

# FREMONT COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Vice President Delores Comstock at 6:30 PM.

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

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

County Commissioners: **P** Dwayne McFall

Extension Office:

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

FFA: **P** Mia Hampton **P** Cynthia Fall

Guests: Gina Gall, Tracy Brubaker, Brittany Carr

Minutes – Correct spelling of Gannon (under food trucks.) Correct Spelling of (Jamie) Grisenti. Add Gina to attendance.

***Tami moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Chris seconded the motion. Motion Carried.***

### ***Treasurer Report:***

Available Balance: **\$5,840.70**

Rodeo Queen (\$1,000)

With pending charges and reimbursements Amanda asked if the \$20,000 from the county could be transferred. Funds cannot be transferred without the revenue of the rodeo being included.

***Angie moved to accept the treasurer report. Brandon seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

### **Public Input**

Brittany Carr – Hardship follow up.

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## **Committee Reports**

### **Advertising and marketing – No Update**

#### **Building – Recommendations:**

- Move judging back to 9 and work around livestock check in.
- Closing the building at 8 PM instead of 9 PM.
- Members that bring their project to interviews need to arrive 30 minutes early
- Open Pantry – changes in labeling (will bring suggestions later)
- More help in the fine arts division is needed
- Quilting keep the judging on Tuesday like this year

### **Vendors/Food Trucks – Dwayne said it was pretty organized.**

### **Small Animal – None**

### **Livestock – None**

#### **Market Livestock Sale –**

5 Seniors that will get \$140 for add ons from the sale.

2023 60 animals and hay Bids - \$202,600 Add Ons \$13,761.56 Total \$216,361.56

2024 60 animals (7 bid additional items) Bids - \$242,668 Add Ons \$11,122.48 Total \$253,790.48

2025 66 animals and hay Bids - \$204,502 Add Ons \$14,653.93 Total \$219,157.93

**2026 – 72 animals w/additional items and hay \$187,692 Add Ons \$22, 266.60 Total \$209,958.60**

- Brandon asked if there could be online add-ons options. Fair Entry was used during covid but not sure how successful it was. Add ons can also call in to add on.
- Feedback on the BBQ – Brisket was good with great sauces. They will request less beans next time. Dislikes - Buns did not come with brisket and there was a choice of side.
- Gina would like to incorporate the schedule card in the buyer's letter.
- She asked if a student could do a new mockup for the sale brochure. Mia and Cynthia will talk to the teacher.
- Checks will be available August 31 must be picked up by September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Set up – You could hear better. Looking into a new backdrop and making a frame for the backdrop as well

**Rodeo –** Seats were packed. May have a complaint from the community about animal welfare. Posts were made on social media concerning the animals during the Rodeo the 25th. Concerns heard were repetitive use of the stock and a horse with an injury.

**Shooting Sports –** Everything went well. Shooting for the state fair will start soon.

**Sponsorships & Awards –** Tami needs Nominations for Fur and Feather, Herdsman award, Ralph Taylor, and Volunteer of the Year. Send nominations to Tami and she will make a voting form.

Everything went well minus the Grand and Reserve banners and the communication. Tami delivered the sponsor banners back.

### **Special Events – None**

**Family Day – Tami** – family day went well. 3 business didn't show up, businesses. Next year fit all the activities under the pavilion.

Cynthia reported nobody did the scavenger hunt. Changes to the activity and the location of it may help next year. She suggested a sign for walking only and/or blocking the road during family day.

**Silent Auction** – Wetmore Wizards won the contest. Waiting on auction total.

**Cornerstone-** None

**Horse Project** – Positive feedback on getting the horse show being done earlier.

**Pens of Progress** – Pens are painted. It took more paint and time than expected. Brandon said there should be funds for Pens for Progress that was sent from FFA and would like to check where the funds are. Brandon also reported there is a check from Faricy Ford Pens for Progress for \$500 that was sent in April. It should be in the office to be deposited. Julianne will check.

### **Special Committee Reports -**

**Commissioner** – None

**Extension** – Will have more deposits. Pick up for open items went well. Judges payments have been submitted and they will be reaching out to the judges with paperwork. State fair entries are coming in and will be taken down to the state fair grounds.

Livestock record books on Aug 22 8 AM. Delores, Kristina, and Tracy will be there.

**FFA** –School starts. 7 kids exhibited raised animals in the barn and they anticipate that the number will increase. Gina plans on adding FFA to the Buyer sign to include it.

### **Unfinished Business**

Liquor License – Alcohol was by food trucks and vendors during rodeos and was taken to the Auditorium as well. There was a lack of security and only papers on the beams stating "No alcohol beyond this point". Need to define the perimeter for alcohol.

### **New Business –**

Follow up and Feedback

- Utility Goat – Entry form be allowed to enter more than 1 so they can have a backup goat. Add to livestock meeting agenda and add Josh to livestock committee.
- Livestock Entry forms – ask how many pens exhibitors need on their entry forms.
- Hardship Award – Lynn Boughton Award – was a \$50 scholarship given to someone who had a hardship. The board will follow up and have an answer for Brittany Carr by October. Kevin suggests giving the award definition to hardship and see if it is listed in the Fairbook as well.

Livestock Load Out – Changing the pen fees lower and not return the fees. This could help offset the cost of Inmate lunches. Exhibitors are still cleaning pens when animals are being loaded to go to the processor and are loading their own animals. Load outs used to be after 10 PM when the barn closes. Sale committee will discuss. Gannon also suggested putting a time limit on cleaning pens by 9:30.

Fairbook changes –

- Adding a clause for the act of God.
- Drenching needs updated for hydration purposes
- Section about white placing (find it) – listed under small animals. Needs to be clarified. (Danish System) get rid – Refer the livestock committee.
- Changing the name of Breeding Goat to Breeding Market Goat.
- Reevaluate the Good Standing Rule
- Showing attire – Shoes

### **Other Business**

Brandon – follow up on animals being taken into the trailers during shows. John said it used to be in the fairbook and not allowed. There is nothing in the fairbook at this time. Referred to livestock Committee

Parking issue – Find someone to help park cars or possibly White chalkline for parking spots. There was a lot of triple parking.

Electric – still an issue. Johnny Yslas has some suggestions. Dwayne reported they will be addressing it with the budget.

Bathrooms – were constantly being cleaned during shows.

Possibly looking into a misting system to help cool down the barn.

Cynthia Suggestions -

Universal start times for shows to avoid confusion.

There are more buckles for Utility goats than any other species. There are typically 2 for other species and utility receives 6.

With the new pens she suggested a stall decorating contest.

Education set up in the livestock barn for species.

Starting up a JR Fairboard

Auction – Lags in the picture area – she suggests moving the photo area to a different area with a different backdrop to allow everyone to take pictures as well.

Amanda Ellis requests \$139.04 for reimbursements. Brandon also requests a reimbursement of \$64.06 for painting suits and gloves. Kevin moved to pay reimbursements to Amanda and Brandon. Angie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SO CO Security – Tami reported a total of \$1288 for 56 hours.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58

**Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 in the Pathfinder AUDITORIUM with the Potluck starting at 6:00 PM. Meeting will follow at 6:30**

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristina Brubaker, Secretary*