

Wayne County Agricultural Society

Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting

December 12, 2024, 7:30 pm

Wayne County Fair Office

301 Pheasant Run Road, Wayne, Nebraska

AGENDA

Call to Order-Doug Temme, President

Additions to the Agenda

Roll Call

Review/Approval of November 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Review/Approval of Treasurer's Report

Review/Approval of Vouchers Paid

Old Business

- Item tabled from November meeting—estimates for repairs/replacement of rabbit cages.

New Business:

- Update on Fair convention registration—need to verify enough rooms.
- Ticket sale prices—Last year April 1-May 31-\$50, June 1- July 24-\$60, fair time-\$54, Day passes-\$20.Changes???
- Begin getting ideas for the Kilroy and Fair Person awards.
- Julie with Rorring Entertainment—called—are we interested in having them back?
- Other.

Meeting Recessed to January 24-26, 2025, at Fair Convention

Reconvene at conference

- Booking acts

**Wayne County Fair
Accounts Payable Record**

Year	Voucher #	Payable To	Reimbursement/Payment	Amount	Paid	Check #
2024	289	Nebr. Dept of Revenue	Waste Reduction & Recycling fee return	\$25.00	11/8/2024	automatic
2024	290	Waste Connections	Dumpster service	\$164.17	11/8/2024	7681
2024	291	Rod Gilliland	Parking campers and boats	\$1,060.00	11/8/2024	7682
2024	292	The Wayne Herald	Two meeting notices	\$21.22	11/8/2024	7683
2024	293	Allo	Phone and internet	\$271.97	11/8/2024	7684
2024	294	City of Wayne	Monthly utility bill	\$1,195.88	11/8/2024	7685
2024	295	OTTPA	Meals for convention	\$159.00	11/8/2024	7686
2024	296	Emilie Osten	Cupcakes for chamber coffee	\$125.00	11/8/2024	7687
				\$3,022.24		

**Wayne County Agricultural Society
Annual Meeting Minutes and Election of Directors
November 14, 2024, 7:30 pm
Wayne County Fair Office**

Call to Order by President, Doug Temme

Present/Wayne County Residents:

Matt Haschke, Andy Nelsen, Merlin Felt, Douglas Temme, Shelli Keiser, Todd Greunke, Jim Fernau, Carter Fernau, Jeff Farran, Craig Reeson, Bradley R. Roberts, Desi Irish, Margo Reeson, Rod Gilliland, Trever Hartmann, Cutter Haberman, David H. Jaeger, Cody Henderson, David French, and Carley Oestreich.

Roll Call

Kevin Davis, Jeff Farran, Merlin Felt, Rod Gilliland, Trever Hartmann, Dave French, Dave Jaeger, Doug Temme, Shelli Keiser, Andy Nelsen, Brad Roberts, Todd Greunke, Cody Henderson, Jim Fernau, Matt Haschke, Cutter Haberman and Craig Reeson and Associate Member Carter Fernau. Members absent was Associate member Brady Henderson.

Treasurer's Report

- \$43,830.72 in Savings and \$23,965.52 in Checking and ATM-\$2,430.00, Building Fund Savings-\$16,950.47 for a total of \$87,176.71 for the fiscal year ending October 15, 2024, with a land debt of 290,229.53.00 with an interest rate of 4%. Next payment in the amount of \$22,208.26 due December 1, 2024.
- A motion was made by Trever Hartmann and seconded by Rod Gillilan to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Election of Directors:

- **Director Nominations**

Nominations were received to fill the five positions of those board members whose three-year terms were completed this year. The following nominations were received:

Andy Nelson nominated Jeff Farran. Rod Gilliland seconded the motion.

Dave Jaeger nominated Merlin Felt. Trevor Hartmann seconded the motion.

Dave French nominated Craig Reeson. Trevor Hartmann seconded the motion.

Cody Henderson nominated Andy Nelson. Cutter Haberman seconded the motion.

Jeff Farran nominated Matt Haschke. Rod Gilliland seconded the motion.

Dave Jaeger nominated Shelley Kaiser. Matt Haschke seconded the motion.

Jeff Ferran nominated Carter Fernau. Dave Jaeger seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Kevin Davis and seconded by Todd Greunke to cease nominations. The motion carried.

All Wayne County Residents present were given the ballot to vote for Six (6) board members. The election results for a three-term to the Wayne County Fair Board were as follows:

Jeff Farran, Merlin Felt, Craig Reeson, Andy Nelsen, Matt Haschke and Shelli Keiser.

