



July 22 – 26, 2026

County of Dunn
Menomonie, Wisconsin
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 19.84, Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the **Dunn County Fair Board Meeting** to be held on March 2nd 2026, at 5:30pm in room 60 at the Dunn County Government Center Building 3001 US Highway 12 East Menomonie, WI 54751. The Dunn County Government Center **Lower-Level** public entrances will be unlocked 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

A video recording of the meeting will be available for subsequent viewing on the Dunn County YouTube channel at the following link:

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Deric Wolf, Fair Board President at 5:30pm
2. Call of the Roll:
 - a. Deric Wolf, Nik Shepard, Larry Bjork, Jeff Eckert, Ron Score, Scott Baier, Anne Baier, and Troy Steinmeyer
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Jeff Eckert made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Nik Shepard Seconded. Motion Passed.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Public Hearing: None
6. Staff Reports and Fair Updates:
 - a. Website/Facebook Page
 - b. Knights of Columbus Report and Discussion and Decision
 - i. The board confirmed the Knights of Columbus will cover three entrances. Scott will check whether they can use a tent at the East Gate so a shack can be used for beer ticket sales.
 - c. Facilities & Parks: Austin Witt & Brady Burgraff
 - i. Austin reported that the fairgrounds were reviewed for stage placement, electrical needs, and vendor layout. Several ash trees with emerald ash borer need to be removed. The board discussed moving power poles back to open up space near the stage and food vendors.
 - ii. If electrical upgrades are not completed before the fair, renting a generator was discussed as a backup.
 - d. Dunn County Extension: Zachary Rozmiarek, 4-H Program Educator
 - i. Zach reported that a rabbit hopping fun show is being considered for Thursday at 9:00 a.m. near the small animal building.
 - ii. The 4-H awards ceremony is planned for Sunday at noon, coordinated around The Memories' show.
 - iii. The board discussed painting the inside of the milkhouse white and addressing lighting issues.
 - iv. The stuffed animal show is planned for Saturday at noon in the show ring.



- e. MAP Items – Weigh In
 - i. Pig, sheep, and goat weigh-ins are scheduled for the upcoming weekend from 8:00 a.m. to noon. YQCA certification is due Saturday by noon. MAP will meet after weigh-in.
 - f. Fair Wrap Up Items
7. Items Placed at the Request of the Chair:
- a. Tim Stevens
 - i. Tim Stevens from The Memories and Gailberg Entertainment presented options for Friday and Saturday afternoon entertainment. Options included Holy Rocka Rollaz, Dolly Pops, Tribute to the Troops, Circus Science Spectacular/The Bubbler, Uncle Muskrat, and Minor Mischief.
 - ii. Costs ranged from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Tim recommended afternoon acts finish by about 5:00–5:30 p.m. to allow evening bands time to set up. No final entertainment decision was made.
 - b. Cloverleaf Petting Zoo
 - i. Annette from Cloverleaf Critters asked whether the board would like the petting zoo to return. She reviewed animals available, including goats, sheep, poultry, rabbits, geckos, a frog, hedgehog, mini horse, and others.
 - ii. The estimated cost for 2026 is **\$2,600–\$2,700**, including their own tent. No decision was made.
 - c. Lion’s Club (Nick)
 - i. Nick reported that the Lions Club supports the proposed fair layout changes and beer sales from the Brandon Miller Memorial Pavilion area.
 - ii. Beer tickets are expected to remain **\$4 each**. Wristbands will be used for age verification. The Lions Club requested a shack for beer ticket sales and may also run bingo.
8. Consideration for Actions to be Taken by the Dunn County Fair Board: Action items
- a. **Facebook (Adding Michael)** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The old website has been turned off. The board discussed improving Facebook updates and adding Michael Norby as an administrator.
 - ii. Troy Steinmeyer made a motion to add Michael as an admin on the Facebook. Nik Shepard seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. **Wristbands** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. Discussion was had on how many wristbands to order.
 - ii. Nik Shepard made a motion to order 500 snap on wristbands for the exhibitors. Jeff Eckert seconded. Motion passed.
 - c. **Sponsorship Teir and Banners** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The board reviewed revised sponsorship tiers to reduce giveaways and improve consistency. Stage banner placement will be added for presenting sponsors of \$5,000 or more.
 - ii. Troy Steinmeyer made a motion to keep what was presented but add banners for donations of over \$5,000. Larry Bjork seconded. Motion passed.
 - g. **Order Ribbons** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The board discussed ordering ribbons. Marge will assist with contacting the ribbon company and placing the order.



