

December 13, 2025

The 2025 Annual meeting of the Calumet County Agricultural Association was called to order at 1:00p.m. by President Jeff Wunrow.

The Proof of Notice was read.

Chuck Petrie moved to approve the agenda as printed. Ted Petrie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Clara Hedrich read the minutes from the 2024 Annual meeting. Dean Gebhart moved to accept the minutes as read. Bob Kesler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lanetta Mahlberg gave the treasurer's report. A big thank you to Sharon Ott for helping with the first year. Lanetta handed out the treasurer's report. Questions and comments were made. Lanetta pointed out that the grandstand income was up from last year as there was an additional event in the grandstand this year. Sponsorship this year was \$117,558.69. A CD was cashed in for \$25,000.00. Insurance increased by \$8000.00. The main reason the insurance increased was because the price of the acts have gone up and there was an additional act. It was a profitable fair. Cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year was \$44,696.66 and cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year is \$91,053.38.

Larry Hedrich moved to accept the treasurer's report as given. Cory Wittman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President's Report – Jeff Wunrow gave his President's Report. Thanks to everyone for a great fair. The weather was great. A big thank you to Wayne Kees, Kathy Kees, Chuck Leonhard, Connie Leonhard and Donnie Wesener for their dedicated work in maintaining the fairgrounds and keeping the fairgrounds spotless during the fair. We get many compliments on the cleanliness of our fairgrounds. We lost two strong supports of our fair this past year.... Ken Pingel and Robert Stanelle. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

1st Vice President's Report – Mike Wunrow gave the 1st vice president's report. A thank you to everyone and special thanks to our grounds keepers Chuck Leonhard, Wayne Kees and Don Wesener. A big thanks to all of our sponsors and to all of the volunteer groups that made our fair possible.

The beer sales compared to last year were about the same on Friday, up on Saturday and down on Sunday with Monday being flat. Beer sales were up about \$2500.00 over last year. The weather was great.

The tractor pull went good on Saturday night. We are planning on doing the Rodeo on Friday night next year as it went over well.

2nd Vice President's Report – Sarah Gebhart gave the 2nd Vice President's report. A sincere thank you to all. Thanks to the sponsor Businesses. Thanks to those businesses that sold the Lonestar tickets. A sincere thank you to Randy Pingel for putting on the golf outing. This was the 30th year for the outing.

Macey Pingel will be taking over the golf outing. In spite of the rain this year... a total of just over \$26,000.00 was raised. This money is split between the fair board and the Calumet County Farm Bureau. We received \$13,127.19. Thank you to Bonnie Schneider for organizing the ID workers for the underage drinking program. Thanks to the community for supporting the fair. Sponsors are asking how they can get involved in the fair and support it. Calumet County Farm Bureau will be donating \$25,000 to the fair to help support the main act, to bring this act to the next level. It is exciting to see people give money to the fair. People are excited to come to our fair.

Treasurer's Report – Lanetta Mahlberg gave the gate report. Friday and Monday were free gates. A thank you to Melody Thiel for helping to find a group to work the gate Sunday night. A thank you to Tony Wittman and Shawn Freund for overseeing the gates on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to Chuck Petrie for over- seeing and organizing the parking of the cars.

Secretary's Report – Clara Hedrich gave the secretary's report. A sincere thank you all judges, fair board members and volunteers who made the fair run smoothly. A sincere thank you to Tami Gasch who coordinated the fair entry program with the Junior entries. The number of entries and exhibitors was about the same as last year. We gained a new exhibitor in the school exhibits which was the Brillion Public Schools. We will be hiring an additional Poultry Judge since we have increased in the number of poultry exhibitors. The 4-H foods program continues to grow. An additional judge was added to the Cultural Arts Department for the Junior Class. Being passed around is the stock holder's list. Please up date as you see fit. Also being passed around is a list of the Premiums by department. Please remember all entries in the junior fair receive a premium. In the Open Class, Senior Departments and school exhibits only the top four places receive premiums thus there are more exhibitors and entries than what are listed for the given department. Scanners were used to input the judging results. Results were posted on line. If you do not find your results posted please talk to the superintendent of the respective department to make the correction.

A request was made by several exhibitors that they would like to have a printed handbook. We will look into printing some handbooks and then sell them at cost.

Deb Stebane gave the Fairest of the Fair Report. Allie Jo Wittman- Fairest of the Fair said thanks for the memories. Thanks for the support from the fair board. Thanks to all of the volunteers that walked in the parades. Thanks to Dad and Chris for driving. Enjoyed working with Clara Zastrow, Jr. Fairest of the Fair. We became good friends. Thanks for the opportunity to connect with the community. Clara Zastrow – Jr. Fairest of the Fair said thanks for the opportunity to represent the fair. She appreciates all of the teamwork that goes in behind the scenes of putting on a fair. One of her most memorable experiences was her library experience of reading to baby goats. One of her favorite parts of the fair was the Futurity Show. Thanks to the parade walkers and the fair board.

Deb Stebane thanked both Clara Zastrow and Allie Jo Wittman and complimented them on how well they worked together. Thank you to the families of Corey and Angela Wittman, Mike and Anna Zastrow and Larry and Clara Hedrich. Allie Jo will be representing Calumet County at the Annual Fair Convention in January.

Kayla and Amanda Krahn coordinated the wine walk and there were over 200 participants.

Thank you to John Petrie in putting up the lights at the horse arena. This is the 25th year for the grandstands and the Horse Barn.

A thank you to the fairest committee members which include Jeanne Gasch, Kathy Stebane, Tracey Nett, Gloria Regan, Ashley Pagel, Judy McGlin and Jenna McGlin. 10 out of the 11 4-H clubs participated in the billboard program for advertising the fair. A sincere thank you to Just for You Flowers and Gifts and Tobie VanHandel for their continued sponsorship of the Fairest Program.

