

Yuma County Fair Board

Minutes April 20, 2026

Yuma County Fairgrounds

President Tom Mekelburg called the meeting to order at 7pm. Board members in attendance were Tom Mekelburg, Justin Crossland, Jessica Murray, Harold Blackham, Bill Sharon, Baylor Buck, Micah Seyler, and Dave Blach. Others in attendance were Curt Lapp, Carl Jesse, Jolynn Midcap, Mariya Mekelburg, Cassidee Rogers, Katie Dinsmore, Kaci Porter, Randy Mekelburg, Michelle Smith, Carmen Murray, Tyler Allen, and Scott Weaver

Minutes were presented. Bill moved to accept the minutes and Justin seconded. Motion carried.

Special Guests

Tyler came in to get up to speed on what Jeremy had promised/started for the fair this year. Has list of needs and will be bringing more equipment for vendor spaces.

Reports

- Extension: Travis is still looking for beef and goat judge. Jacob Martinez out of Prowers county asked to be able to weigh in there but is moving up here when school is out. Justin moved to accept Prowers County weight and Micah seconded. Motion carried.
- Rodeo: Have announcer and clown.
- Fair Queen: Trailer is getting fixed. Cajun boil went well. Start up on events June 1.
- Events Manager: Tractor Supply called to donate a pallet of shavings and buckets, extension cords, zip ties etc to fair. Will find a place to hang sign for them. Carmen presented cleaning bids. Micah moved to accept the \$6,000 cleaning bid, Jessica seconded, and motion carried.
- Fairgrounds: Working on rodeo arena.

Committees

- Sponsorship: Going to start making calls if sponsorships don't pick up.
- Vendor: Sent invites to last years attendees. Will get vendor packets out.
- Beer Garden/ Security: Dave presented the plans for the beer garden. Micah moved to approve the plan with the addition of verbiage to ban coolers, Jessica seconded. Motion carried. Carl wanted an idea of how many people he needed to find to help.
- Activities: Pullers from 530-730 and night show at 815. Warm up band backed out.
- Parade: Theme is Stars, stripes, and summer nights.
- Livestock/Sale: Dr. Ritter to ultrasound Wednesday 5-8.
- Youth: Participants sent in first updates.

Old Business:

Teen dance will be handled by the mock trial club.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11. Next meeting will be in Yuma at 7pm May 18