

**Stark County Agricultural Society  
Senior Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

President: Jill Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

Everyone stood for the pledge and the prayer led by Jill Sterling.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Mikayla Durkin, Dan Farnham, Drew Kissel, Kevin King, Bill Locker, Daniel McCracken,  
Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Danny Schmucker, Travis Secrest, Amber Shoemaker,  
Jill Sterling, David Stock, Dave Swartz, Russ Thorn, Cindi Vickers, Sarah Yungen

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Justin Durkin, Bryan Griffin, Ashley Royer

Guest: Dennis S. informed the board of his willingness to help around the fairgrounds.

Secretaries Report:

**Motion 26-1:** Travis S. motioned to approve the minutes from Wednesday, November 12, 2025.  
Bill L seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

**Motion 26-2:** Bill L motioned to approve the November Treasurer's report as presented.  
Drew K seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-3:** Cindi V motioned to approve the checks written for the month of November 2025.  
Danny S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-4:** Travis S motioned to approve Russ Thorn, William Locker, Bryan Griffin, Dave Swartz and Cynthia Vickers as signers on the Citizens Bank checking accounts that end in xx9231 & xx0310. Amber S seconded with 12 voting yes and 4 abstains (Bill Locker, Russ T, Dave Sw., Cynthia V). Motion Passed.

Office Report:

Updated the board on upcoming events and office closures.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- Gave a verbal report about Jr Fair activities.

Old Business:

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New Business:

## Committee Reports

### Auditing:

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### Budget:

**Motion 26-5:** Bill L motioned to approve the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget with corrections. Drew K seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

### Building & Grounds:

- Presented the board with minutes from the B&G meeting on December 3, 2025.

**Motion 26-6:** Russ T motioned to contract with Down to Earth Landscaping to vacuum leaves in Grounds Sections 2 & 3 for \$50/hr with a minimum charge of \$100. Kevin K seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

### Capital Campaign/Building Plans:

**Motion 26-7:** Kevin K motioned to pay \$720 to Korean Fire for the monitoring on the heat sensors. Travis S seconded with all voting yes.. Motion Passed.

### Constitution & ByLaws:

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### Junior Fair:

### PR & Advertising

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### Privilege:

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### Entertainment:

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### Speed Committee:

**Motion 26-8:** Earl R motioned to move the 2026 Harness Racing dates from Wednesday & Thursday to Tuesday & Wednesday, (Sept. 1 & 2, 2026). Travis S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

### Ticket Committee:

**Motion 26-9:** Bill L motioned that all ticket pricing for Memberships and fair admission passes stay the same for the year 2026. Danny S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Human Resources:

**Motion 26-10:** Travis S motioned to approve the Fair Promoter job description as presented, with the change of removing "manager" from the title, and to start seeking applicants for the position. Kevin K seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-11:** Danny s motioned to approve the contracts for the 2026 employees: Ernies Bichsel (Grounds Supervisor) @ \$18.50/hr, Crystal Bean (Board Secretary) @ \$18/hr, and Julie Pinter (Jr Fair Coordinator) @ \$16.75/hr. Bill L seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-12:** Danny S motioned to set the pay for the board Treasurer at \$5,200 per year. Russ T seconded with 15 voting yes and 1 abstain (Cindi V.) Motion Passed.

Superintendent Reports

-No reports given.

Any Other Business for The Good of The Society or Fair:

**Motion 26-13:** Earl R motioned to adjourn the meeting. Drew K seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19PM.

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Jill E Sterling *Board President*

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Crystal Bean *Board Secretary*

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

\* The meeting agenda, contracts, meeting reports, and paperwork presented at this board meeting can be found within the 2026 Minutes book located at the fairground's office.