

Yuma County Fair Board

Minutes 06/16/25

Yuma County Fairgrounds

President Tom Mekelburg called the meeting to order at 7pm. Board members in attendance were Tom Mekelburg, BJ Mekelburg, Justin Crossland, Jessica Murray, Harold Blackham, Baylor Buck, and Dave Blach. Others in attendance were Scott Weaver, Jill Mekelburg, Kevin Tena, Cesar Tena, Kaci Porter, Michelle Smith, Jolynn Midcap, Mariya Mekelburg, Randy Mekelburg, Cassidee Rogers, Curt Lapp, and Dave Martelle.

Minutes were presented. Justin moved to approve the minutes and Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Special guest: Dave came in to talk about the Yuma Ministerial Association concert that will take place at 5pm Sunday. Set up will be 4/4:30.

Kevin and Cesar Tena asked to play a concert during the fair. They play Mexican Regional music in a band of 3 and the board gave them time 10a-12p Thursday and 11a-1p Saturday.

Reports

- Extension: Travis has a goat judge.
- Superintendent: Ryan is happy with how everything looks for the horse shows. Hog breeds will be classified as they cross the scale.
- Rodeo: There will be no BBQ cookoff this year. Donations this year for anything collected above ticket sales will go to first responders and 4-H/FFA
- Fair Queen: Royalty gave updates on what they have been doing the last month including how shows, rodeos, and gymkhana.
- Event Manager: Passed out fair books and flyers. Fair books available at extension office but will not be mailed this year. State fair exhibit requirements are on website.
- Fairgrounds- Randy has been busy mowing and fencing.
- Sponsorship: Rodeo is at 27k and general at 10k.
- Vendor: Discussion on issues with vendors in beer garden area during buyers BBQ and sale.
- Sound/Grounds: Sound prep for superintendents next meeting.
- Beer Garden/ Security: Buyers BBQ will be 4-6. For security Dave and Baylor will meet with Ruben for contacts.
- Activities: Mock trial team in Yuma is going to work the teen dance.
- Budget: We are at 51% revenue and 6% expenses.
- Livestock/Sale: Banners are printed, poultry fan has been ordered. Getting sale prep done with Tri State/ multiple buyers/dinner cleanup help.

Old Business:

Jessica moved to spend \$3000 dollars on TV's and brackets for the show rings and 4-H building (4 total). BJ seconded motion and it passes. Tom will work on getting TV's and Emma Richardson offered to help run them.

New Business:

Discussed getting picnic tables out this year to set around. Also need to get new tables worked in as old ones are replaced or phased out.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.