

## **Yuma County Fair Board Meeting Notes**

**Date:** January 13

**Location:** Yuma County Election Center

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 PM by Tom Mekelburg

### **Attendees:**

**Board Members:** BJ Mekelburg, Dave Blach, Jessica Murray, Baylor Buck, Tom Mekelburg, Harold Blackham, Justin Crossland, Ruben Richardson

**Others in Attendance:** Curt Lapp, Scott Weaver, Adam Gates, Travis Taylor, Carmen Murray, Mariya Mekelburg, Jolynn Midcap

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the November meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes by BJ Mekelburg, seconded by Justin Crossland. Motion passed.

### **Reports:**

**Extension:** Most of the Home Ec judges have been secured.

**4-H Food Booth:** A freezer went out; the county will remove it.

**Market Judges:** Still working on securing judges.

**Rodeo:** Scheduled for Saturday, August 2, and Sunday, August 3. Evaluating the effectiveness of these dates this year.

**Event Manager (Carmen Murray):** The Code of Conduct will be included in the fair book instead of being mailed individually.

**Commissioners (Scott Weaver):** Budget review revealed a few errors that need correction by the next meeting. Need to put expenses in right budget year.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Sponsorship Committee:** Meeting scheduled for the Monday following the Fair Board meeting to discuss the mailer and mailing list.

**Beer Garden Committee:** Need to reach out to Beto to discuss the Hispanic concert. Dave and Baylor are coordinating with Todd Combs on security.

**Activities Committee:** Cindy Taylor expressed interest in joining.

**Parade Committee:** Meeting scheduled for February.

**Livestock Committee:** Meeting scheduled for the Wednesday following the Fair Board meeting in Wray.

**Youth Initiative Committee:** Met before the Fair Board meeting and will proceed with developing an application and guidelines to increase participation. Seeking guidance from commissioners on the use of fairgrounds and liability.

### **Old Business:**

The 2025 fair schedule was finalized.

### **New Business:**

**Herdsmen Award Judges:** County commissioners, with assistance from superintendents.

**Photography Issues:** Discussing consistency issues with the photographer's helper from last year; will include requirements in the contract.

**DJ for Dance:** Tucker Louthan will DJ.

**Show Ring:** Scott Weaver will talk to Viaero about new class/sale boards. Ruben suggested

lowering the height of the show ring and will check on the fence and gates.

**Beef Weigh-In:** Scheduled for February 22.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:50 PM