

# Northwestern Michigan Fair

## Board of Directors Meeting

### March 12, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Joe Hubbell at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Tom Looks.
3. **Roll Call:** By Laurie Ashley

*Note: (V) indicates the attendee was attending virtually.*

  - a. **Board Members Present:** Breann Kern, Carlyne Woodhams, Erika Sprenger, Jill Duell (V), Jack Hubbell, Joe Hubbell, Laurie Ashley, Milt Lewis, Molly Caminata, Sonya Youker, Tammara Sanchez, Tom Looks, Clarissa Johnston (V), Lilly Garno, Nicki Brown, Tyler Honeycutt
  - b. **Board Members Absent:** Frank Guerin and Karen Zenner
  - c. **Visitors Present:** Amanda Wilkins, Al Henning, Sarah Bye, Kathy Easter, Erika Brown, Sherry Forton, and Dave Lane.
4. **Review Agenda**
  - a. **Motion 10.9.25.1** Jack Hubbell and Carlyne Woodhams made a motion to approve March 12, 2026, Agenda as amended. **Motion passed.**
5. **Correspondence:** Donation request from McBain Schools for graduating seniors.
6. **President's Report:** None
7. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Tammara reviewed the treasurer's report and check register. There were no questions.
8. **Presentation & Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. **Motion 10.9.25.2:** Erika Sprenger and Jack Hubbell made a motion to approve minutes from the February 12, 2026, meeting as written. **Motion passed.**
9. **Public Comment:**
  - a. None
  - b.
10. **New Business:**
  - a. Tom Looks: Met with Shannon Bayton and her husband at the Jr. Beef Wash Rack. They would like to move shoots, adjust because of the slanted ground, add electrical and place a roof on it. They think there is \$16,000 balance to the wash rack account. Tammara Sanchez said the balance is actually \$10,479 and there will be funds pulled from the account to pay for the transformer we had to install during Fair 2025.
11. **4H Livestock Council:**
  - a. Tom did the update for Keri Bancroft. Registration update: Large Beef 91, Dairy Beef 7, Dairy Feeder, 38, Junior Beef 89, Goat 68, Lamb 70, Poultry 135. The pens from the Swine, Goat and Lamb barns will be powder coated. They may need help with loading. Workbees have been scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-10a and 2-3p, May 13<sup>th</sup> 6-730p, June 16<sup>th</sup> 6-730 and July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-730p (this is when the pens usually go in).
12. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. Poultry Barn updates: Jimmy Johns has given \$1,000, and several gift cards toward the Poultry Barn. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Incredible Mo's. Al has collected donations from Crown Golf Course, Bay Meadows, Berrgstroms Burgers, oil changes from the local drive thru places. Builders in Grawn provided a quote that was \$4,000 less than Kingsley Lumber.
  - b. Lot Across Blair Townhall Road Update: Brian Dreves who is going to be pulling the stumps across the street says that we must have a soil erosion permit pulled for him to do the work. It costs

\$1,000 for the first acre and \$100 for each additional acre. It will cost \$20,000, which we will get back, but it will be spent on a deposit and untouchable until the land is back to grass. Brian asked if we would ever consider selling the property. The consensus was no.

**13. Committee Reports:** Committee reports were reviewed.

- a. Carolyne – Lark Lawn and Garden is interested in sponsoring something for us this year. Chick-fil-a will be feeding us the three days before Fair again this year and \$2,500 toward kids day and possibly contributing to the food for that day. TSC has given the money for the two outdoor TV's and the encasement for the one going out at the road for our advertising. Recovery Road Riders have agreed to manage the Pancake Breakfast like they did last year. TNT will be sponsoring the flowers for Vows with the Cows.
- b. Erika – The directors polo shirts, if we want to replace them will cost \$25.10 each. We would have to order one for each of us because they will not match each other. The long sleeve ¼ zip shirts ordered three years ago; I still have enough for everyone on the board. Do we want to order new polo shirts? The consensus was no. Lilly and I have been working on a cover for the Premium Book. There are two samples. What does everyone like? The Boots cover was the preferred cover.
- c. Clarissa – TNT Floral will be sponsoring all the floral arrangements for the Queen Pageant this year.
- d. Laurie – Premium Book we will be having a meeting tomorrow (maybe) and then updating will start. The goal is to finish it by the end of April and have it available to be on our website on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Joe says make sure the Livestock Council is aware of how to reach the Premium Book.
- e. Jack – We need to fix the fence on the horse side of the grandstands, so we don't have kids climbing on it to watch the show like we did last year. We need to find someone who can put up a pole barn style steel fence 12 feet tall and 100 feet long total, though we will likely only complete 50' of it this year. If you know someone, let us know.
- f. Sonya – Erika Brown is our new Llama/Alpaca Barn Assistant Superintendent. I still need a Rabbit/Cavy Barn Super. I have two options for Camp Host for the season. If you need a badge or updates to your committees, please text so spelling is correct as soon as possible.
- g. Molly – I am collecting names for sign orders so I can do them in batches. Please get me names as early as you can so we don't have to order them in a rush before Fair.
- h. Breann – Northern Power Race Park has not yet sent over a contract to manage the minibike racing. I will follow up. The Tough Truck announcer has said he will return and is interested in providing trophies again.
- i. Tom – Milt and I met with Sapphire to work on the website. We reached out to GoDaddy.com and we now own our .com and .net websites for the next ten years. If people accidentally type in those websites, they are redirected to our active website. We are talking to Byte to move ownership to us. April 1<sup>st</sup> is our planned go date for changing over our website.
- j. Milt - The light pole outside the Museum has come down. The electricity to it has been shut off. It will need to be put back in place. I have been working on moving all the old information onto the new website. Please send sponsor names to Milt via text so he gets the spelling correct. When winter storage comes out, we do have one person whose check was returned and they owe us for their winter storage. They have not responded to collection efforts. We will try again, but if they don't pay their bill for this year, they will not be welcome for next year's winter storage.
- k. Karen – None
- l. Tammara – Sidney has verbally agreed to return for 2026 and I'm waiting on her contract. The front gate is currently covered, but I am hesitant about the group I have for Weds/Fri. I have

- not heard back from them since I gave them the schedule they would need to cover. I will keep trying to reach them. The parking contract with Tony is complete.
- m. Frank – None
  - n. Jill – Golf carts will be handled last year with inspections being at everyone’s campsites rather than a meeting at the office. The Fairy Hair Lady has been finalized. Jill will follow up on the Bands. We will need to make sure that the Livestock Council people know that all the Golf Cart registrations, etc will be online only.
  - o. Nicki – No update
  - p. Tyler – No update
  - q. Lilly – No update
  - r. Miscellaneous – Will we have a Fair Secretary this summer? – We will try – it’s a very seasonal position with inconsistent hours. We will certainly try.

**14. Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion 10.9.25.5:** Milt Lewis and Clarissa Johnston made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm.  
**Motion passed.**