

# ASSOCIATION OF IOWA FAIRS

## 2009 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 13, 2009

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Association of Iowa Fairs was called to order by President Dave Hoffman at 10:48 a.m. on December 13, 2009 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Roll Call:** Sue Barnes, Executive Secretary/Treasurer called roll of Fairs. All fairs answered roll call.

President Dave Hoffman asked for new fair officers to introduce themselves. Buchanan County Fair, Monona County Fair, Fayette County Fair, Bremer County Fair and Johnson County Fairs were acknowledged.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Ronnie Van Auken, Louisa County, moved to accept the 2008 annual minutes, held on December 8, 2008. Darwin Gaudian, O'Brien County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**Audit Committee Report: We the undersigned Audit Committee, met on December 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** The committee examined the financial records of the past fiscal year of the Association of Iowa Fairs and finds them to be in proper order and in good standing. **Signed:** Chairperson, Jo Reynolds, Warren County; Ron Pullin, Black Hawk County; and Terry Reuter, Plymouth County. *Dean Kluss, Wright County, made motion to approve the Audit Committee report. Randy Hiscocks, Hancock County, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Credentials Committee Report: We the undersigned Credentials Committee, met on December 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** The committee examined the records of the Association of Iowa Fairs and find that 106 Iowa County, Regional and State Fairs have paid the proper dues and have met the membership guidelines as set up in the bylaws of the Association. Therefore, these Fairs are current members in good standing of the Association of Iowa Fairs. **Signed:** Chairman Joe Yedlik, Jones County; Brenda Meisenheimer, Adair County; and Fritz Polt, Marshall County. *Bob Fox, Mississippi Valley Fair, made motion to accept the Credentials Committee report. Lori Gosenberg, Muscatine County seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Election Committee Report: We, the undersigned Election Committee, met on December 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** The following have been elected to the Association of Iowa Fairs Board of Directors by majority vote of members of their respective districts at caucus meetings held in conjunction with the fall district meetings.

- Northwest District: Dave Hoffman, Plymouth County
- North Central District: Tricia Rosendahl, Wright County
- Northeast District: Joe Yedlik, Jones County
- Southwest District: John Straight, Harrison County
- South Central District: Mark Drost, Marion County
- Southeast District: Jim Sloan, Wapello County.

**Signed:** Chairman Darwin Gaudian, O'Brien County; Kathy Bozwell, Adams County; Mike Stricker, Mitchell County. *Kathy Bozwell, Adams County, made motion to accept the Elections Committee report. Roger Mick, Taylor County, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Resolutions Committee Report: We, the undersigned Resolutions Committee, met on December 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** The committee presented the resolutions, as attached to these minutes. Refer to "Attachment #1". **Signed:** Chairman Jim Mohr, Carroll County; Wanda Kruse, Cerro Gordo County; Glen E. Hollister, Polk County. *Jared Horning, Washington County made motion to accept Resolution Committee report. Terry Reuter, Plymouth County, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**State Funding Committee Report: We the undersigned State Funding Committee, met on December 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** to examine and verify the report included herein as "Attachment #2", detailing the use of State Funds for 2009 by member Fairs of the Association of Iowa Fairs. Each Fair listed on the report has complied with Chapter 174.9 of the Iowa code. Each Fair listed on the report has presented a statement on its use of State Funding at the Association's fall district meetings, and verification of use of State Funding has been made by majority vote of members of their respective districts at the fall district meetings. The Board of Directors of the Association of Iowa Fairs has examined the attached report and has recommended the report be presented to the membership of the Association at the 2009 Annual Meeting for final approval, and distribution of state funding pursuant to Iowa Code, Chapter 174.10 and Chapter 174.12. **Signed:** Chairman Alan Brown, Franklin County; Jackie Wistrom, Des Moines County; Mark Drost, Marion County. *Jo Reynolds, Warren County, made motion to accept the State Fund Committee report. Jim Mohr, Carroll County, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Treasurer's report:** Executive Secretary/Treasurer Sue Barnes presented the Treasurer's Report. The financial report was included in the packets given to member Fairs as they entered the meeting. Sue stated the financial records of the Association are audited, and tax reports prepared by, McGowan, Hurst and Smith CPA of Des Moines. She also reported that the Association has 6 festival memberships, 126 association memberships and 106 fair memberships. Sue reported the auction held on Saturday evening brought in \$18,897, plus there are several donations yet to be added to the auction income. *Tim Holt, Hamilton County, made motion to accept the Treasurer report. Edna Schrandt, Winneshiek County, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Legislative Report:** Tom Barnes, Executive Director, gave the Legislative Report. Tom explained disbursement of state funding, including funds set aside by the General Assembly in a special pool and the disbursement of that pool or money was included in the checks fairs received today. Tom also encouraged fairs to contact their legislators this next week to thank them for the 2009 state funds and ask for support in the 2010 legislative session. The annual Legislative Breakfast will be held March 18, 2010 on the main floor of the East Rotunda and all fairs are invited to attend.

