

FREMONT COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

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

Fairboard members present: P for Present and A for Absent

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

Cody West has resigned from Fair Board.

County Commissioners: P Dwayne McFall

Extension Office:

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

FFA: A Mia Hampton A Cynthia Fall

Guests: Cody Hall, Gina Gall, Kelsey and Wyatt Crowder – Rawhide Rodeo, Tracy Brubaker

Minutes - Add the following to the presented Large Animal Master Showmanship Rule:
[Parent or guardian (or a non-4-H/FFA member, brother/sister, or grandparent) participation will be strongly encouraged but not required. If a parent or guardian **(or a non-4-H/FFA member, brother/sister, or grandparent)**

Remove Kelsey and Kassy as assistants. They will help but should not be listed as assistants.
Kevin moved to approve the minutes with presented Changes. Angie seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: Current Cash on hand is \$25,590.38. **Tami moved to approve the treasurer report as presented. Gannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Public Input

Cody Hall – Livestock Scale – Cody suggested the scales were off as they were not weighing the same as his scale. He would like to make sure rules are being followed regarding moving the scale. Kelsey S. reported all rules and state law are followed and scales are certified. John is a certified scale weigher.

Minutes Corrections - Cody Hall requests the minutes be corrected to state **Westcliffe Meats scales** showed discrepancy of weight. Gannon and several board members agreed Cody stated it was also his scale that weighed different than the fair scale and a processor was not previously named. Dwayne asked if Westcliffe Meats is where their hogs ended up to which Cody responded "more or less" (March 2026 Meeting)

Committee Reports

Advertising & Marketing – No Update

Building – Update from Delores:

- Building judges have been contacted, replies have been received back from some of them. Delores will follow up as needed.
- Dog judges have been contacted, waiting on reply from one judge.
- Cowboy Church, Grant has been contacted about changing it to Friday, I have not received a reply
- Ann Zielinski , a long time open garden and floriculture assistant, needs to be added to the Memorial list along with Janay Lyon and Terry Sherfey

Vendors/Food Trucks – Danata's food truck has signed up for Family Day and the following Saturday.

Small Animal – Mandatory band – remove the date. Superintendents fill out entry forms and issue bands at their meeting.

Livestock – Waiting on a goat judge. Beef weigh in - weighed in 8 beef and 7 kids. There will be a Catch a calf and heifer wrangler at fair as well.

Market Livestock Sale – Gina

- Moving sign – trying to lock in plans for moving the sign
- BBQ – still looking for a vendor for the Buyer's BBQ
- Gina would like to get with the liquor vendor to make sure there will be perimeter fencing etc.

Rodeo – Kelsey Crowder

- The updated contract has been approved.
 - Wyatt Crowder is appreciative of the contract approval and does not anticipate raising the rates again
- Tami set up a meeting with Faricy Ford and they will sponsor \$500 for rodeo, \$500 for fair and \$500 to pens for progress.
- Kelsey C. would like to address a secretary office. Last year she was in the crows nest and there were a lot of distractions.
 - Possibly bringing an RV/Camper.
 - Moving the shed up from the entrance
- Slack will be moved to after the performance. They are trying to get more attendance during the performance vs. slack
 - Vet would need to be on call from 5-10 pm at least.

Shooting Sports – March is the annual meeting

Sponsorships & Awards – Did over 120 mailings

Special Events – None

Family Day- Kevin

- Haven't heard back on dog entertainment
- He is trying to reach out to Ft. Carson.
- Wagon masters – would be interested in doing a demonstration
 - Possibly hay rides - insurance won't cover it.
- Boy scouts can't make it
- Kristina will reach out to the petting zoo

Silent Auction – None

Cornerstone- Tami

- Recently had the new locks put on the building.
- Secured new Insurance with Janice Fazzino
- Clean up day April 19th.
- Boy scouts have been renting the building. Starpoint uses every Monday. SOCO baseball using the barn.
- Scale and pens – Do not belong to Fairboard. There was an agreement in 1977 that did not include Fairboard.
- Water bill tripled over 25,000 gallons used in Dec as well as excessive use in other months.
 - John said there is two valves. One that turns off to the wash rack and one to a tap.

Horse Project – 7 members enrolled – Ava and Emily are looking for sponsors.

Nickie will not be a superintendent – Margie is willing, Kelsey will talk with her

Pens of Progress – Looking for donations. Would like at least 20 more pens.

Special Committee Reports -

Commissioner - None

Extension – Kelsey –

- Enrollment is just under 200 members and volunteers.
 - 14 Utility Goat members
 - 7 dairy Goat members
 - 20 Market Goat members
 - 26 swine members
 - 4 Market turkey members
 - 12 Market Poultry members
 - 1 Breeding Beef members
 - 7 Market Beef members
- Feb 23 Julianne will be back

FFA – NONE

Unfinished Business

- Open and Fair Book updates
 - Brandon – Add pens for progress to fairbook. Email it to Tressa
 - Angie asked about utility goat dress code as there was some confusion last year – the dress code has been updated in the fairbook
- Old Timer's Show – Brandon will help with Old Timer's and Kelsey S. will also help. Amanda E. will reach out to Cody West to see if he is still interested in helping. Also check with Mia.
- Ultrasound Order - Beef Sheep goat pigs
- Spectrum will do movies. Council will pick the top 5 movies and they will be posted on Facebook to vote.
- Bounce Houses – The company sold the bounce houses preciously used. Kevin will look into finding a new company.

New Business

- Twin Enviro – Will donate their services again. Their sponsorship total is \$3,176.95
- Tractors – moving off the hill. Doc would like to move the tractors off the hill. Most shaded places are at risk of flooding or being further away from the auditorium. Will get with Doc and discuss it closer to fair.
- TRAILER at the 4-H building – does have a title. ABI Hauling would be willing to move it. Tami suggests doing a silent bid, Gina will reach out to the buyer of the last building to see if he is interested in purchasing it
- 2027 Dates
 - Jan 30 weigh in for beef
 - May 8 weigh in
 - July 23- Sat 31. Aug 1 Clean up
 - ***Tami moves to approve the 2027 dates. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Other Business: Dairy Goat – Ask if fairboard would donate an ultrasound or purchase machine. Not at this time.

Tami – contract for security. July 26, 2026 – Aug 1, 2026 did not include times. Barn hours are 10 PM – 6 AM. She will let them know.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, MARCH 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Pathfinder CLASSROOM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristina Brubaker, Secretary