New Business:

None

A motion was made by Jeff Farran and seconded by Trever Hartmann to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Submitted by:

Diane L. Roerber, Secretary

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Call to Order by Doug Temme, President.

Roll Call

The members present were Kevin Davis, Jeff Farran, Merlin Felt, Rod Gilliland, Trever Hartman, Dave Jaeger, Doug Temme, Shelli Keiser, Andy Nelsen, Todd Greunke, Cody Henderson, Jim Fernau, Matt Haschke, Dave French, Brad Roberts, Craig Reeson, and Cutter Haberman. Associate members present was Carter Fernau, Associate Member absent was Brady Henderson.

Additions to the Agenda

- Audit Committee
- Clean-up Derby
- Hospital Gala
- Track-Dirt Work

A motion was made by Andy Nelsen and seconded by Jim Fernau to approve the addition to the agenda. The motion carried.

Nomination and Election of Officers

A motion was made by Jeff Farran and seconded by Trever Hartman to have all officers, treasurer and secretary remain the same. The motion carried.

Minutes

A motion was made by Andy Nelsen and seconded by Todd Greunke to approve minutes of the previous meeting as emailed to the members. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer reported \$23,905.52 in Checking and \$43,830.72 in Savings and ATM-\$2,430.00 for a total \$70,226.24. The Building Fund Savings balance is \$16,950.47. A motion was made by Jeff Farran and seconded by Brad Roberts to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Vouchers Paid

Vouchers paid since the last meeting totaled \$48,859.96. A detailed list was emailed to each Director. A motion was made by Dave Jaeger and seconded by Todd Greunke to approve the vouchers. The motion carried.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Desi Irish and Margo Reeson were present in the place of Julie Schultz to discuss the addition of a 4-H Rodeo on Saturday morning of the fair. A proposed agenda of events was presented to each board member for review. A motion was made by Dave Jaeger and seconded by Merlin Felt to add the event to the fair schedule. The motion carried.
- The need for an upgrade of the rabbit cages was brought up in the Livestock committee meeting. Craig Reeson reported that they would like to have all wire cages for better airflow for the rabbits. Also, the cage size is large for birds, but the doors are not big enough for the kids to get the bird out safely. A motion was made by Trever Hartmann and seconded by Jim Fernau to table the matter until the next meeting so that estimates of materials could be obtained. The motion carried.
- 2026 camping fees during the fair week was discussed. It is currently \$150/week. A motion was made by Kevin Davis and seconded by Jim Fernau to leave the rate the same. The motion carried.
- The storage fee for boats and campers for the 2025-26 season was discussed. The rate is currently \$220 for the period of October-April. A motion was made by Kevin Davis and seconded by Brad Roberts to raise the rate to \$250.00. The motion carried.
- A discussion was held regarding the Open-carry law for firearms. It was decided that as long as they are being carried legally, it will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
- The Parade of Lights will be held November 21 at 6:30 pm. Anyone that can help put the float together is asked to meet at 5:00 pm at the fairgrounds. Matt Haschke will arrange the pickup and trailer. Cody Henderson will bring in his speaker.
- Discussion of Corporate Sponsor levels was discussed, and it was decided that they would be left the same.
- Kevin Davis gave an update on the entertainment for 2025. They are 99.9% sure that the contract will be signed for the act that the bid was placed on. Tegan Nissen has been booked to be the opening act and will also work in the beer garden the same night.
- Bob and Brent Sherman were present and gave the board a check for the rent of the track for the derby. They requested the date of September 27, 2025, with rain date of October 4, 2025. A motion was made by Jeff Farran and seconded by Rod Gilliland to approve the dates requested. The motion carried.
- Discussion was held regarding the rent on the Expo building. Nothing was decided at this time.
- An audit committee of Dave Jaeger, Brad Roberts and Andy Nelsen met with Treasurer, David Ley, and Secretary Diane Roeber to complete the audit of the 2023-2024 records. A motion was made by Merlin Felt and seconded by Cutter Habermann to accept the audit committee report. The motion carried.
- Discussion was held regarding the track and dirty work that needs to be done. Terry Sievers has done a survey and the dirt is there, it just needs to be pulled into different areas to allow for better drainage. It will be seeded as soon as they are finished. They will also fill in the low spots behind the bleachers and get that re-seeded also.
- A discussion was held regarding switching electrical from the city to the Rural Electrical Association.
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A motion was made by Trever Hartman and seconded Brad Roberts to adjourn the meeting.

Diane Roeber, Secretary