

Yuma County Fair Board

Minutes 11/18/24

Yuma County Election Center

President Tom Mekelburg called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Board members in attendance were Micah Seyler, Tom Mekelburg, BJ Mekelburg, Justin Crossland, Jessica Murray, Harold Blackham, and Ruben Richardson. Others in attendance were Travis Taylor, Jolynn Midcap, Kaci Porter, Michelle Smith, Jalyn Archer, Tatum Soehner, Curt Lapp, Cassidee Rogers, Shauna Fonte, Adam Gates, Scott Weaver, Randy Mekelburg, and Carmen Murray.

Minutes were presented. Ruben moved to approve the minutes as presented. Justin seconded and motion passed.

Reports

- Extension: Asked the Fair Board if a fair book cover contest could be sent out to 4-H/FFA program. Fair Board agreed. Deadline to turn in covers will be January 31 so the board can vote in February meeting. There are about 15 livestock checks still needing picked up. Jolynn will check December 15 to see what checks still haven't cleared.
- Rodeo: Still no confirmation on dates. Cassidee will let board know as soon as stock contractor confirms dates.
- Fair Queen: Traveled to Loveland and handed out goodie bags. They participated in Wray and Yuma's trick or treat streets. They will attend Wray parade of lights on November 25.
- Fairgrounds: Randy is working on the snow fence and a few other little projects.
- Event Manager: Carmen is pricing fair books with the people Burlington uses. The books will look a bit different but she will have more information next meeting. Carmen found a blow up carnival called America's Best Inflatable Carnival for fair. Board asked her to proceed with it.
- Vendor: Micah has some people interested in doing the YCF.
- Activities: Cindy Taylor wants to be on this committee.
- Budget: Micah presented the budget he and Scott worked on.

Old Business:

2025 Fair Schedule was discussed. Finalized draft of fair schedule to be sent out by Tom (attached). No additional comments or changes were made to MOU and By Laws. Carmen will ask the same people who cleaned last year to clean during fair again this year.

Public comments from October meeting were all reviewed. Changes to be made next year are permanent signage to be hung, sound system is being worked on, hog top weight is increased, rule removed that 5 animals need to be in a class to make a class, small animal barn dust, mouse, and lighting issue will be resolved, and max steer weight is removed. A committee was also formed for increasing participation for first year kids in fair. Committee is made up of Ruben Richardson, Travis Taylor, Gary Hoffner, Justin Crossland, and Jessica Murray.

New Business:

Commissioners presented a funding request form to get the money allocated to fair board. Micah moved to sign and Justin seconded. Motion carried. There was discussion on the Facebook page and who managed it. Carmen will work to get it updated. Tom also asked about the Yuma County website getting updated with current Fair Board members and minutes. Carmen will work on that.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02PM.