

3/17/2025 Fairboard Minutes

Meeting was called to order on 3/17/2025 at 7 pm at the Election Center in Wray. Members present were Tom Mekelburg, Ruben Richardson, BJ Mekelburg, Harold Blackham, Baylor Buck, Micah Seyler, and Justin Crossland. Others present were Adam Gates, Carmen Murray, Jolynn Midcap, Travis Taylor, Mike Leerar, Curt Lapp, Kaci Porter, Scott Weaver and Jill Mekelburg.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved as written by Justin 2nd by Micah

Extension: 69 head steers/heifers were entered. Sheep/goat weigh in will all be in Yuma this year. Jolynn will communicate that and weight changes with all entered before May 3rd.

Rodeo: Applications are turned in and sponsorship letters have been sent out.

Fair Queen: The queens will be at the Cattlemen's Calcutta this weekend (March 22), they read to students at Liberty schools, and are planning a fun day for their fundraiser happening on April 5th.

Event Manager: There was a bid put in for the cleaning job at fair from Holly Sprouse for \$6500 (did it last year). BJ moved to offer Holly \$6,000 for cleaning, Micah 2nd motion passed.

Fairgrounds: Randy would like to replace the panels on the with cables on the north side of the show barn. Him and commissioners will be in contact to get that project going.

Sponsorship: Letters went out and money has already started to come back in

Vendor: Getting people signed up, market will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Sounds/Grounds: Crows nest mics are in – going to install and test out

Beer Garden: Baylor talked about a couple different options and dates and times of having the beer garden open. Baylor moved to take the below schedule and areas to the commissioners for approval. Justin 2nd motion passed.

- Thursday
 - o 4 – 7 pm in the old sheep barn
- Friday
 - o 12 – 7 pm in the old sheep barn
 - o 7 - ? at the night show – Open to the stands and area on the west end of the track
- Saturday
 - o 12:30 – 3:30 Grandstands for rodeo
 - o 3 - ? Old sheep barn for the sale
 - o Grandstand and track all open for Mexican concert
 - No time set
- Sunday
 - o Nothing

Security: Give Sheriff Combs the option with the presented beer garden, if he declines move forward with what we did last year

Activities: Tom currently has BJ Jamison lined up to come sing for 3 hours for \$4000 and lights/stage lined up for \$3000. He is also talking to Braydon Zink's manager about getting him to come. Micah

moved to allow Tom to move things forward with BJ Jamison and continue to pursue Braydon Zink. BJ Mekelburg 2nd, motion passed.

Parade: They are currently looking for people to stand at blocked streets to make sure no cars move the barriers and drive down the streets.

Livestock/Sale: We need a new goat judge as an exhibitor purchased goats from Skyler Scotten's brother. Travis is going to start looking for one, but we will keep Skyler for sheep and beef. Potentially going to ask the pig judge if he would stay and do the goats.

Youth Development: 2 applicants – 1 in Yuma and 1 in Wray. Clarification was made that each kid would be allowed \$2000 however they are not given the money up front. They will be given the money once an invoice is turned in.

Old Business:

Photographers: Shay Andrews has put in her different options for the horse events, but we are going to hold off on selecting one as we have not heard back from our normal livestock photographer and could potentially use Shay for more than horses if Mandi is not available.

Panels: Ruben presented the quote he got on the 41" panels for the show ring. Quote was sent on to the commissioners for discussion

New Business:

Meisner: Text vote was approved to allow Samuel Meisner to show his pig at the county fair and then have another exhibitor take the pig through the sale for him as Samuel will have to report for college football before the sale is done.

Chamberlain: Baylor moved to let the steer entered in Emrrie Chamberlain's name be moved to the Chamberlain family steer. BJ 2nd and motion passed

Dates for the 2026 fair were tentatively set for July 30 – Aug 2, 2026

Next meeting will be April 21st @ 7pm @ the Fairgrounds concession building.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm

Submitted by Mariya Mekelburg