

Agenda

Eau Claire County  
*Fair Committee*

**Date:** September 9, 2020

**Time:** 7:00PM

Virtual meeting via WebEx Events

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Meeting #: 145-309-3922

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1. Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes – **Discussion/Action**
  - a. June 24, 2020 & July 15, 2020
5. Fair Committee Member Applications – **Discussion**

Reapplied:

Letecia Papke  
Tammy Schlewitz  
Darren Schlewitz  
Tyson Flottmeir  
Josie Syverson

New Applications:  
Wendy Strauch  
Kathleen Gehrke  
Bethany Strauch

6. Adjourn

## Eau Claire County Fair Committee

June 24, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Meeting done via Zoom & in person at the Home of Debbie Kitchen 519 W. Main St. Augusta

Meeting was called to order by Lisa Vetsch at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation of meeting notice

Roll Call of Members was done by Leslie Strey.

Fair Board Members present: Scot Zimmerman, Letecia Papke, Tammy Schlewitz, Leslie Strey, Jennifer Haan, Lisa Vetsch; Rachel Hart-Brinson, Josie Syverson, Tyson Flottmeir; Teresa Miller Wathke, Darren Schlewitz

Others Present: Debbie Kitchen, Eau Claire County Fair Coordinator; Devin Hadorn-Papke, Meg Mueller, Cindi Syverson, Kathy Gehrke, Kevin Kitchen, Jill Welke

Public Input: Kathy Gehrke commented that if we do move forward with the fair that we take into consideration the kids who just bring exhibits, and not livestock. She also commented that she didn't want any negative feedback given to kids for not going or participating in the fair. Safety of the kids should be our first priority.

Meg Mueller commented we consider safety concerns. We don't want anyone to feel like they need to be there, that it is their choice to participate.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 15<sup>h</sup> Fair Committee Meeting by Tammy Schlewitz, second by Darren Schlewitz. Motion carries.

2020 Fair Discussion: Health Department Proposal-Debbie and Lisa met with the Health Dept on Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>. The new order came out today on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The new order allows 100 people indoors, and 250 outdoors. This order is in effect until July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion on how many could be present for the auction. Discussed moving horses to Monday. Debbie is working on fair entry dates. Fair entry dates would open Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and close on July 10<sup>th</sup>. We will print off and mail the entry tags.

Motion by Teresa Miller Wathke to cancel the in person fair, but have an online showcase. Second by Scot Zimmerman. Vote was taken by verbal roll call.

In favor of motion: 4 Oppose the motion: 5 Motion fails.

Discussed funding, and how it is based on last year's fair.

We would do livestream and pictures on Facebook, and that could be considered a live display.

A press release will be given to the public, and one to the exhibitors.

Rabbits should be ok, as the disease has not been in this area yet.

Livestock Sub Committee-Discussed concerns on having an auction. Jill said surveys that were returned were all over the board. Discussed different options for the auction.

Next Fair Committee Meeting, Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Meeting will be held at the Fairgrounds, at the Pavillion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Leslie Strey**  
**Fair Committee Secretary**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Strey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

## Eau Claire County Fair Committee

July 15, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Eau Claire County Center and available via WebEx

Meeting was called to order by Lisa Vetsch at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation of meeting notice was done

Roll Call of Members was done by Leslie Strey.

Fair Board Members present: Scot Zimmerman, Letecia Papke, Darren Schlewitz, Tammy Schlewitz, Leslie Strey, Jennifer Haan, Lisa Vetsch; Rachel Hart-Brinson, Josie Syverson, Tyson Flottmeir; Missy Christopherson

Absent: Teresa Miller Wathke

Others Present: Debbie Kitchen, Eau Claire County Fair Coordinator, Jill Welke on behalf of the Livestock Project

The committee members introduced themselves to our new County Board representative Missy Christopherson.

Confirmation of meeting notices were done by Lisa Vetsch.

Roll call was done by Leslie Strey.

No public comment.

