



# LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## DIRECTORS SIGN-IN SHEET

September 5, 2024

Michael Peplowski	Paula	
Jim	Tiff	
Wade Crofoot	G. Adams	
R. Parker	CW	
Jim	Stark	
Debra	S. J.	

Caretaker: Dorinda Hermon

Concessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Extension Rep:

### Minutes: September 5, 2024

President Wade Crofoot called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**VISITORS:** There were no visitors in attendance.

**MINUTES:** Mike Peplowski made a motion to approve the minutes from August 1, 2024. Joe Slansky seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Accounts receivable report: Michelle Byram reported on the financial for July and August of 2024. Cindy Woodman made a motion to approve the financial report. Georgianne Adams seconded. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you from Lisa Manning: Lisa thanked the Fair Board for their support and cooperation with 4-H during the fair and all year.

- Whiz Bang Science Show: A thank you was sent to Joe to thank him for having them at the fair.
- Eagle Scout Project: Samuel Brents sent an email requesting to make benches for the fair. The Fair Board is interested in the project but would first like Samuel to submit a project summary, design, materials list and how many benches he plans to provide. Michelle will contact him for this information.
- Resolution from the County Commissioners: Michelle reported that the Lake County Commissioners had a resolution made for in celebration of the success of the 2024 Lake County Fair.

**OLD BUSINESS: Ladies Auxiliary Clam Bake:** Michelle reported the clam bake will be held on Saturday, October 19 in the Community Center. See Ladies Auxiliary to purchase tickets.

**NEW BUSINESS: District 9 Meeting:** Michelle reported the District 9 Roundtable will be held on Monday, September 30 in Portage County. Please let her know if you can attend.

- **Budget Meeting:** Michelle reported the budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30 at 6:00 pm in the Fair Office.

- **Convention Reservations:** Convention will be held from January 2 – 5, 2025. Please complete the registration form and return before October 5. Bob Dawson reported that in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OFMA. There will be a special event held on Friday evening that will include dinner, rides, games and a concert and everyone entering will need to purchase a ticket.

- **OFMA Gala:** Bob requested the fair purchase two gala tickets. Cindy Woodman made a motion to purchase two tickets for the gala. Joe Slansky seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- **Premium Checks:** Michelle reported that premium checks are still in the office and to let Anyone you know that may have one here to pick it up

- **Fair Income vs Expenses:** Bob explained in great details about the report, breaking Down each category for the income and expenses. The bottom line is the fair did very well and we had a good profit from the fair.

## COMMITTEES:

-**4-H Livestock Auction:** Sam Taylor thanked the Fair Board for their support

-**Advertising: Publicity:** Bob Dawson reported he has been to many fairs and we are doing as well as anyone.

-**Camping:** Mike Peplowski reported the campground is making progress. Mike would like to have a committee meeting after the convention to discuss what rate to charge for campsites. We will also need to decide what to do with trailer parking since the campsites have taken up most of that space. Bob suggested that we need to decide before our budget meeting so we can have some numbers for the budget. Bob will contact Tracy to possibly plan a session at the convention regarding pricing and arrangements.

-**Concessions:** Cindy Woodman reported there were no issues, and the numbers were good at fair.

-**Entertainment:** Joe Slansky reported he would like to get a meeting scheduled.

-**Finance & Budget:** Bob Dawson reported the numbers are good. We also received \$50,000 from ODA, with no match to use as needed. Amanda Sines is responsible for funding the fairgrounds.

- **Foundation:** Michelle reported the annual meeting for the Foundation was held prior to the Fair Board meeting.

-**Government Coordination:** Richard Parker reported for Jerry Merhar that the Commissioners are talking about \$75,000 for electrical upgrades.

-**Grounds:** Wade Crofoot reported 75% of the electrical is underway for the campground. Wade reported that the renters in the Armory would like to do work on the roof and would like to meet to discuss this. Cindy stated that the renters have held fundraisers for this. They are aware that the building is as is and improvements are up to them.

-**Draft Horse:** Steve Ohmes reported the draft horse people would like to have a drive in option for fair so they can come in for some of the classes.

-**Parking & Transportation:** Mike questioned if we received any specs on the people mover. Wade is waiting on info for this.



**-Rentals:** Cindy reported the rental committee met last night. They will renew Jodi's lease as is.

The Irish Festival was cancelled due to the storm and no power on the fairgrounds. It was decided not to refund the security deposit. A lot of work needed to be done prior to the event on our end, even though the event was not held.

Kevin Trumble also met last night to discuss his interest in the house rental in exchange for duties on the fairgrounds that Frank used to handle. It was okay that Kevin have a cat and also to have his son live with him for a determined amount of time. Duties added were to maintain the restrooms twice a week on determined days. Kevin is comfortable with the expectations. It was decided that if Kevin did extra maintenance work (cutting grass, grounds work), he would be compensated as any employee would be. The lease will be for one year and reviewed after that. Cindy Woodman made a motion to allow Kevin to reside in the house on the fairgrounds in exchange for the work described above. Bob Dawson seconded the motion but had discussion that the house needs painted, flooring needs replaced, and the vehicles need removed. Cindy stated Kevin is willing to paint and flooring will be put in. Jodi will be contacted to remove all of the items that belonged to Frank. Kevin is known here at the fairgrounds for a long time and believes he is committed to do what he says he will do. Without any more discussions, all were in favor and the motion passed.

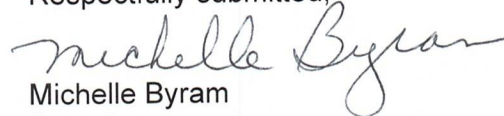
**4-H EXTENTION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:** Lisa Manning did not have anything to report.

**OTHER MATTERS: Happy Birthday Jim Farrell!**

**Thank you Georgianne Adams:** The Fair Board presented Georgianne with a cake and thanked her and her family for their time during her years as a Fair Board director.

Bob Dawson made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Seconded by Jeremy Hejduk, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Byram  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 3 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Elections will be held Thursday, October 3 from 3 – 7 pm.**