

**173.14 Functions of the board.**

The state fair board has the custody and control of the state fairgrounds, including the buildings and equipment on it belonging to the state, and may:

1. Hold an annual fair and exposition on those grounds. All revenue generated by the fair and any interim uses shall be retained solely by the board.
  2. Prepare premium lists and establish rules of exhibitors for the fair which shall be published by the board not later than sixty days prior to the opening of the fair.
  3. Grant a written permit to persons as it deems proper to sell fruit, provisions, and other lawful articles under rules the board prescribes.
  4. Appoint, as the president deems necessary, security personnel and peace officers qualified according to standards adopted by the board.
  5. Take and hold property by gift, devise, or bequest for fair purposes. The president, secretary, and treasurer of the board shall have custody and control of the property, subject to the action of the board. Those officers shall give bonds as required in the case of executors, to be approved by the board and filed with the secretary of state.
  6. Erect and repair buildings on the grounds and make other necessary improvements.
  7. Grant written permission to persons to use the fairgrounds when the fair is not in progress.
  8. Take, acquire, hold, and dispose of property by deed, gift, devise, bequest, lease, or eminent domain. The title to real estate acquired under [this subsection](#) and improvements erected on the real estate shall be taken and held in the name of the state of Iowa and shall be under the custody and control of the board. In the exercise of the power of eminent domain the board shall proceed in the manner provided in [chapters 6A](#) and [6B](#).
  9. Solicit and accept contributions from private sources for the purpose of financing and supporting the fair.
  10. Make an agreement with the department of public safety to provide for security during the annual fair and exposition and interim events.
  11. Administer the Iowa state fair foundation created in [section 173.22](#) in its capacity as the board of the Iowa state fair foundation.
    - a. The board shall administer the foundation fund by authorizing all payments from the foundation fund. The board on behalf of the foundation fund may contract, sue and be sued, and adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of [this subsection](#), but the board in administering the foundation fund shall not in any manner, directly or indirectly, pledge the credit of the state.
    - b. The board shall administer the Iowa state fairgrounds trust fund as trustees of an institutional endowment fund as provided in [section 173.22A](#).
- [R60, §1702; C73, §1106; C97, §1655; S13, §1657-i, -j, -r; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §2886; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §173.14]  
[83 Acts, ch 195, §23](#); [86 Acts, ch 1244, §28](#); [87 Acts, ch 233, §228](#); [88 Acts, ch 1055, §1](#); [91 Acts, ch 132, §2](#); [91 Acts, ch 248, §8](#); [2011 Acts, ch 79, §4](#)