**President's Message:** Dave Hoffman gave his President's message. Dave stated that he has enjoyed his year as President. Dave commented on the speaker at Conference, Dr. Larry Helms, who presented educational and life experience information. Dave ended his comments with a poem called "The Winner".

**Association Report:** Executive Director Tom Barnes gave the Association of Iowa Fairs report.

- He thanked everyone for attending Conference and especially thanked Dave Hoffman for his leadership on the AIF Board during the past year.
- Because of time constraints at Conference Tom said the AIF Board will strongly consider the idea of starting Conference on Friday morning next year. Conference next year will be December 10-12, 2010.
- The packets that fairs received at this meeting included a timeline for fairs to use as a reference for deadlines.
- There was an economic summary sheet included as well as the list of dates for the spring district meetings.
- Tom asked that fairs take these handouts back and share with their entire board. He suggested that fairs send responsible people to these district meetings that can take information back and share.
- Again, reminded fairs that the website has a lot of information and the secure site contains forms.
- There are currently 41 fairs working with ICAP, which is very good. He encouraged all fairs to look to ICAP for their services.
- Tom finished his report by encouraging all to stay aware of the ever changing fair industry, to embrace the changes and challenges we all face. Tom also reminded everyone to remember the past and use it as a guide as we all make decisions regarding our future.
- Tom commented on his 'fair tour' this past year and thanked everyone for their hospitality shown this year.

**I.A.F.E. Zone 5 Meeting:** in Des Moines at the Sheraton West Des Moines on February 26-28, 2010. Information will be available soon from the Iowa State Fair office.

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business was presented.

**Adjournment:** *Bob Fox, Mississippi Valley Fair, made motion to adjourn meeting. Lloyd Carlson, Crawford County seconded the motion. Motion carried.* President Dave Hoffman adjourned the A.I.F.'s Annual Meeting at 11:45 a.m. to the immediately following State Agricultural Annual Meeting.

*Attachments to Minutes: # 1, Resolutions Report; #2, State Funding Report*

## **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT --- 2009**

**We, the undersigned Resolutions Committee, met on December 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. The committee presents the following resolutions:**

**We commend** the Officers, Directors, and Managers of all the Fairs of Iowa for their efforts in promoting the advancement and education of Iowa's youth, and the cultural and ethnic heritage of their communities, using their fair as the educational medium. .

**We commend** the management and staff of the Holiday Inn Conference Center for their past and continued cooperation in hosting the Conference and Annual Meeting, and look forward to a strong working relationship in the future.

**We commend** the members of the Association of Iowa Fairs for their continued commitment towards enhanced regulations for a stronger Association.

**We commend** the fairs of Iowa, their board members, spouses and volunteers for their dedication to their fair.

**We commend** Governor Chet Culver and members of the Iowa General Assembly for their continued support of the Fairs of Iowa and the fair industry, in general, in Iowa.

