

Report to TIAK

November 2016

Kansas State Fair Board

- Kansas State Fair 2016 took place September 9-18 in Hutchison. Despite raining weather that dampened several days of the 10-day fair, gate attendance reached 359,808. The 2016 Fair was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the fair's 104-year history. The Fair welcomed new schools and students on the fairgrounds with an increased focus on education. Increase was experienced in 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors.
- Staff reports were received from the following:
  - Anthea Bryant, Education
  - Connie Schmitt, Sponsorships
  - Amy Thompson, Special Event & Facilities Rental
  - Jenn Galloway, Competitions – Livestock
  - Nicole Jaskoski, Competitions – Tradition & Creative
  - Sue Stoecklein, Commercial Exhibits
  - Anita Walker, Finance
  - Joy Baker, Marketing
  - Davie Tobias, Operations
  - Susan Sankey, General Manager
- The Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation reported a successful efforts for the 2016 Fair.
- The next scheduled meeting of the Kansas State Fair Board will be held in conjunction with the Kansas Fairs and Festivals Association Convention on Friday, January 6, 2017 in Topeka.

Respectfully submitted,

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