

Yuma County Fair Board
Minutes February 16, 2026
Wray Election Center

President Tom Mekelburg called the meeting to order at 630pm. Board members in attendance were Tom Mekelburg, Ruben Richardson, Justin Crossland, Jessica Murray, Harold Blackham, Bill Sharon, and Micah Seyler. Others in attendance were Carmen Murray, Scott Weaver, Kaci Porter, Mariya Mekelburg, Travis Taylor, Jackson Webb, Jeremy Lund, Tim Powell, Joni Turvey, Jolynn Midcap, Randy Mekelburg, Tatum Soehner Michelle Smith, Adam Gates and Grace Jones.

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

Reports

- Extension: Discussed rabbit division. Updates on judges.
- Rodeo: Hired new big screen
- Fair Queen: Selling tickets to cajun boil April 11.
- Events Manager: Need new rabbit superintendent for fair. Need parade theme.

Committees

- Food Booth: Talked with committee about food booths. Mostly well received.
- Sponsorship: Money is coming in and they will have a meeting March 2.
- Vendor: Finalizing vendor packet.
- Beer Garden/ Security: Discussion on arena beer garden.
- Activities: Verbal commitment from band.
- Livestock/Sale: All checks were cashed and cleared. Same livestock photographer and will also do horse event. Update on signs in sale ring.
- Youth: 6 applications were turned in and 5 accepted into program

Old Business:

2027 fair dates will be July 28-August 1.

Discussion on bird pens. Have changed number in the past and Joni and Travis will count cages and have information back to board by end of Feb. Jessica moved to table discussion and Justin seconded.

New Business:

Jeremy Lund with 21st wants to do lunch on the 30th. They also want to bring more equipment to fair and reinvigorate fair anyway they can help.

Tim Powell and Jackson Webb with Stateline Pullers were there to discuss potential for a tractor pull before the concert. Cost is \$500 and other than a pull back tractor they do the rest. This brings roughly 30 tractors that run twice plus announcer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00. Next meeting will be in Wray on March 16 at 6:30pm