**We commend** the youth of Iowa, especially those in 4-H & FFA, for their dedication and hard work in regards to the fair industry in Iowa.

**We commend** all of the Associate Members of the Association for their dedication to the fairs of Iowa, and their commitment in promoting the mission of the Association.

**We commend** our sponsors and businesses that donate to and support our fairs to help bring quality education and entertainment to our industry.

**We commend** Gary Slater, Manager, his staff & Board of Directors for their dedication to the Iowa State Fair.

**We continue** to encourage the Iowa State Fair Board and the Association of Iowa Fairs Board of Directors to work together to promote a good working relationship between each Board, with the Iowa Legislature and with all Fairs throughout Iowa.

**We resolve** the fairs of Iowa and Iowa 4-H & FFA programs work together to promote and enhance the hard work and goals of the youth of Iowa.

**We resolve** the fairs of Iowa do everything within their power to promote honesty and fair play in the show ring, and teach the exhibitors the true value of their exhibits.

**We resolve** the Association of Iowa Fairs and its members work with the various entities of the tourism industry in Iowa to further the goals and efforts of each industry.

**We resolve** that all members of the Association adhere to the policies and deadlines set by the Board of Directors, as by doing so will promote a strong Association.

**We resolve** that each Fair in Iowa must have a voting delegate at the annual business meetings of the Association of Iowa Fairs, and the State Agricultural Society.

**We resolve** that in order to receive state funding a fair must be a member in good standing of the Association of Iowa Fairs, and must meet the requirements of state funding as written in the Iowa Code.

**We resolve** that each Fair commend their County Board of Supervisors for funding of their fair.

**We honor** the memory of those Fair Board members who have passed away, and **commend** their dedication to their local County Fair (*list follows*).

**ASSOCIATION OF IOWA FAIRS**  
**2009 CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING**  
**DECEASED IOWA FAIR BOARD MEMBERS**

<i>Member</i>	<i>County</i>
<b>Colleen Smith</b>	<b>Jefferson</b>
<b>Dale Carlson</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>
<b>David Colglazier</b>	<b>Franklin</b>
<b>Doug Uhl</b>	<b>Monona</b>
<b>Gary Fuller</b>	<b>Hardin</b>
<b>Glen Haselhoff</b>	<b>Cherokee</b>
<b>John Graybell</b>	<b>Delaware</b>
<b>Jud Fredrickson</b>	<b>Monona</b>
<b>Ken Newby</b>	<b>Hardin</b>
<b>Lyle Fiscus</b>	<b>Shelby</b>

**STATE AID FOR COUNTY FAIRS -- PROJECTS**

“2009” = projects completed using state funds allocated in 2009

“2010” = projects scheduled for the upcoming year using state funds allocated in 2010.

**SUMMARY FOR 2009**

**Total received in state aid ----- \$1,590,000.00**

*Included in state aid is the “Fairgrounds Infrastructure Aid Fund” amounting to \$530,000, which was dissolved in 2009 and funds equally distributed to all qualifying county fairs.*

