

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

Held Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Location: Expo Office – 4921 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

**Present:** R. Voss, R. Zipperer, PJ Albert, M. Hoffman, R. Kohlbeck, K. Kohlmann, E. Mueller, M. Plate, C. Schleis, B. Ulmann

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

**Other Expo-Ice  
Center Board**

**Members Present:** J. Hawig, K. Behnke, S. Binversie, T. Dvorak, M. Lentz, T. Loritz, N. Newberg, S. Pinkerton, S. Schuette, P. Strouf

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

**Called to Order** Meeting called to order – 5:50pm

**Minutes** Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting. Motion was made by Plate, seconded by 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 Mike Plate as Subcommittee Vice Chair. After three calls for other nominations a motion was made by Plate, seconded by Kohlbeck, that nominations be closed and unanimous ballot be cast for Zipperer as Subcommittee Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the following items for the 2026 Fair:**

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

Motion was made by Zipperer, seconded by Plate to recommend approval to the board the N.E.W. Motorsports contract for \$8,050. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Event Working Group Updates**

1. **AG Adventureland** – next meeting – March 23 at 5pm.
2. **Grandstand Shows-Outdoor Entertainment** – no report.
3. **Woman's Day** – next meeting – February 26 at 6pm.

**C. 2027 Entertainment**

No report.

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

Voss reported on ideas including a Cultural Dance, Single Bands for this year's fair.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Zipperer, seconded by Plate to adjourn at 5:59pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennell Shelton, Manitowoc County Expo Facility Manager