Motion to approve the minutes from 6-24-20 and 7-2-20, with the correction noted for the 6-24-20 minutes by Scot Zimmerman, second by Tammy Schlewitz. Motion carries.

Fair Coordinator report by Debbie Kitchen

Debbie informed the group that it's all coming together. The entry tags will be mailed to the families.

The fair entry system went smooth. We will probably have the State Vet at the fair this year.

There will be a Superintendents meeting on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 at the Expo Center. The animal Superintendents will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Expo Center.

Debbie will serve as the Spokesperson for the fair.

2020 Fair Discussion/ Action:

Discussed the Signup Genius. Livestock will have their own Signup.

The livestock project purchased their own sound system. Jill and Tammy updated the committee on the locker plant numbers and availability.

Motion by Scot Zimmerman to allow Cole Myers and Isabel Steinke to have someone show their pig (Cole), and their dairy animal (Isabel) due to their graduation ceremony that will be held the weekend of the fair. Both Cole and Isabel need to write a written request by July 24<sup>th</sup> stating they will be absent due to graduation. Both Cole and Isabel will be exempt from showmanship. The replacement exhibitor must be part of the livestock project for Cole and the dairy project for Isabel. Second by Tammy Schlewitz. Motion carries.

Scot said that he has corn stalk bedding donated for the beef and dairy barn.

Livestock committee will contact Mark Korger at Equity Livestock to get the current market prices.

Discussed working the gates at the Fairgrounds, and shift times.

The committee would like to see the gate for the bike trail closed during the fair. Missy will talk to the Parks and Forest Department on it.

FOF Oversight: Discussed putting together a committee to decide how we want to move forward as a fair in the upcoming years. Things to consider are do we want to have oversight from the Extension? Do we want to create a new role in the county? Do we move to a different aspect?

Rachel Hart-Brinson, Missy Christopherson, and Cathryn Schauf, have agreed to be part of the committee.

More to be decided after we are done with the fair this year.

The following applications have expired for committee members:

Tammy Schlewitz-She will re-apply

Darren Schlewitz-He will re-apply

Leslie Strey-She will not be re-applying

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Next meeting date: June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via WebEx.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Leslie Strey**

**Fair Committee Secretary**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Strey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "S".

## Application for Appointment to County Boards and Commissions

**Submission #:** 473020  
**IP Address:** 67.54.225.233  
**Submission Date:** 08/05/2020 9:18  
**Survey Time:** 42 minutes, 52 seconds

You have a new online form submission.

Note: all answers displaying "\*\*\*\*\*" are marked as sensitive and must be viewed after your login.

### Read-Only Content

#### Today's Date

08/05/2020 12:00 AM

#### Name of Board or Commission You are Applying For:

Please select one from the list below.

Fair Committee

#### If applying for County Board of Supervisors, which district?

Wisconsin

**The majority of Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees meet on a monthly basis (date and time is determined by the committee.) Can you commit to attending meetings in accordance with the schedule of the Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees you are applying for?**

yes

#### Section Break

#### Full Name

Wendy Strauch

#### Age 18 or Older

Yes

#### Residence Address

E21670 Zank Rd  
WisconsinFairchild54741

#### Home Phone Number

7155339490

#### Business/Cell Phone Number

7155339490

#### Email

[strauchrick@yahoo.com](mailto:strauchrick@yahoo.com)

**Do you currently reside/live within Eau Claire County limits?**

Yes

**Number of Years:**

50

**Education**

high school

**Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?**

Yes

**If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.**

Ricky Strauch Land Conservation Committe

**Please describe any potential conflicts of interest (or list n/a)**

n/a

**List County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served**

Eau Claire County Farm Bureau

**Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest**

10 years involvement at the fair Mom of 4 kids that are still participating in the Livestock project Forward thinking (how can I make this better) Hardworking and Dedicated Work well in a group or independently Strong sense of promoting Agriculture Good listener and empathetic Good at keeping organized and good communication skills Like to keep things on task Like to be efficient with time and labor All of the items that I have listed are used in my daily life living on a dairy farm. Hard work and dedication for the greater good is just part of what I do. It's like breathing it just happens naturally.

