

Yuma County Fair Board

Minutes 09/15/25

Eckley Community Center

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

Minutes were presented. Ruben moved to approve the minutes and Micah seconded. Motion passed.

2025 YCF Public Comment:

- Some didn't like the schedule being so shortened up
- Don't call the blow-up stuff a carnival
- 3 species in one day is a lot
- Liked TV screens
- Poultry/Rabbit barn wants a TV
- Horse events overlap
- Pigs were light this year
- Issues with goat judge- didn't speak well
- Restrooms around sheep area needed cleared
- Bathrooms needed cleaned more
- Fenceline full of trash after Mexican show
- No sound system in poultry and rabbit barn
- Yuma FD wants pens scooped before they clean it out
- Lower age limit for program
- Like shorter panels in show ring

Reports

- Extension: Jolynn wont be at state fair. Herdsman awards need voted on. Checks are a week from going out.
- Superintendent: Mariya is no longer going to be hog Supt to focus on ShoWorks and sale more
- Commissioners: Budget work will be next meeting. Issues with AC in new building.
- Food Booth: Possibility of bringing food trucks in and guaranteeing food booth average (3-5 yr)
- Sponsorship: Looking to get started and get larger sponsors
- Vendor: Talked about security and how to improve open market
- Beer Garden/ Security: Good feedback on security.

- Budget: Big budget items need to be ready for next month. 255K revenue budget which we well exceeded. Roughly 50k surplus.
- Parade: Good feedback from committee.
- Livestock/Sale: Checks are going out soon.
- Youth: Form new committee by next meeting.

New Business:

Fair dates next year are July 30-Aug 2. Need to set 2027 dates ASAP.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM. Next meeting will be in Wray at 7pm.