Don Schmidt reported on the Futurity – The Futurity was well attended. There were 12 three year old cows entered and the Anniversary class had 5 cows in it. Similar numbers are planned for next year.

Nathan Hacker gave the market animal report. The market animal sale final total was \$347,970.00 with \$314,311.02 being paid out to the junior exhibitors. That is \$95,779.00 more than last year.

Shawn Lamers reported on goats, poultry, rabbits and the corn hole tournament. There is an increase in the market goat numbers. Rabbits are about the same as last year. In poultry there are more exhibitors with about the same number of animals. The corn hole tournament had 36 teams.

John Petrie reported on the horse events at the fair. The Rodeo on Friday night was well attended. The horseshow was down a couple of teams but well attended. A lighting project for the horse arena was completed. The weather was a big plus this year.

Gloria Regan reported on Dairyland. The new location has worked out great. Attendance has tripled. On Monday before it even opened there were 100 visitors. Thank you to Jesse Jansen and Lucy Kesler for their help and to Simon Reagan for putting up the fence. Thanks to Farm Bureau for their donations and sponsorship. Thanks to the Bob Kesler farm for the corn donation for the sandboxes.

Anna Hickinbotham reported on the Car Show and Bingo. As give a ways for bingo there were three casino give a ways and 100 goodie bags. The German-American Club is no longer in existence. Bingo was run by the fair with volunteers. The car show had 187 cars. Thanks Jeannie Gasch for the trophies and plaques. The car that traveled the farthest was from Wisconsin Rapids. A thank you to Bill and Jeannie Lefknect for their help with the car show.

Dean Gebhart reported on the Birthing Barn, Entertainment, and Food Vendors-Lake Breeze coordinated the 6 cows due to calve. In the three days 5 of the 6 cows calved. Kristi Pagel donated and did the flower work outside of the barn. Thank you to Don Wesener, Chuck Leonhard, and Wayne Kees for all of your help. We will have a new carnival for next year. Additional food vendors that usually are at the Sheboygan County Fair would like to be at the Calumet Fair next year. Working on the main concert and will have more information at a later date. Calumet County Farm Bureau asked what could be done to improve attendance on Sunday. Thus they are donating \$25,000.00 to go one step up in the entertainment. Thank you everyone for what you do.

Larry Hedrich reported on camping. We will be investing in making a few corrections to breakers for the electricity for camping. Upgrades have been made. Almost all can plug in for their campers.

Chuck Petrie reported on parking. 60 volunteers helped with parking. They were broken into shifts of 8-12 12-4 and 4-8. An effort was made to direct parking to the south end.

Karen Gries gave a report on the first aide tent and office staffing. The main item that was treated in the first aide tent was bee stings. It is hosted by first responders. All went well. We can always use more office volunteers.

Judy McGlin reported on the veteran's program. \$818 was raised for the veterans. Nancy Schnell Riviera was the guest speaker. \$579 was raised for the Zion Church in Forest Junction. I am always looking for a different church each year for the service. It will be 25 years for 911. She is planning on doing a display in the Merchants Hall of Where were you on 911?

Cory Wittman reported on the Grandstand workers. Appreciative of the people helping with the selling of the grandstand tickets and ticket taking. Two nights we were at capacity.

Judy Hacker reported on the Expo Building. All is going well. Good responses on the dress up of the expo hall.

Sharon Ott reported on storage. 140 plus units are in storage. All is going well. \$30,000 was brought in for storage. Thank you to Wayne Kees, Chuck Leonhard and Barry Brokal for all of their help.

Duane Hickman comments. Has been a food purveyor for a number of years. Getting more people involved is great. Nice to see the unity. Great to see the sponsorship and putting money back in. Thanks to all for an amazing job.

Jeff Wunrow made additional comments. Compliments that he has heard includes the buildings are very inviting. It is a small fair that is family orientated. Keep it family orientated. We will be having a new carnival next year as Dave Larke is retiring and no one is taking over his business. He recommended A&P Enterprise. We have a two year contract with them. This carnival is very similar thus not much is changing.

Chuck Leonhard suggested that the Pavilion and Merchant roofs be washed. Jeff is checking in a company that does that with drones.

The following will be ballot clerks Larry Hedrich, Mathew Wunrow and Paul Juckem.

A big thank you to Randy Koehler Jr. for serving on the fair board the past three years. Thanks much for all that you have done for the fair.

A call was made three times for nominations from the floor. Dean Gebhart moved to close nominations. Cory Wittman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Please vote for seven from the list of 10 candidates. Those on the ballot are Dean Gebhart, Sarah Gebhart, Brandon Hacker, Lucy Kesler, Chuck Petrie, Ted Petrie, Todd Roehrig, Deb Stebane, Allie Jo Wittman, and Mike Wunrow.

Dates for the 2027 fair are September 3, 4, 5, and 6. Jeannie Gasch moved to accept September 3-6 for the dates of the 2027 fair. Don Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The temperature today is 0 degrees F.

A thank you to the Darboy Pedal Pullers for putting on the Kiddie tractor pull. Thank you to the Robert and Lucy Kesler family and the Mark and Diane Wallace family.

A Big Thank You to Jeff Wunrow for all that he does for the fair.

Thank you to Hickory Hills for hosting our meeting today.

Congratulations to the following seven individuals that were elected to serve a three year term on the fair board. Dean Gebhart, Sarah Gebhart, Allie Jo Wittman, Chuck Petrie, Mike Wunrow, Deb Stebane, and Lucy Kesler.

Dean Gebhart moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Hedrich seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:48p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Hedrich,

Secretary