

Senior Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025

Fairgrounds-Hicksville @7:00pm

Attendees:

Gary Backhaus (Out at 8:06pm)	X	Paul Bowers	X	Ben Sandleben	X
Tracey Backhaus (Out at 8:06pm)	X	Desirae Mack	X	Jerry Sanders	X
Kay Johnson	X	David Hartman	Ex	Carol Sines	X
Yvonne Blosser	X	Blake Zeedyk	X	Jeff Holtsberry	X
Rena Cottrell	X	Jeff Rohlf	X	Bridget Ruppert	X
Deb Cocke	X	Ethan Scantlen	Ex	Ethan Wirick	X
Josh Johnson	X	Adam Mack	X	Jeremy Limber	Ex
Isaac Ankney	X	Taylor Bockelman	X	Mary Bishop	X
Jessie Otto	X	Alexis Sprow	Ex	Teresa Johnson	Ex
John Fifer	X	Ryan Zeedyk	X	Abbigail Scantlen	X
Miguel Garcia		Emily Cocke			

Agenda

Called to Order

President Jerry Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Secretary's Report

- **Motion** by Isaac Ankney : Abstain from the reading of the minutes.
Seconded by Blake Zeedyk.
Motion **Passed**.
- **Motion** by: Blake Zeedyk: Approve Minutes.
Seconded by: Isaac Ankney.
Motion **Passed**.

Financial Report

1. Financial Report:

Motion by Ethan Wirick: Approve bills to be paid.
Seconded by Carol Sines.
Motion Passed.

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Motion Passed.

-Grant money was received for campground electricity.

Guests:

1. Preston Zeedyk

Correspondence:

1. None

Committees:

1. Executive Board- Topics all on agenda.
2. Teresa Johnson(Emailed Report)-
-Will need approximately \$436,000 to cover livestock checks and disburse in October.
-Premium and Sale reports were reviewed.
3. Jerry Sanders- Need to set a date for winterizing soon.
4. Carol Sines-
-Going to look into funds for new folding chairs.
Motion by Adam Mack: Price chairs and look for funding options.
Seconded by Paul Bowers.

Motion **Passed**.

-Still working on picking up all the road signs from the fair. Please bring them to the office.

-Looking into purchasing new signs to close midway for less vehicular traffic.

5. Ben Sandleben-

-Don Hammersmith and Ben spoke with Marcy Kapter about different funding to finalize the prints for the FFA building.

-Getting an estimate on moving some light/electrical poles and possibly burying some lines in the campground.

6. Yvonne Blosser- Running out of room in the goat barn. Looking into pens to replace the wood ones.

7. Tracey Backhaus- Band night went really well. Some bands will consider coming back that have not come in years past.

8. Abigail Scantlen- Looking at different options to close and secure the beef barn.

9. John Fifer- Would like to use the back of the office or parimutuel building to play Santa Claus for cruise thru.

Motion by Kay Johnson: Let John use the office meeting room or parimutuel.

Seconded by Carol Sines.

Motion Passed.

Old Business

1. Limbers Auction will have the wood carvings and metal work posted soon.

2. Fall Fest- Will need help building the track for KOI.

New Business

1. Auxiliary Application- Preston Zeedyk and Holli Parks

Motion by Ethan Wirick: Approve Preston Zeedyk and Holli Parks for Fairboard auxiliary.

Seconded by Jeff Holtsberry.

Motion Passed.

2. Meeting with the commissioners- Discussed getting prices on fixing the Ag Hall, Replacing windows in the race horse barn, Multipurpose building heating, and purchasing new padlocks for the grounds. Along with tearing down the old race horse barn, block jockey building and fine arts building.

3. Bylaws meeting will be held at the secretary office on October 7th 7pm

4. Rough E Rodeo

Motion by Desirae Mack: Book rodeo for 2026.

Seconded by Ethan Wirick.

Motion Passed.

5. Looking into getting blocks and making manure pits for horses and cattle instead of dumpsters. Skid loaders will not fit in the dumpsters anymore.
6. Deb and Jerry met with Mr. Alvarez during the fair to discuss different styles of entertainment. New foam thrill show for 2026. Same price as 2025.
Motion by Paul Bowers: Book the show for 2026.
Seconded by Ben Sandleben.
Motion Passed.
7. The electric pole by the old show arena needs to be replaced.
8. Camping for contractors- looking into insurance coverage and rules.

Adjourn

Motion by Ethan Wirick: Adjourn Meeting.

Seconded by Adam Mack.

Motion Passed.

Next Meeting

October 14th, 2025 7PM (Open for committees to meet at 6pm)

Fairgrounds- Hicksville