

# **FREMONT COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES**

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026**

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|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>P</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>A</b> Cody West      |
| <b>P</b> Treasurer Amanda Fouche         | <b>P</b> Tami Ratkovich   | <b>P</b> Chris Wood     |
|                                          |                           | <b>P</b> Angie Zorilla  |

County Commissioners: **A** Dwayne McFall

Extension Office:

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

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

Guests: Cody Hall, Corrin Hogan, Tracy Brubaker

**Minutes** - John moved to approve the minutes. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Waiting on the final report. Amanda F will email out an update. County increased budget by \$5,000. Amanda E. requested more to cover more advertising.

### **Public Input**

None.

### **Committee Reports**

**Advertising & Marketing** – Amanda E. requested to set the budget for advertising so the committee is able to lock in the dates with advertising. Advertising used approximately \$2,350 in 2025 but would like to do more advertising. The radio is also available again.

**Kevin moved to set a budget not to exceed \$5,000 in advertising. Tami seconded the motion. Brandon opposed. Motion carried.**

**Building** – Delores currently has 5 people on the memorial

**Vendors/Food Trucks** – Applications are available

**Small Animal** – Small animals had a successful meeting. Denise from D&K came to the small animal meeting. D&K will be putting in an order for poultry members.

**Livestock** – Beef Weigh in is coming up. Make sure kids have brand inspection papers, bill of sale. Joey Grisiniti will be there and Russ Adamic will run the scale. Any other help is appreciated.

**Market Livestock Sale – None**

**Rodeo** – Rawhide is requesting an increase of \$1,000. The board asks that they resubmit the contract with the new request.

**Shooting Sports – None**

**Sponsorships & Awards** – Met in January and made changes to the letters that they will be sending out

**Special Events – None**

**Family Day**- Kevin will follow up with dog acrobat entertainment. He is also looking into bringing in soldiers from Ft. Carson to see if they can bring a rock-climbing wall, hum v etc.,

There have also been suggestions of picking a theme for that day.

Angie will ask boy scouts.

**Silent Auction – None**

**Cornerstone**- They are looking for a new insurance company. They will also be having locks changed at the 4-H building. Still looking into renting out the building but it would be the front room only.

**Horse Council** – Ava and Emily will be looking for sponsors for the end of the month.

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

**Special Committee Reports -**

**Commissioner** - None

**Extension** – Kelsey –

- 8 beef members signed up to weigh in.
- 16 members are signed up for hunter safety
- Shooting sports leaders will be training

**FFA** –

- Annual banquet Feb 7
- They will attend FFA Day at the stock show
- Heifer Wrangler - Lyra Trimble will be participating in the Heifer Wrangler program.
- Borrowing Panels for the FFA learning lab. John will get with Mia.

**Unfinished Business**

- Open and Fair Book updates
  - Master Showmanship –
    - Large Animal Master showmanship – Tami shared the suggestions the committee made. *[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 is unable to participate, the class will proceed with an open position, and no substitute participants beyond a parent or legal guardian of qualifying youth will be permitted.]*
      - **John moved to accept the change as suggested. Brandon seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
    - Small Animal – Would like to remove “Parents must use the animal the exhibitor won with” and change to “animals must be approved by superintendents.”
      - **John moved to change the wording. Gannon seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

## New Business

- Schedule
  - Add camper time and date
  - Move cowboy church to Friday morning. Delores will check with them.
  - Exhibitor Meeting and Ultrasounds – Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Exhibitor meeting Ultrasound is Immediately following weigh in.
  - Move dairy back to 1:00 Tuesday
  - Change Family Day 10-4
  - CMA – Amanda will reach out
  - Awards – Check on the awards time before sale
  - CPRA 7PM
- Review Superintendents
  - Take Tami off announcers
  - Bryana and Josh Tablot move to dairy goats – there are no dairy cows
  - Add Anette to Dogs
  - Goat assistant Kelsey
  - Horse Show – Ask Nicki
  - Remove livestock assistants
  - ADD Kathy Kunselman to large animal round robin
  - Add Josh to add small animal master showmanship
  - Add Kassy as sheep assistant
  - Ask Eugene if he would like to help weigh
  - Kevin will help with open wine
  - Add Tami, Kevin, and Angie to Family Day.
  - Remove Casey Fall from Rodeo.
  - Delores will send changes
- Bounce houses
  - May need a backup plan for bounce houses as the bounce houses are for sale.

**Other Business:** Pig Tag In – There have been complaints about the tag in for pigs due to a scheduling conflict with a jackpot. Time will be left as is.

Kelsey is going to work on a disclaimer for liability of tagging animals. Kristina asked to include small animals as well. Kelsey will work on a general disclaimer to cover all species.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33

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

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristina Brubaker, Secretary*

**Other Correspondence:**

Kristina, Tami, Chris, Amanda, John, Delores, and Angie vote yes to approve the \$1,000 increase for the Rodeo Contract.