

**MINUTES OF THE LAIRD FAIRGROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE  
LAIRD TOWNSHIP OFFICE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brenda Aelick    Colleen Alloi    Vasco Dias  
                                 Jim Withers       Brad Shewfelt

**REGRETS:**                                    Chuck Siddall, Ashley Boychuk

**SECRETARY:**                                Colleen Alloi

**Call to order 6:09 pm**

**ON MOTION (No. R05-24)** Moved by Brad Shewfelt seconded by Jim Withers  
"That the committee approved the minutes of February 29, 2024 meeting and the  
agenda of October 10, 2024 be adopted as circulated." **CARRIED**

**Business Arising out of the Minutes:**

Side panels for the open portion of the gazebo was discussed, it was consensus of the committee to look into affordable roll up panels. **ON MOTION (No. R06-24)** by Jim Withers seconded by Colleen Alloi that staff research options and prices.  
**CARRIED**

It was reported By Colleen Alloi that the RCMP musical ride was a huge success. NSAS was instrumental in replacing the horse arena posts and rails as well as upgrading approx. half of the horse stalls.

Brenda Aelick Reported that the 2024 Pumpkin Fest was a resounding success with approx. \$1,200 raised as well as a truck load of food for the local food bank. The 2024 Motor Sport Swap Meet raised approx. \$450 and a good amount of food donations.

The Laird Fairgrounds range hoods were delivered and are awaiting installation.

**New Business:**

- a) Committee discussed council Resolution number 201-24 to consider a custodian/caretaker that would handle bookings and cleaning of gazebo/fairground rentals, and consider designating a plumber and electrician for call outs. **ON MOTION (No. R07-24)** By Vasco Dias seconded by Brad Shewfelt that we remain as is for custodian/caretaker, but develop a contact for Plumber and Electrician for emergencies. **CARRIED**
  
- b) Arena drainage issues discussed, **ON MOTION (No. R08-24)** By Brad Shewfelt seconded by Colleen Alloi That we have a tile drainage expert look at the situation and give advice **CARRIED**

- c) New water lines and concerns by user groups discussed. **ON MOTION (No. R09-24)** by Colleen Alloi seconded by Brad Shewfelt to get Quote for a 100 Gallon water tank, 3 pails, 2 hose spitters and 3 short hoses **CARRIED**
- d) It was reported by the caretaker that some of the new outlets in the gazebo do not work. Also, at Pumpkin Fest it was discovered that breakers would blow if too many things were plugged in. There is only ONE empty breaker. The committee would like recommendations on improving the electrical breaker situation when range hoods are installed.

Five-year plan was discussed but not completed.

2025- Announcer booth electrical, Arena drainage and kitchen sinks to be APH approved

2026- Painting new arena boards and posts, concession booths and barns

2025-2027 – continue horse stall and barn repairs

2028- complete Handicap washroom in Gazebo

**The next meeting to be determined.**

**ON MOTION (No. R10-24)** Moved by Jim Withers

“That the October 10, 2024 meeting be adjourned @ 7:20 pm.”

**CARRIED**

CHAIRPERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_