

## Budget Committee Meeting Minutes - February 11th, 2026

Present: Kirsten Bolton, Hilary Anthony, Sandra Bauer, Steve Gorham, Sean Cummins, Sunny Arthurs, William Parham, Melissa Swan, Annette Sturgill, Jon Steinhart, Bennett Rogers, Shirley Anderson

Announcements: None

Agenda Review: Discuss Capital improvement projects line by line.

Approved minutes from February 4th, 2026

Committee discussed the capital improvement projects that the committee had ranked. Committee discussed green ticket items and confirmed there is \$76,352 available in green ticket funds. The committee discussed projects including dust control, a fuel depot slab, and an Emerald Ash Borer request. Kirsten explained that the Peach Power solar array cannot proceed until the HUB roof replacement is completed. The Committee agreed to approve all green ticket items except the Peach Power Solar Array. A motion was made related to solar power management and its implementation. Kirsten proposed moving the motion to the unfunded category and suggested reevaluating the placement of solar panels. The group approved the motion through unanimous consent. The committee also discussed Vaudeville carry over, approved fixed asset maintenance carry over, Steve recommended approving all items with a rating of 1. Committee then discussed communications/fair central to build digital radios, HVAC mini split for caretaker yurt and secret house, ADA ramps for Dugs green and secret house, Pre-fair kitchen replacement of double stack propane oven, Main Camp kitchen roof, main stage shade, IT, crew services, construction, well pump houses, Dragon Power, material storage. Committee discussed not funding projects that can wait. Committee discussed studio roof at Dugs green, benches for traffic around the fire pit, gators/UTV's to purchase one more. Steve made a motion to approve 162,000. Kirsten suggested 161, 831, Committee approved. Committee also discussed the cow palace retrofit, to upgrade to code, water system, shower trailer, fiber internet which ties to the water system, the Warebarn antenna, inventory & wristbands booths, and main stage, which committee decided not to fund the rebuild this year.

The final total for projects was \$556, 293 with \$487,000 to be spread across five years in 100,000 annual increments, which was approved by committee.

The committee also discussed upcoming legislation regarding farm activities and event permits with Kirsten noting they would investigate impacts on fair operations.

Motion #1 – Approve the 2026 one-year Capital Improvements in the amount of \$161,831  
(Steve Gorham/Sandra Bauer) Unanimous

Motion #2 – Approved the 2026 Green Ticket Capital Improvements in the amount of \$47,347  
(Sean Cummins/Bennett Rogers) Unanimous

Motion #3 – Approve the 2026 5-year Capital Improvements in the amount of \$556,293 (Sandra  
Bauer/Hilary Anthony) Unanimous