# U.P. State Fair Authority Board Meeting

## Virtual /in Person

**June 30, 2020** **UP State Fairgrounds**
**Escanaba, MI**

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**Members Present:**

Micky Rondeau, Alger Cty **by phone**
Dave Rivard, Delta Cty
Ed McBroom, Dickinson Cty
Steven Palosaari, Houghton Cty **by phone**
Joe Langdon, Keweenaw Cty
Phyllis French, Luce Cty
Calvin McPhee, Mackinac Cty **by phone**
Chuck Bergdahl, Marquette Cty **by phone**
Janis Linderoth, Menominee Cty
Ann Harrington, Schoolcraft Cty

**Members Absent:**

William Menge, Baraga Cty
Jake Campbell, Chippewa Cty
Jim Lorenson, Gogebic Cty
Gene Momont Iron Cty
Richard Bourdeau, Ontonagon Cty
Tammy Sagataw, Hannahville

**Others Present:**

Vickie Micheau, Mgmt Agent
Sheila Krueger, Mgmt Agent
Jeff Wood, Mgmt Agent/Maintenance
Jonathan Mead, UPCAP
Tracy Lektzian, UPCAP
Andrea Sorenson, Poultry Sup.

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1. **Call to Order**

   Chair French called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. ET  Roll call is recorded above.

2. **Public Comment**

   There was no public comment.

3. **Approval of Minutes from the February 7, 2020 Meeting**

   **Motion by McBroom, supported by Rivard, to approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2020 Meeting.  Motion carried.**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Ann Harrington reviewed the balance sheet through May 31, 2020. Noted assets and equity are up. Discussion on what bottom line will look like if there is no fair.

**Motion by McBroom, supported by Linderoth, to approve the Balance Sheet and place on file. Motion carried.**

**5. Management Report**

Vickie Micheau reported and had a discussion on the following:

- COVID-19 Road Map for moving forward with fair
- Skerbeck received e-mail not allowed to have rides at the fair
- Island Resort could not accommodate entertainment at casino
- Jason Promotions have lost every event this year – moving acts to next year
- Venue/Risk Assessment discussion (capacity/health screening)
- Live Stock Exhibitors – can still have without fair

Will schedule a meeting with DAC/Exhibitors on Tuesday, July 7th to discuss option for Exhibition only at fair.

Jeff Wood updated Authority on Beef Barn structural concerns. Noted they are right on budget.

**Motion by McBroom, supported by Rivard, to accept Management Report. Motion carried.**

**6. Committee Reports**
**DAC Recommendations:**

**DAC Recommendations from March 14, 2020 Meeting (see attached)**

**Motion by McBroom, supported by Rivard, to accept DAC recommendations as presented in March 14, 2020 Meeting. Motion carried**

**DAC Recommendations from June 20,2020 Meeting (see attached)**

**Motion by McBroom, supported by Rivard, to accept DAC recommendations as presented from the June 20, 2020 Meeting. Motion carried.**

## 7. Old Business / New Business

**2020 Fair Discussion –**

Authority Members discussed pros/cons of having a 2020 Fair and possibly having Livestock Exhibition only.

> **Motion by Harrington, supported by Rivard, to postpone the 2020 fair as planned to August 2020 and to develop plans for livestock exhibition per the Governor's Executive Order and due to Skerbeck's unable to provide rides. Motion carried. Roll call vote: Rondeau, No; Rivard, Yes; Ed McBroom, No; Steven Palosaari, Yes; Joe Langdon, Yes; Phyllis French, Yes; Chuck Bergdahl, Yes; Janis Linderoth, Yes; Ann Harrington, Yes; Calvin McPhee, abstain.**
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> **Motion by Harrington, supported by Langdon, to move forward with Livestock Exhibition on fairgrounds during week of August 17-22. Motion carried.**

Discussion on scheduling a meeting with DAC and Exhibitors ASAP to get feedback on Livestock Exhibition. Vickie will send out meeting invite for July 7th.

Authority Board will then schedule meeting for Wednesday, July 8th @ 3:00 p.m. to discuss recommendations from DAC/Exhibitors.

Discussion on press release announcing postponing the fair. Vickie asked Authority members to wait until this goes out in the morning to say anything so she has time to let sponsors know.

> **Motion by Rivard, supported by Harrington, to send out Press Release in morning. Would like to let sponsors know first before sending this out. Motion carried.**

## 8. Public Comment

Andrea Sorenson, Poultry Sup. Stated she submitted a plan – wondering if pushing out deadline for exhibitors? Recommendations for shows were discussed.

## 9. Next Meeting – July 24th

## 10. Adjournment

> **Motion by McBroom, supported by Langdon, to adjourn. Motion carried.**
> The time was 1:44 p.m. ET