

Senior Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 8th, 2025

Fairgrounds-Hicksville @7:00pm

Attendees

Gary Backhaus	X	Paul Bowers	X	Ben Sandleben	X
Tracey Backhaus	X	Desirae Mack	X	Jerry Sanders	X
Kay Johnson	X	David Hartman	Ex	Carol Sines	X
Yvonne Blosser	X	Blake Zeedyk	X	Jeff Holtsberry	Ex
Renae Cottrell	X	Jeff Rohlf	X	Bridget Ruppert	X
Deb Cocke	X	Ethan Scantlen	Ex	Ethan Wirick(Dismissed at 7:16pm)	X
Josh Johnson	X	Adam Mack	X	Jeremy Limber	X
Isaac Ankney	X	Taylor Bockelman	X	Mary Bishop	X
Jessie Otto	X	Alexis Sprow	X	Teresa Johnson	Ex
John Fifer	X	Ryan Zeedyk	X	Abbigail Scantlen	X
Miguel Garcia	Ex	Emily Cocke	X		

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

Financial Report

1. **Motion** by Paul Bowers: Approve financial report.
Seconded by Kay Johnson.
Motion Passed.
2. **Motion** by Paul Bowers: Approve bills to be paid.
Seconded by Kay Johnson.
Motion Passed.

Guests:

1. None

Correspondence:

1. Thank You card from Marissa and Elijah Wagner

Committees:

1. Executive Board- On the agenda.
2. Ben Sandleben-
 - Campground Electric Update
 - Would like to raise the campground rates for 2026.
Motion by Desirae Mack: Raise Camping rates to \$250 for 30amp lots and \$300 for 50amp lots, allowing a two year grace period for those currently on a 50amp spot. They can remain 30amp for those two years until moving lots or upgrading to 50amp.
Seconded by Jeremy Limber.
Motion Passed.
 - John from the sound company would like a schedule of what events he will have to set up equipment for.
 - Gates: In need of one more group to cover gates. A facebook post will be made soon.
 - Will need stone for the campground roadways before fair. Going to start pricing around.
 - Discussion on limiting each campspot to one parking pass due to safety concerns.

3. Jerry Sanders- Getting numbers for rain/heat insurance for fair week.
4. Carol Sines- Senior/Veterans Day and Kids day are ready.
5. Bridget Ruppert-
 - Currently have 22 vendors for the merchant building. 5 food concessions confirmed for the fall fest.
 - Hicksville beautification committee would like fair passes so they can come in to take care of the flowers.
 - Motion** by Tracey Backhaus: Give them 14 worker passes.
 - Seconded** by Yvonne Blosser.
 - Motion Passed.**
6. Desirae Mack-
 - A cheer floor is needed for the Sunday Cheer competition.
 - Motion** by Kay Johnson: Rent Defiance College Cheer floor for \$600.
 - Seconded** by Adam Mack.
 - Motion Passed.**
 - Would like to raise infield trackside truck parking to \$50.
 - Motion** by Deb Cocke: Raise the fee to \$50 per parking spot.
 - Seconded** by Blake Zeedyk.
 - Motion Passed.**
 - Charge \$50 for additional cars wanting to park in the infield for tools/parts etc.
 - Motion** by Adam Mack: Charge \$50 for additional infield parking.
 - Seconded** by Isaac Ankney.
 - Motion Passed.**
 - Allow handicap parking outside of the fairgrounds and eliminate inside parking due to safety concerns.
 - Motion** by Jeremy Limber: Move handicap parking.
 - Seconded** by Kay Johnson.
 - Motion Passed.**
 - Raise golf cart fee to \$75
 - Motion** by Isaac Ankney: Raise golf cart fee.
 - Seconded** by Kay Johnson.
 - Motion Passed.**
 - Office Help
 - Motion** by Paul Bowers: Approve Sharon Flint(Paid) and Dawn Mack(Volunteer).
 - Seconded** by Carol Sines.
 - Motion Passed.**
 - Desirae Mack and Adam Mack abstained from voting.
7. Deb Cocke- Going to contact the petting zoo about the additional act he wanted to bring to the fair this year.
8. Isaac Ankney- Going to look into renting additional bleachers from another county fair.

9. Tracey Backhaus- Looking for floral, baking and agricultural judges for the fair.
10. Jerry Sanders-
 - Letting camp palmer use out fan coolers if needed
 - Motion** by Jeremy Liamber: Let them borrow them.
 - Seconded** by Paul Bowers.
 - Motion Passed.**

Old Business

1. A blueprint was shown of the projected beef washrack plan.

New Business

1. Will need additional help parking trailers for open beef and sheep shows.
2. Gary is going to talk to Bill Peters about race horse trailer parking options.
3. Start grant process to tear down the older race horse barn.
4. Purchase new signs for the ticket booth.
 - Motion** by Carol Sines: Purchase signs.
 - Seconded** by Renae Cottrell.
 - Motion Passed.**

Adjourn

Motion by Blake Zeedyk: Adjourn Meeting.
Seconded by Kay Johnson.
Motion Passed.

Next Meeting

July 29th, 2025 7PM (Open for committees to meet at 6pm)
Fairgrounds- Hicksville

Additional:
Meeting and work day on August 12th @7pm