

FREMONT COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Amanda Ellis

Fair Board members present: P for Present and A for Absent

P President Amanda Ellis	P Gannon Long	P Kevin Mahmalji
P Vice President Delores Comstock	P John Daniels	A Linda Valdez
P Secretary Kristina Brubaker	P Brandon Sherwood	P Chris Wood
P Treasurer Amanda Fouche	P Tami Ratkovich	P Angie Zorilla

County Commissioners: P Dwayne McFall

Extension Office:

P Julianne Dinkle A Kassy Tracy A Theresa Clubb A Kelsey Story

FFA: P Mia Hampton A Cynthia Fall

Guests: None

Minutes - Kevin moves to accept minutes as presented. Chris seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: General Fund Deposits: \$1,600.00 Expenses: \$4,537.60 Rodeo Sponsorships: \$500.00 Rodeo Expenses: \$0.00 Available Balance: \$29,389.31 (2026 County Budget \$20,000)

Tami moved to accept the treasurer report as presented. John seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Public Input

NONE

Committee Reports

Advertising & Marketing – Open Book insert will run the end of May. Kevin will run an ad in the Florence Reporter and has availability to do an insert. Amanda E will contact Rouse Park to hang the banner.

Building – Delores has contacted almost all the judges. Info has been turned in to have paperwork to sent to them.

Cowboy church – she has not heard back.

Quilting – 3 events scheduled for Weds but only have 2 judges. They will change to Tuesday-time is the same

Vendors/Food Trucks – Tiffany Sent an email to vendors from last year. There were several interested in coming back. She will start passing flyers out blossom weekend.

Small Animal – Kristina requested the board purchase a new tattooer from bunnyrabbits.com for \$85 and extra needles \$5/each.

Tami moved to order new tattooer and extra needles not to exceed \$175 Kevin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Kristina also requested to order bands for this year's fair. 2 packs with 100 bands for \$23.99 /each

Tami moved to purchase the bands and John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amanda E. asked Julianne about the expectations on record books are. Small animals have been working on their record books at meeting and would need to know if there are different expectations. Julianne will check with Kelsey

Livestock – Swine tag in and Goat and Sheep weigh in is coming up..

Market Livestock Sale – Will do brochure and save the date cards at the next meeting . Working on finalizing the BBQ vendor. In the process of getting the sign moved and then updated.

Rodeo – None

Shooting Sports – Season is getting going. There is a conflict at Pathfinder for the award ceremony date. The options would be

- On a Monday at Pathfinder
- Awards after each discipline.
- Have it at the high school on a Sunday
 - Would have to pay to use the High School. Julianne is unsure what the cost would be but it was less than \$200 last time. Brandon suggests sending back to the committee.

John moved to refer it back to the committee and set a budget of \$200 if the committee chooses to have it at the high school. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sponsorships & Awards – \$11,420 – a lot of sponsors have not paid. JR AND SR Shooting sports will get buckles.

Special Events – Mike Coleman wants to do a concert after a Rodeo. Ranch Rodeo

Price for Stage - \$2500 and will charge to take it down after performance. Amy borrowed one so check with her.

Family Day- Kevin

- Cams Classroom cannot come. FFA will do a scavenger hunt.
- Ft. Carson – Form to submit – usually 180-day process.
- Bounce House in Pueblo - \$150 delivery and set up charge. Choose a minimum of 2 from their inventory. Prices Vary. Employee ran would cost more
 - They also rent a Dunk Tank they
- Raven Dancers – Out of Denver would like to be put on Calendar for next year.

Silent Auction –Kirstie Crawford will take over as chair. She is working on getting donations already and working on a flyer for the club donations. Her ideas for a club prize is a soda bar, cookie bar, donuts and ice cream etc. If we can set a budget for the award and then she can move ahead with the flyer. John moved to spend no more than \$250 on the award. Tami seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Cornerstone- Cancel cleanup day. Kathy Trogden \$10,000 donation from William Robbe. Working on getting that set up. Use some as a Scholarship. Tami will reach out to have a plaque made. Annual meeting on the 27th. \$2000 donation from Fairs and Shows. Use money for leadership camps like LDC. Membership money coming in as well.

Horse Project – First Show went smoothly. Horeseless horse is going well.

Pens of Progress – Tami met with Tuffy Lawson. Pens cannot be powder coated since they are already primed. They would have to blast them. Suggest having members or inmates paint them. They will also need a cover.

Amanda will check with Richard Waters on paint recommendations.

Special Committee Reports -

Commissioner – D'wayne sent in for the inmates.

Extension –

- Fire Evacuation went smoothly.
- Email Tressa Fairbook changes by April 21st.
- Julianne asked for a judges list.
- She asked for a list of food trucks to make changes to the concession schedule as needed.
- Cactus flats forms are updated.
- She would like to have a meeting with custodians to get the schedule.

FFA –FFA helped at Safety town with animal safety. They will have 4 lambs 3 market rabbits 1 in market chickens and a heifer wrangler at the Fair.

Unfinished Business

Trailer at the 4-H building –Chris will list it on Facebook. Tami will reach out to Ralph for a title and Chris can get it from Tami.

New Business

Tent - Canon Rental did lower their rate to \$10,850 still coming in higher than Brunos \$10,480 Dan with outdoorsman pays \$5000 to use the tent the following week.

***Gannon moved to go with Canon Rental. Chris seconded the motion.
Motion carried.***

Cattle Women will do lunch Saturday at 11.

Committees – There will be a cork board at the extension office for committees to post their meeting dates, times, agendas etc. as they should be.

Other Business:

Utility Goats – if hard packs are being used, the exhibitor shall enter the ring with the pack.

There will be no novice class. They will show in their age groups.

Kevin moved to accept the changes as presented. Amanda F. seconded. Motion carried

Update Rule L on page 131.

Livestock would also like to do time slots for fair weigh in by species – Pigs, goats, sheep, beef. Animals would use one scale. Once they come off the scale they will do ultrasounds and then be penned. Discussion tabled.

Free Movie – Facebook Poll Results - Zootopia 2. Second choice is IF

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, MAY 12th, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Pathfinder CLASSROOM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristina Brubaker, Secretary