**Total spent on capitol improvements in 2009 by County Fairs ----- \$ 4,585,049.00**

**Average spent per County Fair on capitol improvements in 2009 ----- \$ 43,255.00**

*NOTE: Iowa State Fair not included in this report.*

	<b>ADAIR COUNTY</b>		<b>BLACK HAWK COUNTY, NCC</b>
2009	New bleachers and hand rails in grandstand.	2009	Campground upgrades.
2010	Cover show arena.	2010	McElroy auditorium improvements.
	<b>ADAMS COUNTY</b>		<b>BOONE COUNTY</b>
2009	Renovate 4-H exhibit bldg.	2009	New roof on community bldg.
2010	Continue renovation of 4-H bldg.	2010	Enclose sheep barn.
	<b>ALLAMAKEE COUNTY, WAUKON</b>		<b>BREMER COUNTY</b>
2009	Hog bldg improvements.	2009	New bleachers.
2010	Cattle barn improvements.	2010	New livestock weigh in area.
	<b>ALLAMAKEE COUNTY, POSTVILLE</b>		<b>BUCHANAN COUNTY</b>
2009	Manure handling area.	2009	New grandstand.
2010	Renovate beef barn.	2010	New concession stand.
	<b>APPANOOSE COUNTY</b>		<b>BUENA VISTA COUNTY</b>
2009	New rabbit exhibit project.	2009	Sheep Barn expansion.
2010	Expand parking area.	2010	New bath house.
	<b>AUDUBON COUNTY</b>		<b>BUTLER COUNTY</b>
2009	Stage 4 of Agri Hall	2009	Show barn improvements.
2010	New cattle barn.	2010	New livestock bldg.
	<b>BENTON COUNTY</b>		<b>CALHOUN COUNTY</b>
2009	New 4-H bldg.	2009	New small animal barn.
2010	Repair open exhibit bldg.	2010	Finish animal barn.
	<b>BLACK HAWK COUNTY, 4-H/FFA</b>		<b>CARROLL COUNTY</b>
2009	Electrical upgrades to three livestock barns.	2009	Pay off exhibit hall debt.
2010	JFI upgrade to livestock barns.	2010	New bleachers.

SUMMARY OF STATE AID continued ...

	<b>CASS COUNTY</b>		<b>DES MOINES COUNTY</b>
2009	New food stand.	2009	Wash rack and manure pits.
2010	Continue with new food stand project.	2010	Finish wash racks and manure pits.
	<b>CEDAR COUNTY</b>		<b>DICKINSON COUNTY</b>
2009	Grandstand handicap improvements.	2009	Beef barn ceiling.
2010	Roof on grandstand.	2010	Shower house.
	<b>CERRO GORDO COUNTY</b>		<b>DUBUQUE COUNTY</b>
2009	Expand campground.	2009	Race track guard rail and fence.
2010	Various bldg improvements.	2010	Parking lot improvements.
	<b>CHEROKEE COUNTY</b>		<b>EMMET COUNTY</b>
2009	New water lines.	2009	New fence and flooring in livestock barns.
2010	New parking area.	2010	Finish cattle barn.
	<b>CHEROKEE COUNTY, MARCUS</b>		<b>FAYETTE COUNTY</b>
2009	New livestock show arena.	2009	Remodel inside show pavilion.
2010	Renovate Hall of Progress.	2010	New swine barn.
	<b>CHICKASAW COUNTY</b>		<b>FLOYD COUNTY</b>
2009	New multi purpose livestock bldg.	2009	Payment on new beef/hog barn.
2010	Continue livestock bldg project.	2010	Payment on beef/hog barn.
	<b>CLARKE COUNTY</b>		<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY</b>
2009	New shower bldg.	2009	Final payment on new roof.
2010	Expand parking area.	2010	New concession bldg.
	<b>CLAY COUNTY</b>		<b>FREMONT COUNTY</b>
2009	North entrance.	2009	Open class bldg. roof.
2010	Livestock barn.	2010	4-H bldg. roof.
	<b>CLAYTON COUNTY</b>		<b>GREENE COUNTY</b>
2009	New milking parlor.	2009	Insulate exhibit bldg.
2010	Finish livestock barn.	2010	Restroom shower facility project.
	<b>CLINTON COUNTY</b>		<b>GRUNDY COUNTY</b>
2009	New Ag business bldg.	2009	New exhibit bldg.
2010	Roof on cattle barn.	2010	Continue exhibit bldg project.
	<b>CRAWFORD COUNTY</b>		<b>GUTHRIE COUNTY</b>
2009	Pave driveways.	2009	Ticket office and restroom renovations.
2010	Cattle barn foundation.	2010	Expand campground.
	<b>DALLAS COUNTY</b>		<b>HAMILTON COUNTY</b>
2009	New roof on Extension bldg.	2009	Renovate horse barn.
2010	New shower house.	2010	Renovate show arena.
	<b>DAVIS COUNTY</b>		<b>HANCOCK COUNTY</b>
2009	Swine and sheep barn improvements.	2009	New campground area.
2010	New front entrance.	2010	Renovate restrooms.
	<b>DECATUR COUNTY</b>		<b>HARDIN COUNTY</b>
2009	Renovate Pioneer Hall.	2009	New electric on racetrack.
2010	Renovate 4-H restrooms.	2010	Community bldg. kitchen project.
	<b>DELAWARE COUNTY</b>		<b>HARRISON COUNTY</b>
2009	Remodel community center.	2009	Air condition community bldg.
2010	Expand utilities to new ground area.	2010	Continue with air conditioning project.

