Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2026

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Brian Gilchrist.

Attendance
An attendance sheet was circulated.

Approval of Minutes from the August meeting
Robbin Anuszewski moved to approve the previous meeting minutes with changes. Tim Havens Sr. seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda
There was an addition of Tractor Parade under New Business.

No public comments were received.

Manager's Report
Appreciation was extended to the Grounds and Operations staff, including Craig and his crew. Department of Labor items were resolved before the fair. Required receipts and reports were submitted for the grants. Agricultural Education and related fair program submissions were completed. Robbin Anuszewski commended GM Sara Petersen for her work.

Correspondence
Thank you letter from scholarship recipient, article in the Chronicle, and requests for donations were reviewed. A letter was read from Amy Lane and discussed by the Board.

Treasurer's Report
Beginning Balance: $364,229.46
Ending Balance: $1,159,149.37
Fair revenue consisted of approximately 30% credit card transactions and 70% cash transactions. Utility expenses were reviewed.
Tim Havens Sr. moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Diane Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Blue Jean Ball Update
Basket donations are still being collected. Appreciation was expressed to volunteers assisting with setup and cleanup. RSVP deadline noted as September 15, 2026.

Audit Update
Auditors are expected onsite for three days the following week. Completion timeline was discussed.

New Business
Code of Ethics for Directors and an executive policy handbook were discussed.

Donation requests will be forwarded to the Advertising Committee.

Tractor Parade
An Ad Hoc Committee was established. Tim Havens Sr.offered use of a wagon and tractor.

Dairy Committee Succession Planning
Ruth announced plans to step down from Dairy Committee leadership next year and would like to assist with successor transition. Cassie indicated plans to conclude her role in 2027.

Memorial Donation Policy
A proposal regarding a $50 memorial donation policy was presented. Tim Havens Sr. moved approval, Diane Smith seconded, and the motion carried.

Amy Lane Correspondence Follow-up
Brian provided a report and discussion was held regarding the situation and related follow-up actions.

Committee Meeting Schedule
Finance: September 16, at 6:30 PM
Parking Lot Committee: September 9 at 6:00 PM
Cattle: September 23, at 7:30 PM
Fair Evaluation: September 30 at 7:00 PM
Motorsports: October 5
Buildings & Grounds: October 13
Policy: October 5
Entertainment: October 20

Appreciation
The Board expressed appreciation to Ashley and the office staff for their support and professionalism.

Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Janet Brown

Executive Secretary to the Board