

Union County Fairboard Meeting

August 19 2025 - Union County Fairgrounds - Alcester, SD- 7pm

Members present: Ann Soenen, Christa Hamann, Dave Smith, Nick Wieseler, Tom Noll, John Gates, Paulette Vanderham, Brigita Timmerman, Sadie Bottorof, County Commissioners Kevin Joffer and Peggy Ustad, Fair Manager Shawn Tabke

Absent: Jennifer Beerman, Gene Ericson

President Ann Soenen called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Minutes: Tom moved, Sadie seconded, minutes approved

Budget:

- Donations are at \$19,600
- Rodeo \$3,602
- Community Supper \$1,082
- Tractor Pull \$5,076
- Band/Dance \$1,475

Old Business

- Feedback/Suggestions
 - Cornhole Tourney
 - Went well
 - Have 4-H clubs make cornhole boards
 - More advertising
 - Tractor Pull
 - Start earlier?
 - Rodeo
 - Attendance up
 - Look at holding a different event
 - Ag Olympics
 - Kids Carnival, Pancake Breakfast, Teen Leaders (all good)
 - Farmers Market
 - Push harder
 - Pick date earlier
 - Kids Pedal Pull
 - Went great, create online form for pre-registration, Pastor Scott did great announcing
 - Community Supper

- Slow this year, need to advertise more
- Youth Dance- flop
- Adult Dance- lost money, Tyler Halverson 2026?
 - Something for kids to attend during this time
 - Not by rabbit barn
 - KOOZIES to sell
 - Overall, went well
- Livestock Events
- Premium Sale- (find bank to clerk)
- Other input
 - Discussed bathrooms @ tractor pull, new concession stand
 - Fence around grandstand
 - Lean to between exhibit/hoop building (new building to replace hoop building)
 - Speaker system was good
 - Great inflatable company (leaned towards younger kids)

New Business

- Budget balance, projects

Next meeting will be October 28 2025 7:00pm @ Alcester

Dave Smith moved to adjourn, Christa Hamann seconded, motion passed.