SUMMARY OF STATE AID continued ...

	<b>HENRY COUNTY</b>		<b>LINN COUNTY</b>
2009	Fence perimeter of park area.	2009	Foundation for cattle barn.
2010	Grandstand renovations.	2010	Men's restroom project.
	<b>HOWARD COUNTY</b>		<b>LOUISA COUNTY</b>
2009	Renovate donated barn.	2009	New electrical upgrades on grounds.
2010	Dairy barn expansion.	2010	New food stand.
	<b>HUMBOLDT COUNTY</b>		<b>LUCAS COUNTY</b>
2009	Fence livestock area.	2009	Addition to food stand.
2010	Grandstand ADA improvements.	2010	Finish addition to food stand.
	<b>IDA COUNTY</b>		<b>LYON COUNTY</b>
2009	Finish renovation of exhibition bldg.	2009	New bleachers and commercial bldg. repairs.
2010	Side and insulate fair office.	2010	Hand wash/sanitizing project.
	<b>IOWA COUNTY</b>		<b>MADISON COUNTY</b>
2009	Horse barn renovations.	2009	New Jackson bldg.
2010	New horse barn.	2010	Finish Jackson bldg.
	<b>JACKSON COUNTY</b>		<b>MAHASKA COUNTY</b>
2009	Expand campground.	2009	New electrical service to buildings.
2010	New stage.	2010	New fencing.
	<b>JASPER COUNTY</b>		<b>MARION COUNTY</b>
2009	Renovate Vendor Bldg.	2009	Repairs to Grandstand.
2010	Extend electrical to south property area.	2010	Continue with repairs to Grandstand.
	<b>JEFFERSON COUNTY</b>		<b>MARSHALL COUNTY</b>
2009	Roof on activity bldg.	2009	New concession bldg.
2010	Expand parking area.	2010	Roof on pavilion.
	<b>JOHNSON COUNTY</b>		<b>MILLS COUNTY</b>
2009	Roof on Barn 1.	2009	New electrical to fairgrounds.
2010	Roof on Montgomery Hall.	2010	Repair Commons Bldg.
	<b>JONES COUNTY, Monticello</b>		<b>MITCHELL COUNTY</b>
2009	Stage renovations, Stage 1.	2009	Addition to 4-H bldg.
2010	Stage renovations, stage 2.	2010	Install ceiling in 4-H bldg.
	<b>JONES COUNTY, Wyoming</b>		<b>MONONA COUNTY</b>
2009	Renovate restrooms.	2009	Grandstand roof.
2010	New Livestock bldg.	2010	New cattle barn.
	<b>KEOKUK COUNTY, SIGOURNEY</b>		<b>MONROE COUNTY</b>
2009	Renovate commercial bldg.	2009	New scale room and fence area.
2010	Continue renovation of commercial bldg.	2010	Restroom project.
	<b>KEOKUK COUNTY, WHAT CHEER</b>		<b>MONTGOMERY COUNTY</b>
2009	Concrete ADA area.	2009	New food bldg.
2010	Continue with concrete for ADA areas.	2010	Continue with food bldg. project.
	<b>KOSSUTH COUNTY</b>		<b>MUSCATINE COUNTY</b>
2009	Grandstand renovations.	2009	Floral hall bldg.
2010	Floral hall roof.	2010	Continue with floral hall bldg.
	<b>LEE COUNTY</b>		<b>O'BRIEN COUNTY</b>
2009	Relocate one room schoolhouse.	2009	New open class bldg.
2010	Electrical upgrades to Pioneer Village	2010	ADA restrooms.

