

Benton County Agricultural Society

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The regular meeting was called to order by President Ted Prom at 7:03pm on October 21, 2025 at the office of the Benton County Fairgrounds.

Directors Present: Ted Prom (President), Ken Bemboom (Vice President), Erich Rothstein, Jimmy Zanardi, Vince Thiel, Scott Morris, Jody Prom, Karen Sakry, Sam Morris, and Executive Treasure Cheryl Scapanski.

Directors Absent: James Trantina, Adam Scapanski, and Jennifer Dingman.

Guest Present: Randy Marchasl & Paul Schmidtbauer from Pantown Auto Club, Troy Theisen, Matt Demenge, Ashley Willenbring, and Anna Lyon (Acting Secretary).

Matt Demenge presented a check from the hockey arena east for the November payment in the amount of \$62,624.27.

Paul Schmitbauer and Randy Marchasl are interested in hosting the car show August 14, 15, 16, 2026. Jody Prom gave them an updated contract price sheet.

Scott Morris moved to accept the agenda for October 21, 2025 meeting. Vince Thiel seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Scott Morris moved to approve the minutes from the September 16th meeting. Ken Bemboom seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Treasure reports were handed out. Jody Prom moved to approve the August report. Karen Sakry second the motion. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Cheryl Scapanski gave the September treasure report. Jody Prom received a credit from Republic Services in the amount of \$1,214.56. Ken Bemboom donated the Manure removal from the fair. Scott Morris moved to accept the treasure report. Jody Prom seconded the motion. The motion was carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

A budget needs to be set by members for next year and submitted by November 4th. Please include amount spent 2025 and the 2026 proposal.

Scott Morris reported the grounds are ready for winter. Vince Thiel reported on derby sled availability. Jody Prom will check insurance rates. Karen Sakry reported Friday night meat raffle for the military. No reports were received from other committees.

Ken Bemboom moved to shorten the special meeting notice requirement from the 10 day current bylaw to 3 days. Aligning with the 501 (c)(3) bylaw guidelines. Jimmy Zanardi seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Scott Morris moved to approve the revision of Board Member Count to 9 to 15 members. Ken Bemboom seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Scott Morris moved to approve the proposal to expand eligibility for Benton County Ag Society Members to include individuals from any county in Minnesota. Ken Bemboom seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

There was discussion to get members of Benton County Agricultural Society to do more volunteer work. Ken Bemboom moved to table this for a later date. Erich Rothstein seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Morris moved to discuss Benton County Fair General Manager Position till next meeting. Jimmy Zanardi seconded the motion. Scott Morris rescinded his motion. Jimmy Zanardi seconded.

Ken Bemboom moved to approve to hire a Benton County Fair General Manager. Jody Prom seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. Hiring committee is Erich Rothstein, Jody Prom, and Cheryl Scapanski.

Applications were received from Troy Thiesen and Ashley Willenbring for director positions. Scott Morris moved to approve Ken Bemboom for the slate of candidates. Jody Prom seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Scott Morris moved to approve Ted Prom for the slate of candidates. Erich Rothstein seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Erich Rothstein moved to approve the slate of candidates. Ashley Willenbring, Troy Theisen, Ken Bemboom, and Ted Prom. Ken Bemboom seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

The annual meeting will be November 18th 7:00pm at Mr. Jims, followed by the monthly meeting.

Jody Prom and Ashley Willenbring are the committee to make a sign for fair's main entrance.

Jody Prom moved to lock the tractor pull sled for 2026 for Thursday and Friday. Erich Rothstein seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Sam Morris moved to adjourn the meeting. Jimmy Zanardi seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted

Anna Lyon

Acting Secretary