

**Fair Board Meeting Agenda**  
**January 23 - 7pm**  
**Alcester Exhibit Building**

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes
3. Budget
  - Donations – \$6,600 to date (1/17/24)
    - 2022 \$5900 - 2023 \$11,070 - Goal 2024 \$16,000
  - Year End 2023 budget / 2024 Budget
4. Old Business
  - Open seat – Alcester Chamber will put name forward after their Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.,
  - Bylaws–Jerry Miller (State Attorney) reviewing draft for possible changes.
5. New Business
  - We have had a lot of construction traffic through the fair and around the FCS scales. Discussions.
  - Vendor proposal; Change hours to Thus/Fri 11-8pm, Saturday 10-6. Open during regular hours only.
  - Mission Statement for Fair book. Proposal.
    - The Mission of the Union County Fair Board is to impact the lives of our youth and our county, through education and entertainment. It is through our agricultural celebrations that we honor our heritage, celebrate accomplishments of our youth, and strive to influence our 4-0H and FFA youth to lead productive respected lives.
  - Events – Thursday, Ag Olympics,  
Friday- need an event  
Saturday - Rodeo  
Sunday - Tractor Pull
    - The general conversation is the Tractor pull takes away from the fair by having it Sunday– hurts attendance and food sales. Discussions?
  - Want Zoomobile (\$240) and Mr. Twister (\$300)?Kids Pedal Pull (\$700)Any thoughts on dumpster, port-a-pottie, Christina Seal cleaning?

- 2024 Fair Sustainability
  - Suggestion - we not squander an opportunity. The Commissioners have increased our budget, How do we use that to generate new revenue or reduce expenses?
  
- We talked about having something going on at all times. One volunteer would be needed to head up each event. Possibilities,
  - 1) Cornhole/Bags Tournament
  - 2) Firehose fights
  - 3) Dunk Tank,
  - 4) Add Bingo back in
  - 5) Pig wrestling/dressing
  - 6) Craft Beer Sampling
  - 7) Demo Derby
  - 8) ATV Mud Drags
  - 9) Salsa contest
  - 10) Educational presentations – 15-20 minutes - mostly cost-free or mileage only. We would also encourage our vendors to participate.
    - Possible topic: USDA No-till farming, how to care for pets, Irrigation, hippology, farm succession, native plants, how to write a book, SDSU MG Program, the 4-H program, etc. etc.
  
- Improvement Projects 2024 – ideas.
  - Water Project; Estimate from 3D - \$25,000.
  - Insulate & Heat Poultry Barn (for shooting sports)
  - Re-wire; Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Showring, Poultry, Commercial. (proposal)
  - Grandstand – 6’ Fence; concrete entrance and under bleachers; add sidewalks in front of bleachers, beer garden tent; construct bathrooms; add more arena lighting.
  - Buy Inflatables ~\$11,000 for similar. Current \$4,200/year (includes staff)
  - Gravel roadways of parking lot
  - Add Covered stage for presentations & entertainment throughout fair.

6. Next Meeting Date

- to have a schedule draft for review as well and a lot of the contracts handled.

7. Adjourn