FREMONT COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES
MEETING TUESDAY, July 14, 2026

The special meeting in conjunction with sales committee 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	**P** Linda Valdez
P Secretary Kristina Brubaker	**P** Brandon Sherwood	**A** Chris Wood
P Treasurer Amanda Fouche	**P** Tami Ratkovich	**P** Angie Zorilla

County Commissioners: **P** Dwayne McFall

Extension Office:
P Julianne Dinkle **P** Kassy Tracy **P** Theresa Clubb **P** Kelsey Story

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

Guests: Tracy Brubaker, Earl Story, Autum Yslas, Johnny Yslas, Cody Hall, Anthony Hall, Ava Bunker, Jamie Grisenti, Finnigan and Tim Dennehy, Josh Talbot, Brittany Carr, Morgan Lamm, Tiffany Helpin, Gina Gall

Minutes – Correction on orientation date – Correct to July 16th.
Kevin moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Amanda F. seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Treasurer Report:

General Fund & Sponsorship Deposits: $4,115.00 Expenses: $0.00
Rodeo Sponsorships: $1,000.00 Rodeo Expenses: $0.00
Available Balance: $44,919.56 (2026 County Budget $20,000)

Tami moved to accept the treasurer report. Kevin seconded the report. Motion Carried.

Public Input

Josh Talbot – everyone that was part of the evacuation shelter did an amazing job.

.**Committee Reports**
2026 County Fair – Will be at Pathfinder. All evacuated animals will be out and will be able to set up and paint panels with the help of the inmates. Outdoorsman cancelled their 2 day event so the tent will cost fairboard more. Amanda E. is waiting for a quote from Canon Rental for just the tent for the fair.

Advertising and marketing –
Will send in for the center of the Shopper.

- Kevin will run a insert with the flyer in the Florence Reporter. 500 inserts will be double sided the size of flyers.
- Flyers will be distributed now that a location is secured for the fair.

Building – Orientation is Thursday July 16th for Jr Superintendents and superintendents. 10 memorials for the memorial wall.

- Judges meals will be with concession or meal vouchers.

Vendors/Food Trucks – Tiffany – 9 food trucks signed up

Danata, Smith Snack Shack, Kimberz Muncheez, Squeeze Me Lemonade, Sno Cone and Kettle Corn, Nana's Kitchen, Dickey's BBQ, Bylars, Joes Food Stop.

Gimpys Fine Food missed the deadline but would like to come. They serve fish and other items. ***Gannon moved to allow Gimpys to sign up. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Small Animal – Will need disinfectant wipes, gloves and dog potty pads, for check in.

Livestock –

Montana – There was a mix up in scheduling ultrasounds. Options are to do them on the 28th or at 7PM on the 27th. Shows start on the 28th so Ultrasounds will be scheduled for July 27th at 7 PM.

Livestock will meet Sunday 8 PM for weigh in plans.

Market Livestock Sale – Gina will confirm with alcohol vendor and auctioneer now that the location of the fair is secure. She will be working on having the buyer sign updated.

Rodeo – CPRA Secretary will be going in the horse shed. Mykel will bring down a power plant. Amanda E. will talk to Kelsey and D'wayne and make sure there is enough perimeter fence.

Shooting Sports – Shotgun and air rifle went well. Archery can use a shed and Julianne is going to get the room AC from the 4-H Building. Angie may have a portable starlink to use.

Sponsorships & Awards – Tami picked up plaques and horse trophies – new top gun plaque. Tami paid $100 and has a bill for Moore's John moved to pay the trophy bills and Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that the City of Florence wanted to donate to cat show. He will work with them.

Tami is having Showmanship banners made for dogs and cats

Special Events – Car show entries are printed

Family Day

- Bounce Houses – Quote was less than approved and an invoice was sent in. With the bounce houses being dropped off for the Jr Rodeo it was suggested to add 2 more security days. ***John moved to hire security for July 24 – Aug 1 Kevin seconded the motion.***
- Dianna Carver – "Elida the Unicorn Fairy" Found a policy for insurance to attend the fair. ***Kevin moved to donate $300 to Dianna to help with the cost of insurance. Angie seconded the motion. Motion carried.***
- FFA – Scavenger hunt – kids come turn in the stamped cards for a prize with a map to help send them around. Amanda E. will send a list of activities.

Silent Auction – None

Cornerstone- Deposit for the saddle club to come in September. Meeting is Monday.