SUMMARY OF STATE AID continued ...

	<b>OSCEOLA COUNTY</b>		<b>TAMA COUNTY</b>
2009	Renovate Open class bldg.	2009	New livestock wash racks.
2010	HVAC in 4-H bld.	2010	Renovate hog barn.
	<b>PAGE COUNTY</b>		<b>TAYLOR COUNTY</b>
2009	Roof on cattle and hog barns.	2009	Replace main electrical service.
2010	Roof on cow palace.	2010	Continue on replacing electrical service.
	<b>PALO ALTO COUNTY</b>		<b>UNION COUNTY</b>
2009	New open air pavilion.	2009	New shelter bldg.
2010	New open air pavilion.	2010	Renovate show arena.
	<b>PLYMOUTH COUNTY</b>		<b>VAN BUREN COUNTY</b>
2009	ADA access in grandstand.	2009	Restroom project.
2010	New livestock bldg.	2010	New Sheep barn.
	<b>POCAHONTAS COUNTY</b>		<b>WAPELLO COUNTY, ELDON</b>
2009	Renovate Expo bldg.	2009	Grandstand improvements.
2010	Storage addition to Expo bldg.	2010	New Campground.
	<b>POLK COUNTY 4-H/FFA</b>		<b>WARREN COUNTY</b>
2009	Renovate youth beef barn.	2009	Hog barn renovation.
2010	Continue with youth beef barn.	2010	Finish hog barn renovation.
	<b>POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, AVOCA</b>		<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>
2009	New show ring fencing.	2009	New security lighting for grounds.
2010	Grandstand roofing project.	2010	New bathrooms.
	<b>POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, WESTFAIR</b>		<b>WAYNE COUNTY</b>
2009	Sheep barn project.	2009	New electrical service to beef barn & stage.
2010	Finish sheep barn project.	2010	New electrical to exhibit bldg.
	<b>POWESHIEK COUNTY</b>		<b>WEBSTER COUNTY</b>
2009	HVAC in exhibit bldg.	2009	Renovate restrooms.
2010	Flooring in exhibit bldg.	2010	Expand parking area.
	<b>RINGGOLD COUNTY</b>		<b>WINNEBAGO COUNTY</b>
2009	Expand campground.	2009	Renovate restrooms.
2010	Update 4-H building.	2010	Continue renovations of restrooms.
	<b>SAC COUNTY</b>		<b>WINNESHIEK COUNTY</b>
2009	New small animal bldg.	2009	Purchase land.
2010	Renovate grandstand.	2010	North exhibit hall flooring.
	<b>SCOTT COUNTY</b>		<b>WOODBURY COUNTY</b>
2009	Roof on Keppy 4-H bldg.	2009	Storm shelter.
2010	ADA improvements to grounds.	2010	Payment on storm shelter bldg.
	<b>SHELBY COUNTY</b>		<b>WORTH COUNTY</b>
2009	Expand parking by grandstand.	2009	Renovate hog barn.
2010	New exhibit bldg.	2010	New small animal bldg project.
	<b>SIoux COUNTY</b>		<b>WRIGHT COUNTY</b>
2009	New livestock bldg.	2009	Campground electrical upgrade.
2010	New livestock bldg.	2010	Calf and sheep barn improvements.
	<b>STORY COUNTY</b>		
2009	New horse barn.		
2010	Continue with new horse barn.		