

**MINUTES of EXPO-ICE CENTER BOARD MEETING  
ENTERTAINMENT AND VENDORS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Held Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Location: Expo Office – 4921 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

**Present:** R. Voss, PJ Albert, R. Kohlbeck, K. Kohlmann, M. Lentz, T. Loritz, B. Palzewicz, M. Pawlowski, M. Plate, P. Strouf, J. Zipperer, R. Zipperer

**Absent & Excused:**  
**Absent:**

**Other Expo-Ice  
Center Board**

**Members Present:** J. Hawig, T. Dvorak, K. Behnke, S. Schuette, D. Pollen, S. Binversie, A. Schneider, K. Winkel

**Others Present:** J. Shelton, C. Breit

**Called to Order** Meeting called to order – 5:15pm

**Minutes** Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting. Motion was made by Plate, seconded by R. Zipperer to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment** Committee chair called for public input three times. No public input given.

**Election of Officers**

Russ Zipperer was nominated by J. Zipperer as Subcommittee Vice Chair. After three calls for other nominations a motion was made by J. Zipperer, seconded by Plate, that nominations be closed and unanimous ballot be cast for R. Zipperer as Subcommittee Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the following items for the 2025 Fair:**

**A. R. Braun Inc Request – Chainsaw Carver**

Hawig reported on the request from R. Braun Inc to host a Chainsaw Carver. Motion was made by Plate, seconded by R. Zipperer to recommend approval to the board to accept the R. Braun request to host a Chainsaw Carver with additional space at no additional charge and to have this included in the sponsorship agreement. Motion carried. Voss abstained.

**B. Larry's Distributing – Clydesdales**

Motion was made by R. Zipperer, seconded by Strouf to recommend approval to the board to host the Clydesdales at this year's fair. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Approval of Contracts:**

**1. Bulitz Carriage Rides – Petting Zoo**

Motion was made by Plate, seconded by Strouf to recommend approval to the board for the Bulitz Carriage Rides – Petting Zoo contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. N.E.W. Motorsports – Modified Truck & Tractor Pull**

Motion was made by Albert, seconded by R. Zipperer to recommend approval to the board for the N.E.W. Motorsports – Modified Truck & Tractor Pull contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Schnell Bros – Tractor Pull**

Motion was made by Plate, seconded by R. Zipperer to recommend approval to the board for the Schnell Bros – Tractor Pull contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Hollywood Motorsports – Demo Derby**

Motion was made by Lentz, seconded by Strouf to recommend approval to the board for the Hollywood Motorsports – Demo Derby contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. *Fireworks***

Motion was made by R. Zipperer, seconded by Albert to recommend approval to the board for the Fireworks contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. *Horse Pullers***

Motion was made by Plate, seconded by Lentz to recommend approval to the board for the Horse Pullers contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. *Norm Bertschy – Polka Music.***

Motion was made by Lentz, seconded by Albert to recommend approval to the board for the Norm Bertschy – Polka Music contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. *Casady's Critters Contract***

Motion was made by R. Zipperer, seconded by J. Zipperer to recommend approval to the board for the Casady's Critters contract. Motion carried unanimously.

***D. Event Working Group Updates***

- 1. *Celebrity Cream Puff Eating Contest*** – no report.
- 2. *Grandstand Shows*** – no report.
- 3. *Outdoor Layout*** – no report.
- 4. *Parade-Fireworks – Location*** – no report
- 5. *Teeny Weeny Donut Contest*** – no report.

**Other Fair Projects and Issues Update – No Action**

No report.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Plate, seconded by R. Zipperer to adjourn at 5:42pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennell Shelton, Manitowoc County Expo Facility Manager