

The Cedar County Fair
Minutes
February 11, 2026

January 14, 2026 Meeting was called to Order by Doug Schroeder (President) at 7:00 PM at the fair office.

Board Members Present

Kevin Licht	Melissa Anderson	Pattie Edge
Doug Schroeder	Molly Haub	Lance Schiele
Duston Anderson	Craig Smith	Ed Ketelson
Josh Kessler	Macy Wiese	Dean Doerscher
Ashley Poduska		

Board Members Absent: Jenny Jackson Dave Shinker
Dana Pruess Brian Neuberger Evan McCleary

Guest Recognition: Bob Davidson, Linn Ketelson

Correspondence:

None

Approval of Previous Month Minutes:

Dean Doescher: Correct Curtis Clay name in Guest Recognition
Lance Schiele made motion to approve January Minutes
Kevin Licht seconded the motion
Motion Carried.

Financial, Bylaws, Insurance & Grants Committee Report:

Doug Schroeder presented insurance request form from Boedeker Financial

Financial Updates:

Kevin Licht motioned to approve the Pit Fence and Floral Hall projects and payoff
Grounds Improvement note now, pay Grandstand balloon payment in October, pulling
off the Wifi project for one month until Brian gets locks and camera quote
Craig Smith seconded
Motion Carried

Custom Builders requested schedule for the remaining \$81,000:

June 1 -	25,000 (incoming pledges are \$31,932)
Dec 1 -	50,000 (loan when needed)
June 2027 -	6,000

Patti Edge motioned to approve CB's Schedule
Molly Haub seconded
Motion carried

4-H Gala:

Craig Smith motioned to allocate funds after Floral Hall balance (roughly \$5,000) to pens.

Not seconded

Bingo:

Jan 17th Bingo for Track Improvements - \$1227

Jan 25th Bingo for 2026 Fair - \$480

Feb 1st Bingo for Sheep & Hog Barns - \$627

Financial Report: As of February 11, 2026

General Account Balance: \$26,362.39

Mathews Account Balance: \$6,589.67

Liberty (Ag Building) Savings Account Balance: \$93,870.94

Liabilities Grounds Improvements: \$31,862.89

Liabilities Grandstand Project: \$29,921.65

Overall Total: \$ 65,038.46

Josh Kessler motioned to approve Financial Report

Doug Schroeder seconded the motion

Motion Carried.

Partnerships:

\$17,924.73 (26% of goal). Letters to new donors going out this week

Entertainment (Carnival, Grandstand Events, Free Stage) Committee Report:

Tigers returning for grounds act

Car show returning - Chris Eicher

Looking for 2027 Grounds Act

Shopping Carnivals or alternatives for 2027

Opening Act to be determined

Promotions (Advertising, Website, Social Media), Recruitment, and Volunteers Committee Report:

Bingo will be advertised in the paper

Volunteer Needs for fair each committee for fair to Molly Haub at March meeting

Ticket Sales to date:

Patti Edge motions to run Association Member Only Sale: Buy One Get One Half for half of March, One week in May for any purchase - Track Ticket Only

Ashley Poduska seconded

Motion carried

Capital Improvements, Maintenance, Repairs and Events Prep Committee Report:

Working on quotes for donor wall, working on quote for electronic locks/cameras.

Meeting 6:30 Wednesday 2/18

Concessions Committee:

No updates

Rentals, Vendors and Camping Committee Report:

We have a rental for Saturday after fair - please plan to have all hands on deck for Monday - Wednesday to get grounds cleaned up.

Bride in June 2027 agreed to move one weekend later so Sh!tbox Nationals can have the weekend she paid for - she's getting her weekend for free. She asked us to hold the date deposit check for her bartenders and damage deposit.

Race Committee:

Spring Fling 2026 is cancelled for "Renovations"

Sh!tbox National added to June 2026

Kathy Delouhy Memorial Race September 18, 2026 - All proceeds will go back to the race track. Darkside will manage, promote, and organize volunteers for pits and track. Molly Haub motioned to approve the Race Committees request that all proceeds (beer, concessions, and camping after expenses) to go back to the racetrack.

Ed Ketelson seconded

Motion Carried

Fence plan - need posts for guardrail (Ashley can get 10 free)

State DOT will sell used guardrail at scrap price

Letter drafted to ask people for donations from Race Committee - avoiding partners

First Race: Hawkeye Land 40 4/16

Molly Haub Motioned to approve Josh Kessler applying for permit for north west gate hole; realign south west road into pits; junk row gone (If you have something in there, get it out by Friday March 13th); walkthrough gate hole at entrance near Ed Shed.

Lance Schiele Seconded

Motion Carried

Landscape Rodeo: Tabling for further discussion with Entertainment committee to fit into schedule

Livestock, Livestock Buildings and Open Shows Committee Report:

Drag will be in soon. Cattleman pledged \$1000. Pork Producers have paid \$1001.

Need to clean up buildings and arena before March 7th March Madness

4-H and Extension Center Report:

Thank you to everyone how attended and helped with 4-H Gala

Fair Schedule information due March 1st.

FFA Report:

FFA Barn - Kirby Bierman verified School pays insurance on that building, Doug suggested donating building to Fair Board. Craig chatted with NC FFA Director and verified their willing to

Other Business:

Tipton After Prom - no to donations at this time due to free prom rental
West Branch Post Prom - Asking to lend our Bingo Equipment for their
Patti Edge moved to approve
Ashley Poduska seconded
Motion Carried

Lance Schiele motions to donate 2 track tickets to WB after prom
Patti Edge seconded
Motion carried

Not giving money to softball kids - motion carried

\$100 Friends of the Industry - Iowa Cattleman Associations
Ashley Poduska motioned to approve
Patti Edge seconded
Motion carried.

Josh Kessler: asked by Don Muse (DJ 4th of July), would Fairboard open beergarden since 4th is on Saturday
Kevin Licht motions to approve beer garden only, not concessions
Doug Schroeder ~~says open the damn thing up~~ Seconded
Motion carried.

Floral Hall update - Doug has talked to his Amish crew will need 5 - 7 days

Patti Edge - Pheasants Forever had asked for VIP tickets for banquet auction, board discussed "track tickets only" in text messages
Mel Anderson motioned to donate 2 track ticket
Ashley Poduska seconded
Motion carried

Lance Schiele motioned Pheasants Forever rental fee this year \$500 Friday - Sunday.
Discussion that moving forward, fee will align with full weekend or single day
Josh Kessler Seconded
Motion carried

Signup Genius for Bar Events

Adjournment:

Molly Haub motioned
Lance Schiele seconded
Doug Schroeder Adjourned