

Monday, December 8, 2025

PRESENT: Justin Koenigsfeld Chairperson, Derrick DeHaan Vice Chairperson, Wendy Wagner, Gary Irgens, Jennefer Wheeler Fairgrounds Manager, Dale Butori

ABSENT:

GUESTS: David Kirschten

6:40PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Justin Koenigsfeld called the meeting to order.

6:41PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dale Butori motioned to approve December 8, 2025, Fair Board Agenda. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

6:42 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve November 17, 2025, minutes with changes. Dale Butori seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

6:33 PM MANAGERS REPORT

Jennefer gave them a list of the events present and past that have happened at the Fairgrounds since the previous meeting. Mike Menger is going to look at the hot water heater this week. He thinks the combustion chamber needs cleaned. Jennefer will be off on the 26th and there is an early close on the 24th. Curt with the sound hasn't returned her calls. She will try him again. Jennefer was sent an email for KGHL Radio Advertising so we can lock in the lower price. Dale asked for the coverage area and Jennefer said she would send it to him tomorrow as she will have to dig through emails to find their areas but it is very large. This will be the 2025 rate and we have done this each year.

Derrick DeHaan motioned to approve KGHL Advertising for the 2026 Fair. Dale Butori seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

6:45 PM EXTENSION REPORT

Dave Kirschten Extension Agent gave a run down of what they have been doing. He talked about the Joint Livestock Committee asking if the Board would be ok with them closing the Barn to the public for beef and swine weigh ins. With steers coming off the trailers who will police it? Justin suggested they maybe panel off the lane to help. They feel it is a safety concern and the Board agreed after discussion that it was a good idea. He let them know the Council was asking for more room for Exhibits and him and Jennefer had discussed how they never knew how many Open Class or 4H there would be. We will try to accommodate as best we can, but we are at the hands of when they drop them off. They did ask about doing their indoor judging the week before but as Jennefer said they are in setting up mode of a lot of areas and not sure it would be ready for that. There was discussion on the Barn addition. Dave discussed talking with the Commission and their thoughts on adding on south. There was still discussion on a separate building. Dale asked Dave if there were any trends or studies on limiting the number of animals each can bring to the Market Show. Dave said that they are going to limit the "buddy animals" that aren't being showed, etc. They take up more room, and we need to utilize it for the actual show animals. Dave said that he would set up a meeting with himself, the 4H Counsel, Livestock and a couple of Board members so they could all discuss together and come up with a plan to take to the Commission. The Board thought 1 or 2 members would be available and he should let them know or Jennefer so they can attend. Derrick asked about an open-air hog barn. If we have 2 facilities we may need to look at adding another Superintendent. Other than that, he did not know about the grease trap and he will make sure that him, Kodie and the person in charge of the food booth are aware and going forward will make sure it's cleaned out. Jake and Wendy Wagner are going to do a clean on it and can show him how for the future. With nothing else to discuss Dave left the meeting.

7:23 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for public comment.

6:39 PM OLD BUSINESS

IAFE Recap/Votes if needed

Polka Dot-Wendy Wagner talked about how he will do our strolling like Pippi for the Fair. The Board agreed to this without the stilts act. Jennefer will get that over to Darcy.

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the Polka Dot without stilts. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Fusion acts-Wendy talked about how there would be 3 parts to the acts for the Free stage. A Magic Bean in the barn with a corn maze. The proposal they sent said the Cutest Show on Earth and Jennefer will confirm with them that it is the Wild West acts we discussed with them and email over their response tomorrow or when she receives it back. These are magicians and other types of interactive fun for the young and older crowds.

Eric E for Free stage-Wendy felt he would be a big hit for our free stage crowd. The Board agreed.

Dale Butori motioned to approve Eric E for our Free stage act. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Other ideas for free stage besides the Glass Blowing acts. Justin Koenigfeld thought a knife forging act would be neat. There was discussion that one year there was one. Jennefer will dig around the internet and see if she can find something. The Board asked Jennefer to talk with Fusion Entertainment to see if they had anything we could add and glass blowing. Dale Butori said his act he discussed at previous meeting with the bubbles and magician was already booked for this year but maybe we can look at it for 2027. The Board thought that was a great idea.

Large Barn Door-Todd Griffith is getting that fixed this week.

LAL-This contract is done and the deposit paid for Saturday nights show.

Night Show-We are waiting for confirmation on the choices and as soon as we get them we can go forward. The Board discussed ticket prices for the Night Shows. They are as of now \$35 for the pit, \$25 for the lower reserved seating and \$15 for the upper reserved seating. After much discussion that there has not been a price increase in some time it was decided to increase prices to \$45 for pit, \$35 for lower reserved and \$25 for upper reserved seating. We know it will be pushed back a bit, but we are still way under what anyone else in the area with the same acts are charging.

Dale Butori motioned to approve increasing our night show ticket prices. Gary Irgens seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

We will need to get someone to sing the National Anthem at the Rodeos. Jennefer will call Maddi Butori as she sang it for us a couple of years ago and expressed interest in 2026 Fair.

4th of July-Derrick DeHaan will ask RKZ for some prices on different cover bands or things for the event. Dale Butori stated it is the 250th anniversary of the US and it would be a great idea to maybe talk with Karol Zachmann to find out if we can advertise with them for the 4th of July events they have on the Lake. We do have the best place to sit and watch the fireworks with your family after the concert. Jennefer will contact Karol Z and get some information for the next meeting. Derrick will get some band information.

8:15 PM NEW BUSINESS

Rodeo Clown-Jennefer has had no luck. Danger Dave was grabbed almost immediately after he reached out to Jennefer. Wendy Wagner will reach out to Sylvan LaCross and see if he has some leads.

Chairman Koenigfeld asked if there was any other business we needed to discuss.

8:17PM Adjourn

Chairman Justin Koenigfeld asked for a motion to adjourn.

Dale Butori motioned to adjourn the meeting. Derrick DeHaan seconded the motion. The motion carried. The motion carried. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Absent.

Next Meeting:
Regular meeting January 12, 2026, 6:30 pm at the Fair Office

ADJOURN:
s/ Justin Koenigsfeld, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Jennefer Wheeler, Fairgrounds Manager