

FREMONT COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, June 9, 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	P Linda Valdez
P Secretary Kristina Brubaker	A 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 P Kelsey Story

FFA: P Mia Hampton A Cynthia Fall

Guests: Cody Hall, Gina Gall, Tracy Brubaker

Minutes - John moved to accept the secretary minutes. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

General Fund/Sponsorship Deposits: \$3,435.00	Expenses: \$ 599.20
Rodeo Sponsorships: \$2,800.00	Rodeo Expenses: \$0.00
Available Balance: \$39,729.56	
(2026 County Budget \$20,000)	

Tami moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ganon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Input

None.

Committee Reports

Advertising & Marketing – Open fair pull out was in the shopper last month. There are extra in office. There was also a front-page ad ran with the fair dates. Facebook is updated with sponsors. John with County IT is updating the website.

Look at schedule card for any changes needed.

Building – Delores is working on information for one more judge.
Orientation meeting for Jr Superintendents will be July 16th at 6 PM.
Delores will send out a email for Volunteers.

V

Hotel Rooms at Quality Inn are around 99-\$105 depending on the day of the stay.

Tami moved to use the Quality Inn and Delores seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Vendors/Food Trucks –. Food Truck and Vendor applications are slow.

Small Animal – Small animals had their meeting and issued the poultry leg bands. Devin Jaffe came and did a showmanship clinic with the members.

Livestock –

- Livestock will be meeting Sunday night July 26th to discuss weigh in
- Photo plan – Need to have a better set up for the photo area for pigs. Exhibitors will be asked to return to their pens at completion of show and wait to be released for photos. Gina is still waiting to hear from Diana for photography.
- Kelsey will bring extra boards to use as a dividers to keep pigs from fighting to free up some of the pig boards.
- Barn closes at 10 PM and Security will close it down.

Market Livestock Sale – Save the date cards were sent out as Saturday August 2nd instead of the 1st. Sales committee will work on sending out a correct date.

- Awards will start at 3.
- Working on narrowing down the detail for the alcohol vendor for the rodeos, during the old times show, Jr Rodeo, Ranch Rodeo, Sale, CPRA. Gina asked if there was a fee the board wanted to ask for. Gannon moved to ask for 5% back to the Fairboard. Chris seconded the motion. During discussion it was suggested to negotiate for a fee and see what they would want to pay. Gannon withdrew his motion.
- Security at the Rodeos – Fence around the arena – if the arena is not fenced off you would need a designated area. Big R will donate fence but needs to know now.
- Buyer's sign needs updated. It was suggested to reach out to DOC to see if they can update the Buyer's Sign.

Rodeo – No Update.

Shooting Sports – Power at PD range – Julianne said they have use of building but will still need a generator. Shooting Sports Potluck will be at the Florence Jr./Sr. High

Sponsorships & Awards –Tami reported there is over \$20,000 in Sponsorships and almost all buckles are sponsored. They are setting up sponsorship pictures. The trophies were updated at Mohrs. The plaque at the shooting range has been taken down to get updated.

Special Events – Car show entries are printed

Family Day

- Face Painting – Desiree and Denise will do facepainting again. ***Tami moved to have the face painting for \$100. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried***
- Sent follow ups to Police department
 - Kevin will reach out to Echo
- Watermelon Eating Contest – Barbwire and roses will host it again. ***Kevin moved to spend no more than \$100 on Watermelon. Angie seconded. Motion carried.***
- Sr Breakfast – find out what time they want to be let in the building.

Silent Auction – None

Cornerstone- Tami has been cleaning kitchen

Horse Project – There are a few more buckles that need sponsors. Kelsey would like to move the start time up for the horse show. Check in and start by 7:30 ***Tami moved to change the start time of the show to 7:30. Amanda Fouche seconded the motion. Motion Carried.***

Pens of Progress – Blue was the least expensive color. Coleman is donating 5 gallons of paint to start painting panels. Amanda E. would like them be listed as a sponsor for Pen for progress..

Special Committee Reports -

Commissioner – Dwayne suggested a tent for shade at the rodeo entrance and to see about a Credit Card reader for Entrance.

Extension – Fair Entries are coming in. They have summer programming going on, as well as a cloverbud camp. Kelsey will have a Livestock clinic June 20th.

FFA – Just back from state convention. They're rabbits did not kindle so there will be more members in poultry. Kristina will get with Mia for the bands.

Old Timers – FFA Booster will be meeting the 22nd. Will not need help, they would like to do this as their fundraiser and they are working on judges that are not local.

Team set up - \$25/person or \$100/team of 4 (showing one species each).
Sale Committee asks FFA to come to the next meeting for floral arrangement
Also see if they will make the Ribbon for the Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

Unfinished Business

Trailer at the 4-H building – Chris had to take the title back to the Kunselman's. They will have to get the title themselves since they signed them.

New Business

- Board sign up shifts – make sure to sign up for fair shifts.
- Fairboard meetings Fair week Meetings will start TUESDAY at 7 am meeting in the Auditorium.
- Fairboard stage rental – renaissance festival would like to rent it the stage. ***Tami moved to rent the stage to them for \$125. Angie seconded the motion. Gannon Opposed. Motion carried.***
- Backup generator in case there is not enough power at the livestock pavilion– Amanda E. will reach out to Mykel
- Tractor Supply will donate shavings – Tracy will pick them up.
- Cat Show – Kevin got a sponsor for the cat show and will look into awards.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Pathfinder AUDITORIUM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristina Brubaker, Secretary

Other Correspondence –

June 21 – Amanda Ellis emailed to see if members could use the fair logo on buyer's invitation. It was agreed that members could use it as long as it was used appropriately and not altered.

7-7 – Fairboard members in conjunction with sales committee met at Pathfinder to discuss the possibility of having to move the fair due to Pathfinder being a fire evacuation center. Concerns were disinfecting the ground if the animals were to go home before fair. Lime takes 3 weeks. Will look into Chlorhexidine or other disinfectants as an option. Another option discussed was moving it back to the old fairgrounds 1595 S 9th Street in Canon City. Liquor license would have to file for a Festival license. Scales will be certified at both locations and a decision will be made on Tuesday 7/14 during the fairboard meeting.