**If selected, how would you work to better our community?**

I feel it is better to be part of a board that can make the Fair Committee/Eau Claire County Livestock Project the best it can be. Rather than being the negative spectator that doesn't want to commit to finding solutions. I enjoy working with people that are looking to create a positive common goal for the youth at the fair. This is a great opportunity to also bridge the gap between city and country and to spread the good things that agriculture has to offer.. Also to promote that you don't have to be a farm kid to be able to take part in this wonderful learning experience. Lastly I like to look at things and come up with ways to make them better. Improvement is a good thing.

Thank you,

**Eau Claire County**

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## Application for Appointment to County Boards and Commissions

**Submission #:** 488757  
**IP Address:** 184.100.140.151  
**Submission Date:** 08/13/2020 7:05  
**Survey Time:** 8 minutes, 52 seconds

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### Read-Only Content

#### Today's Date

08/13/2020 12:00 AM

#### Name of Board or Commission You are Applying For:

Please select one from the list below.

Fair Committee

#### If applying for County Board of Supervisors, which district?

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Yes, I can commit to attending meetings.

#### Section Break

#### Full Name

Kathleen Gehrke

#### Age 18 or Older

Yes

#### Residence Address

S13790 County Road I  
ElevaWI54738

#### Home Phone Number

7158784785

#### Business/Cell Phone Number

7155770789

#### Email

[mkgehrke@centurytel.net](mailto:mkgehrke@centurytel.net)

Do you currently reside/live within Eau Claire County limits?



Yes

**Number of Years:**

55

**Education**

B.A. in Elementary Education, a Masters of Education Professional Development, and a Certificate in Public History

**Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?**

No

**If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.**

**Please describe any potential conflicts of interest (or list n/a)**

n/a

**List County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served**

None

**Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest**

I have been involved with the Fair for a major portion of my life as an exhibitor, an adult leader/volunteer, and as the superintendent of Cloverbud/Exploring.

**If selected, how would you work to better our community?**

I would work to make sure that the exhibitors of the Expo building are represented and to ensure that they had a voice in how things are displayed and how decisions about the fair would affect them are considered before decisions are made.

Thank you,

**Eau Claire County**

## Application for Appointment to County Boards and Commissions

**Submission #:** 474140  
**IP Address:** 67.54.225.233  
**Submission Date:** 08/05/2020 2:46  
**Survey Time:** 27 minutes, 28 seconds

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### Read-Only Content

#### Today's Date

08/05/2020 12:00 AM

#### Name of Board or Commission You are Applying For:

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Fair Committee

#### If applying for County Board of Supervisors, which district?

Wisconsin

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Yes! My schedule is very flexible during the during the year and I can attend most if not all meetings.

### Section Break

#### Full Name

Bethany Strauch

#### Age 18 or Older

No

#### Residence Address

E21670 Zank Rd  
FairchildWisconsin54741

#### Home Phone Number

7152862085

#### Business/Cell Phone Number

7155339101

#### Email

[diamondvalleycattle@gmail.com](mailto:diamondvalleycattle@gmail.com)

**Do you currently reside/live within Eau Claire County limits?**

Yes

**Number of Years:**

16

**Education**

Will be going into my Junior year at Wildlands Charter School this fall.

**Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?**

Yes

**If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.**

Ricky Strauch, Land Conservation Committee, Father

**Please describe any potential conflicts of interest (or list n/a)**

N/A

**List County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served**

N/A

**Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest**

Throughout the years that I have been active in 4-H, and FFA, I have gained knowledge of how leadership and responsibility works. I feel as a youth member on the Fair Committee you should be there to assist the adult leaders when needed, and bring good ideas to the table when something needs to be changed about how the fair is run.

**If selected, how would you work to better our community?**

I think one thing that needs more work is to better connect Agriculture with people that have no experience with agriculture. There are a lot of people out there that don't know where most of their food comes from and it would be nice to see that changed.

Thank you,

**Eau Claire County**