# U.P. State Fair Authority Board Meeting

## Virtual /in Person

**July 8, 2020** **UP State Fairgrounds**
**Escanaba, MI**

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**Members Present:**

Micky Rondeau, Alger Cty – *by phone*
William Menge, Baraga Cty – *by phone*
Dave Rivard, Delta Cty – *by phone*
Ed McBroom, Dickinson Cty – *by phone*
Jim Lorenson, Gogebic Cty – *by phone*
Steve Palosaari, Houghton Cty – *by phone*
Phyllis French, Luce Cty – *by phone*
Janis Linderoth, Menominee Cty
Ann Harrington, Schoolcraft Cty

**Members Absent:**

Jake Campbell, Chippewa Cty
Gene Momont, Iron Cty
Joe Langdon, Keweenaw Cty
Calvin McPhee, Mackinac Cty
Chuck Bergdahl, Marquette Cty
Richard Bourdeau, Ontonagon Cty
Tammy Sagataw, Hannahville

**Others Present:**

Vickie Micheau, Management Agent
Sheila Krueger, Management/Chamber
Jonathan Mead, UPCAP – *by phone*
Tracy Lektzian, UPCAP – *by phone*
Jeff Wood, UPSF/Chamber
Andrea Sorenson, Poultry Superintendent

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1. **Call to Order**

   Chairman French called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Roll call is recorded above.

2. **Public Comment**

   Ms. Harrington reviewed statements from various exhibitors expressing concerns with COVID and fair.

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

   **Motion by Menge, supported by Palosaari, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

## 4. New Business

Authority Members discussed DAC member concerns with fair and moving forward.

<u>DAC Recommendations for Livestock Expo – August 17-22, 2020</u>

- Recommendation to have the following shows:
  - Beef ~ Junior Market only
  - Sheep & Goats ~ Junior Breeding & Market
  - Dairy ~ Open & Junior show
  - Poultry & Rabbits ~ Junior show only
  - Swine ~ Junior market

  **Motion by Palosaari, supported by Rondeau to approve the above noted recommendation as proposed - with final approval by Superintendents. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Rondeau, Yes; Menge, Yes; Rivard, Yes; McBroom, Yes; Lorenson, Yes; Palosaari, Yes; French, No; Linderoth, No; Harrington, No.**

- Recommend investigating the possibility of a draft horse pull during expo.
  **Motion by Palosaari, supported by Rondeau, to approve the recommendation to move forward with discussions on possibility of draft horse pull. Motion carried.**

- Recommendation to have a 2-day Junior equine show only with Michigan residents having first preference.
  **Motion by Palosaari, supported by Menge, to approve the recommendation of having a 2-day Junior equine show with Michigan residents having first preference. Motion carried.**

- Recommendation to have the Highland Show on August 15th – they will rent fairground facilities and hire their own judge with no premium.
  **Motion by Harrington, supported by Rondeau, to approve recommendation to have the Highland show on August 15th. Motion carried.**

- Recommendation to have the following animal arrival and show times:

| Day | Arrival | Show |
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| Monday | Junior horse<br>Junior rabbit | |
| Tuesday | | Junior horse<br>Junior rabbit |
| Wednesday | Beef<br>Swine/also showing other species;<br>Sheep<br>Goats | Junior horse |

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| | Poultry | |
| Thursday | Remaining swine | Beef<br>Poultry<br>Sheep (dairy arena) |
| Friday | Dairy | Swine<br>Dairy (dairy arena)<br>Followed by Goats (dairy arena) |
| Saturday | | Auction |

**Motion by Rondeau, supported by Palosaari, to adopt the above schedule for arrival and show times. Motion carried.**

- Recommendation to change final registration date to July 20th.
  **Motion by Lorenson, supported by Harrington, to approve the recommendation for the final registration date as July 20th. Motion carried.**

- Recommend not requiring BVD testing for all cattle for this exhibition.
  **Motion by Harrington, supported by Linderoth, to approve recommendation not requiring BVD testing for all cattle this year. Motion carried.**

- Recommend keeping entry fees and stall fees the same as it was for the 2020 fair for the Junior market livestock animals.
  **Motion by Harrington, supported by Lorenson, to approve recommendation keeping entry fees and stall fees the same as it was for the 2020 fair for Junior market livestock animals. Motion carried.**

- Recommend to continue requiring record books and they must be turned in upon arrival to the fairgrounds.
  **Motion by Palosaari, supported by Linderoth, to approve the recommendation to continue requiring record books and also require those be turned in upon arrival to the fairgrounds. Motion carried.**

<u>Naming of Livestock Exhibition Discussion</u>
Ms. Micheau asked for consideration/discussion on naming the Livestock Expo as the "Lori Branstrom Memorial Livestock Expo"

**Motion by Harrington, supported by Rondeau, to approve the naming of "Lori Branstrom Memorial Livestock Expo" Motion carried.**

## 5. Public Comment

Andrea Sorenson asked to see amount of entries so they can better prepare.

## 6. Adjournment

**Motion by Rondeau, supported by Rivard, to adjourn. Motion carried.** The time was 4:21 p.m. ET