

Yuma County Fair Board

Minutes 04/21//25

Yuma County Fairgrounds

President Tom Mekelburg called the meeting to order at 7pm. Board members in attendance were Micah Seyler, Tom Mekelburg, BJ Mekelburg, Justin Crossland, Jessica Murray, Harold Blackham, and Dave Blach. Others in attendance were Katie Dinsmore, Jessica Friedly, Travis Taylor, Adam Gates, Jolynn Midcap, Mariya Mekelburg, Kaci Porter, Michelle Smith, Randy Mekelburg, Cassidee Rogers, Scott Weaver, and Jalyn Archer

Minutes were presented. Harold moved to approve the minutes as presented. Micah seconded and motion passed.

Reports

- Extension: There won't be division shows together. If people want to sponsor divisions they can but will be awarded in the regular classes. Weigh in is on May 3. Concern over how many animals will need to run through the ring on beef/sheep/goat/bucket calf show day.
- Rodeo: Indian relay is tabled—too costly. Expenses will be up 12,000-14,000 this year.
- Fair Queen: Have been in Idalia participating in a reading week and held the Cattleman's Calcutta/Cajun Boil. There will be a gymkhana in Holyoke on May 31.
- Event Manager: Mexican concert is a go they sent Scott paperwork. The code of conduct was discussed and the board asked for the final paragraph that discusses removal of kids based on parents conduct to be removed. We will operate on having a meeting with board members and superintendents as need arises. BJ moved to price tickets for the concerts at \$20. Micah seconded and motion passed.
- Fairgrounds- Mics are fixed in the show ring and the crows nest system would be fixed this week. Working on getting TV's to show in ring behind announcers booth.
- Commissioners: The big orange panels are getting sold. Hope to work on Home Ec building next year. There are issues with the new AC system.
- Sponsorship: Letters are out and sponsorships are coming in.
- Vendor: Discussed costs to vendors and wanted to play around with dropping prices on some and raising machinery stall costs. Hoping to keep the same revenue coming in but entice more vendors.
- Sound/Grounds: Mics and transmitters are being replaced in the crows nest this week.
- Beer Garden/ Security: Nothing new on beer garden. Sheriff's office said no to helping with security. BJ and Justin will help with list of names for security.
- Activities: There are 2 bands, the Mexican concert, and the carnival this year.
- Parade: John Schaffner and his wife are grand marshal.
- Livestock/Sale: Shauna is working on the boards for the wall. Working on fans for the chicken barn.
- Youth Development: Pigs will be tagged by May 5 deadline. Working to secure pigs for Yuma participant.

New Business:

The draft horse show will be in the arena Thursday night at 5pm. There are conflicts/concerns about sound check times and slack.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.