

MINUTES of EXPO-ICE CENTER BOARD MEETING

Held Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Location: Expo Merchant's Building – 4921 Expo Drive, Manitowoc WI

Present: J. Hawig, S. Binversie, PJ Albert, K. Behnke, T. Dvorak, M. Hoffman, R. Kohlbeck, K. Kohlmann, M. Lentz, T. Loritz, E. Mueller, N. Newberg, M. Pawlowski, S. Pinkerton, M. Plate, C. Schleis S. Schuette, P. Strouf, B. Ullman, R. Voss, R. Zipperer

Absent & Excused:

County Board James Lillibridge

Supervisors

Present:

Others Present: J. Shelton, C. Breit, Elizabeth Dvorak, Barb Palzewicz

Pledge of Allegiance

Called to Order Meeting called to order – 7:00pm.

Minutes Minutes were reviewed from the previous meetings. Motion was made by Zipperer, seconded by Kohlbeck to approve the amended meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Chairperson called for public comment three times. No public input was given.

Election of Officers

Jeremy Hawig was nominated by Mike Plate as the Board Chairperson; Tonya Dvorak was nominated by Rob Voss as the Board Chairperson. Ballot vote was requested and selection of two board members for ballot count. Votes were counted with Jeremy Hawig receiving 9 votes, Tonya Dvorak receiving 8 votes, there was one blank vote and one vote with both names. Motion was made by Zipperer, seconded by Voss that nominations be closed and unanimous ballot be cast for Hawig as Board Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Binversie was nominated by Matt Pawlowski as Board Vice Chair. After three calls for other nominations a motion was made by Plate, seconded by Zipperer, that nominations be closed and unanimous ballot be cast for Binversie as Board Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Review & Act on Subcommittee Recommendations:

A. Finance Subcommittee

1. **No Committee Meeting; Committee Update**

Meeting to be scheduled next month.

B. Operations Subcommittee

1. **No Committee Meeting; Committee Update; Jr. Fair-Open Class Rules & Regulations**

Parking

No report.

C. Entertainment/Vendors Subcommittee:

1. **No Committee Meeting; Committee Update; AG Adventureland; Grandstand-Outdoor Entertainment; Woman's Day**

No report.

D. Marketing & Advertising Subcommittee

1. **No Committee Meeting; Committee Update; Fairest of the Fair; Social Media**

No report.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Fair Matters

A. Subcommittee and Working Groups

No report.

B. Contests and Liaisons

No report.

C. Superintendents-Assistant Superintendents; Antiques Rules and Regulations Request

Motion was made by Dvorak, seconded by Pawlowski to approve the new Antique Superintendents J'Ette Getter and Keary Getter as the Antique Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent as well as approve the increase of twelve (12) entry items for antiques department. Motion carried unanimously.

D. WI Association of Fairs

1. Centerpiece

Plate will take to convention.

2. Fairest of the Fair Auction Item

Newberg has collected items and are in the office.

3. Silent Auction

Hawig reported that items are being collected.

E. FOF

1. Board Picture

Elizabeth Dvorak gave a brief introduction and a board picture was taken at the end of the meeting.

F. Fair Update

Staff discussed the potential Credit Card processing for the week of fair anticipating that the process will be ready for 2026.

Comptroller's Financial Report – Review; Capital Projects Update; Account Category Explanation

Breit reported briefly on the financials included in the board packet.

Update and Possible Action on Other Fair, Expo Buildings, and Grounds Projects and Issues

A. Expo-Ice Center Month Events; Expo Grounds Update

Staff provided a brief report.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Plate, seconded by Zipperer to adjourn at 7:29pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennell Shelton, Manitowoc County Expo Facility Manager