- h. **Superintendent Meeting May or June** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The board discussed holding FairEntry superintendent training approximately two weeks before the fair. The exact date will be discussed at the next meeting.
- i. **Move One Ticket Booth for Beer Sales Booth** - Discussion and possible action
- j. **Judging Contracts and Money** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The board discussed increasing judge pay in 2026 instead of waiting until 2027.
 - ii. Approved rates: \$250 for animal/livestock judges and \$160 for other judges.
 - iii. Troy Steinmeyer made the motion to change the judge's payment in 2026. Jeff Eckert seconded. Motion passed.
- k. **4-H Facebook** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The board discussed posting that milking cows will be allowed at the fair this year. Cows would come in Thursday, show at noon, and have access to a milking parlor before going home.
 - ii. The board also discussed posting that PERS testing for pigs is no longer required, though health papers are still needed.
- l. **Briggs Tent and Party Rental Contract** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The Briggs Tent and Party Rental quote for golf carts was \$3,421.
 - ii. Nik Shepard made a motion to move forward with the golf cart rental because its a necessary cost. Jeff Eckert seconded. Motion passed.
- m. **Radio Contract** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. Austin reported that Dunn County Emergency Management may donate retired Motorola radios. New batteries would cost about \$25 each, and the radios can be programmed for fair use.
 - ii. Jeff Eckert made a motion to make donated radios plan A and renting radios plan B. Troy Steinmeyer seconded. Motion passed.
- n. **GLF Contract** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The board discussed the GFL waste disposal contract, estimated around \$7,000. Since the cost is over \$5,000, a second quote is needed. PIC was mentioned as another option.
 - ii. Nik Shepard made a motion to pursue the cheaper of the two options. Jeff Eckert seconded. Motion passed.
- o. **Sound Contract** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. Tabled
- p. **HCE (Book Sale)** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The HCE book sale group requested continued use of the Fanetti Community Room and discounted volunteer passes. The board discussed treating all vendors consistently.
 - ii. Troy Steinmeyer made a motion to treat all vendors equally and make the HCE pay the regular vendor fees. Nik Shepard seconded. Motion passed.
- q. **Office Hours (Pre-Fair and During Fair)** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. Pre-fair office hours will likely be scheduled during the week of July 6–10. During the fair, the office should be staffed during fair hours, approximately 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.



- f. **Food Vendor Contract (Who are we sending them to)** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The board discussed sending contracts to selected food vendors, including Chippewa Valley, Hurlburt’s, Wicked Wings, Captain PJ’s, Domino’s, ice cream, and others. Contracts should include a “cannot sell” list to avoid conflicts with carnival or vendor agreements.
 - s. **Ben Powers (Fair Board)** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. Troy Steinmeyer made a motion to nominate Ben Powers to be on the Fairboard. Larry Bjork seconded. Motion passed. The nomination will be brought before the facilities committee.
 - t. **Stage Location** - Discussion and possible action
 - i. The board reviewed drone photos and discussed the proposed stage location near the former beer tent area. The location was generally accepted by consensus, with electrical work or generator rental to be addressed as needed.
 - u. **Humane Society** – Discussion and possible action
 - i. The Humane Society would like a space in the commercial building to promote its nonprofit and possibly bring adoptable animals if available. The board supported offering space.
9. Consideration of Reports, Resolutions and Ordinances to be Recommended to the County Board: None
10. Next Meeting Date: April 6th, 2026
11. Adjournment: Deric Wolf, Fair Board President

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Dunn County Fair Board
Signed: Deric Wolf

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