

## Yuma County Fair Board

Minutes May 18, 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, Bill Sharon, Baylor Buck, Micah Seyler, Ruben Richardson, and Dave Blach. Others in attendance were Jessica Friedly, Katie Dinsmore, Jolynn Midcap, Cassidee Rogers, Carmen Murray, Randy Mekelburg, Kaci Porter, Mariya Mekelburg, Michelle Smith, Grace Jones, Scott Weaver, Curt Lapp, and Carl Jesse.

Minutes were presented. Justin moved to accept the minutes and Micah 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: Discussed weigh-ins and tagging. More discussion on hog weights. Justin moved to drop the bottom end of hog weights to 220lbs and Bill seconded. Motion carried.
- Rodeo: Discussion on expired mutton busting helmets and vests. 125/ for helmets and 160/ for vests. Need to find funding for new ones.
- Fair Queen: Discussed successful cajun boil. Starting up with fairs and rodeos as well as queen dinner soon. This will be the first year a scholarship goes out to the exiting queen.
- Events Manager: Tickets are live and for sale on the website. Fair book to be printed before next meeting.
- Fairgrounds: Working on rodeo arena.

### Committees

- Sponsorship: Money coming in.
- Vendor: All equipment dealers in Yuma County are coming. Discussion on raising fee for food truck to 200 and limiting food trucks that could come in. Fees not discussed but board would prefer to not see spaces limited for food trucks.
- Beer Garden/ Security: Moving to City of Yuma for next approval on beer garden. Beto is looking for sponsors- Dave to get him to sign beer garden approval.
- Budget: Still waiting for numbers on ticket sales last year.
- Parade: 6 pieces of equipment is the max per vendor in parade.
- Livestock/Sale: Meeting next week
- Youth: Participants are sending in updates.

### Old Business:

Travis is still looking for a few judges.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00. Next meeting will be in Yuma at 7pm June 15 with walkthrough at 6:30.