurer's information, and reports will be changed to month to month instead of meeting date to date. **MOTION** by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Heather Colburn to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

Appearances - NA

Old Business

A. Brat Shack – Devon gave a report on the success of the Brat Stand - $1256.00 was raised for the Fairest of the Fair Program.
B. Thunder Fest (Monster Trucks, Music)- Another Road will be performing on Friday, September 18th and Saturday, September 19th the Monster Truck Nitro Tour shows are at Noon and 7:00 PM - online tickets sales are going well.
C. Truck Show – Friday and Saturday, September 25 & 26. Lighted Parade route leaves Rice Lake then to Barron, Cameron and back through Rice Lake.

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New Business

A. Fair Stock Transfer – Two transfers from Tom McGiffin to Todd McGiffin and Peggy Rassbach
B. District Meeting – to be held at Barron Electric, October 15th, 2026 **(This date was added after the meeting for calendar reference.)**
C. Fairest of the Fair – Emily was unable to be present, so Devon gave an update on the Princess at the Park in Haugen where 31 youth participated. Nora participated in the Rutabaga and Ridgeland Parade. Ella is finishing up her WI Fair Convention application.
D. Manager Report:
    - Sportsmen Show reached out to rent the Expo Building. Discussion on the issue of guns being sold. Other items that will be sold, ATV, Fishing, Hunting, etc. **MOTION** by Dwight Thurs; seconded by Devon Laursen to accept accepted the Sportsmen Show to rent the Expo Building with guns being allowed on.
    - Sleep In Heavenly Peace requested the use of the Expo Building to build beds on October 3rd and the Fair is allowing this at no cost to the group to make the beds for the day.
E. Grounds Manger Report: Things are still being put away, and organization is still under way for storage and events that are still being held on the Fair Grounds.
F. Budget Meeting: Wednesday, September 16 @ 6:00 PM
G. Fair Book Changes: October Fair Board Meeting
H. Livestock Picnic: Discussion on if a potluck meal can still happen. The tent is probably not going to be rented for next year, discussion still ongoing. Livestock needs to decide if they want to pay for this expenses.
I. Stockholders: Meeting set for November 18th @ 7:00 PM at the Barron County Government Building, Barron, WI. Kevin will reserve the meeting hall and take care of ordering the ice cream for afterwards.

Discussion Items

A. Convention: January 10-13, 2027, Reservations will begin on October 1st.

Next Meeting – October 14th @ 8:00 PM – Barron County Fairgrounds Office

Adjourned – With there being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Drafall, Fair Secretary