Horse Project - All Buckles are sponsored. All member's passed their level 1 test (Safety Test)

Rodeo Queen contest – No applicants.

Pens of Progress – Paint is ready. New banner is ordered with the additional sponsors. Gina asked if they need to recognize the new sponsors/ sponsors before the sale. Brandon will get a list together.

Special Committee Reports -

Commissioner – Credit Card reader should be available for the sale and the rodeo. Would have the vendors out to see if their credit card readers work prior to fair.

Extension – Fire evacuations – As animals go home everything will be shifting back to fair prep.

FFA –Kristina has leg bands for them. Will be taking sponsor pictures tomorrow.

Unfinished Business

- **Shifts –** Sign up for shifts
- Generator - Mykel will bring a backup generator out.
- Setting a budget for zipties and wire for the fair. ***Tami moves to spend no more than $200 for zipties and wire. Delores seconded the motion. Motion carried.***
- Fair morning meetings start 7AM TUESDAY
- Leave exhibitor meeting at 9:30 am or following weigh in
- Les Schwab is donating a pallet of water.

Other Business:

Take Pen fees in the auditorium during project check in. 3-6 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Pathfinder CLASSROOM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristina Brubaker, Secretary

Other Correspondences:

July 16 – Amanda E. emailed the new quote from Canon Rental for the tent. Delores moved to rent the pent for the cost of $7,016. Tami seconded the motion. Motion carried,

July 21 – Amanda E. emailed that Kelsey Crowder requested a payment of $600 to the rodeo photographer. This is something the rodeo committee usually approves within their budget but did not have an official meeting. Brandon moved to pay the photographer and Kristina seconded the motion. Tami and Chris opposed.

Fair morning meetings:

July 28th –

- Ace Talbot requests that the board considers letting utility goats sign up a back up goat in case they are unable to use one. Tami moved to allow Ace to bring a different utility goat and they are responsible for a vet check. Brandon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Dylan Hobby - Dylan is asking for a one time exemption for the weight of his steer. He was evacuated on June 29th. His steer was 985 at open weigh prior to evacuation and the steer weighed in at 860 lbs. Dylan is willing to keep him for a buyer for another 30 days to finish feeding him out. Delores moves to refer the decision to sale committee. Angie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sale committee will meet and discuss.
    - Brandon suggested adding a clause for act of god in fairbook.
    - Drenching also needs updated in Farirbook for hydration purposes.
- Need to start interviews at 9 am again. Delores said if livestock members let them know they will arrange interviews as needed.
- Small animal check in – there were a lot of members early for check in. Kristina is missing a big black metal kennel. Market Chickens were getting too hot and 2 died. Casey Combie brought in another portable kennel and Canon rental donated a big fan to help cool the animals.
- During ultrasounds there was a verbal altercation between John Daniels and Cody Hall. Cody Hall accused John Daniels for putting hands on Anthony Hall. Information was passed along and a special meeting will be called if needed.

July 29th –

- Sale committee approved the exemption for Dylan Hobby's steer.
- The Power plant generator will need fuel to keep everything running. Also needed a swamp cooler pump. Tami moved to purchase a pump and fuel for the generator. Linda seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Tyreal Lester – asking for an exemption for his underweight hog. His pig weighed in at 180 pounds and was outside of the evacuation zone. Referred to Sale Committee

- Cynthia wanted to address the breeding class for goats and look into changing the name to Breeding MEAT/MARKET Goat. Dairy goats are showing in Dairy and Breeding and have 2 opportunities to show in showmanship with the same animal. Dairy in itself is a breeding class.

July 30th –

- Pig Show pictures went smooth. There were 2 situations
    - Wrong 2nd place animal was brought in for division champion. The announcing table tried to rectify the situation and did not have communication, Judge said the placing still stands.
    - Need to re-evaluate the good standing rule. An out of county member showed in the pig show but did not allow time to have it approved prior.
- Brittany Carr – asked if there was still a Hardship Award. Her daughter lost a goat in June and was wondering if there was a way to help recoup funds. Will look into.

July 31st – Autumn Yslas shared concern for the fairs attendance and that people are afraid to come forward and offer advice. Johnny was dissatisfied with the July fairboard meeting and public only being allowed 3 minutes to speak. The government standard is 5 minutes which is what was stated at the meeting. They also shared that there wasn't enough in advertising for the fair. Delores let her know there are many committees that people may join to help with the fair without having to join the fair board.