

Yuma County Fair Board

Minutes March 16, 2026

Wray Election Center

President Tom Mekelburg called the meeting to order at 630pm. Board members in attendance were Tom Mekelburg, Justin Crossland, Jessica Murray, Harold Blackham, Bill Sharon, and Dave Blach. Others in attendance were Cassidee Rogers, Barb Sharon, Tatum Soehner, Kacie Porter, Grace Jones, Scott Weaver, Carmen Murray, Mariya Mekelburg, Curt Lapp.

Minutes were presented. Harold moved to accept the minutes and Justin seconded. Motion carried. Discussed weigh ins. Beef numbers are down.

Reports

- Extension: Working on judges for lamb/swine
- Rodeo: Trevor Redden wanted to know about doing a ranch rodeo this year—board suggesting next year because schedule is finalized.
- Fair Queen: Attended Liberty's barnyard days. Will do a local podcast, cattlemans Calcutta, and cajun boil.
- Events Manager: Heather coin will help with rabbit sup. Turverys will help in the barn. Reminder that all contracts need to get to Carmen ASAP to get signed by commissioners.
- Fairgrounds: Wants to have arena set up after Cattlemans Classic. Feedback from all sups on ring set up and barn set up.

Committees

- Sponsorship: Just had a meeting and will have another meeting before the April meeting. Sponsorships coming in.
- Vendor: Need to get vendor packets out ASAP
- Beer Garden/ Security: Discussion on arena beer garden. 12-5 Saturday and 6-10 Sunday. Committee has been meeting and hope to have proposal by next meeting. Carl is being used for security. Need to put schedule together for him and address concerns.
- Parade: Theme is Stars, stripes, and summer nights.
- Livestock/Sale: All weigh ins are on the same day for goat, sheep, hog. 21st century ordered another scale for use.
- Youth: Met with participants and parents yesterday to discuss expectations.

Old Business:

Tractor pull will be at 530 and concert at 8pm.

New Business:

Spanish concert possibly happening again 8p-12a. Beto needs to get a contract signed. Livestock photographer will cost 3250.

Animals need to be stalled by 4pm on fair weigh in date and open scales will closed at 4:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44. Next meeting will be in Yuma at 7pm