

Prairie Village Jazz Fest 2026
Committee Meeting
Tuesday April 28, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
MultiPurpose Room

Attendees

J.D. Kinney	Special Events Coordinator, Committee Chair
Mary Ann Watkins	Member at Large
Dave Hassett	Food and Beverage Chair
Amanda Hassett	VIP Hospitality Chair
John Wilinski	Backstage Chair
Kyle Vanlanduyt	Master of Ceremonies

Committee Chair's Report

The 2027 JazzFest budget request was approved unanimously at the City Council Meeting on April 20.

Talent

Alex reported via email that the 2026 lineup was coming together and should be ready for contract submissions to the artists soon

F&B

Dave reported that he is proceeding with a food truck and beverage sales approach consistent with 2025. We are planning to move all sales, including the beverage tent and Queen of Acorns into the parking lot. We may keep Kettlecorn at the pavilion.

Infrastructure

Mike Polich reported via email that he has found a reasonably priced vendor to supply a 16' refrigerated trailer to keep beer chilled and in its original packaging until closer to the point of sale. This would reduce our need for the same volume of ice as we have used in the past. It would also allow us the option to return unsold product in its original packaging.

We intend to rent a gator or 4x4 for setup and breakdown as we did last year.

VIP/Hospitality

Amanda proposed that VIP hospitality no longer requires a dedicated tent, as the space has been lightly used. We would still provide complimentary admission and complimentary beverages via the beverage tent, and would add some kind of voucher for food truck food.

Marketing

No update

Merchandise Tent

We would like to add a dedicated merchandise tent if the PV Foundation is interested to staff it.

Merchandise for sale would include JazzFest koozies, JazzFest blankets, vintage Jazz Fest tshirts, and PV 75th anniversary commemorative items.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday May 26, 2026. Meeting location TBD

The meeting concluded at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: JD Kinney