

FREMONT COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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	A Gannon Long	P Kevin Mahmalji
P 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	A 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, Anthony Hall, Richard Waters

Minutes - Kevin moved to accept minutes as presented. Chris seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: General/Sponsorship Deposits: \$7,060.00 Expenses: \$1,246.15 Rodeo Sponsorships: \$300.00 Rodeo Expenses: \$1,350.00 Available Balance: \$34,093.76 (2026 County Budget \$20,000)

John moved to accept the treasurer report as presented. Tami seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Public Input

Cody and Anthony Hall – Cody and Anthony took a pig to vet claiming it has an infection possibly from being tagged at tag in 3 days prior. Cody will submit documentation from the vet to Amanda E. but said the vet told him it was most likely from tag in and was already spreading.

They also addressed the way the pigs were tagged this year. Pigs have been tagged in the right ear with the tag facing “out” per the tag in form for several years. This year they were tagged in left ear with numbers facing “in” toward the face. Because the pigs were tagged and verified in person the tag in form was not used this year therefore the tags will not affect the placings at the county fair. John said he felt the tag in papers were always incorrect and that there are not any specifications on how to tag a pig. Anthony said he spoke to his feed dealer and people that

jackpot and was told the tags placed the way our county tags were placed could affect the way a hog is placed at jackpots or higher up shows.

Tag-in was to start at 8 and families showed up early and many had requested to weigh their hogs. Kelsey emailed a waiver for families to review and bring. Due to printing difficulties waivers were not available at weigh in. For time efficiency pigs were tagged before 8 am. The Brubaker family brought their own tagger and tagged their pigs according to the previous paperwork unaware of the tag placement had been changed. To ensure proper protocols next year tagging will not start until 8 am as scheduled.

Committee Reports

Advertising & Marketing – Banner is hanging at Rouse Park. The Open Fair pullout for the shopper will run in May.

Building – None

Vendors/Food Trucks –. Amanda and Tiffany will meet with Canon Rental for the tent location and then Tiffany will start mapping out vendors. Currently waiting for more vendors.

Small Animal – Kristina started issuing leg bands and will issue the rest at their June 8th meeting. Mia will need some for FFA

Livestock – Tag in went ok.

Schedule is already posted on many platforms with the schedule so it would be best not to change the scheduling of ultrasounds this year.

Kevin moved to have per family time slot at weigh in. Amanda F. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Market Livestock Sale – Working on beer service details. The sign has been moved now waiting for the company to update the list. Still working on a BBQ service. They did contact Chicago Bobs and Salty Cow
Buyer list needs to look at. Amrize purchased poultry last year.

Rodeo – Kelsey ordered buckles and is working on the barricade fencing. Diana Carver does full face painting for \$125/hr. Kristina thought it would be fun during the JR Rodeo and try and lean more into the family night to get more attendance. Discussion tabled.

Shooting Sports – Payment request to use the Florence High School for the awards has been submitted

Plaque at cactus flats not updated. The will look into adding a hanger to extend or a new plaque

Sponsorships & Awards – Tami reported they have collected over \$16,000. Waiting on payments for buckles still.

Special Events – None

Family Day

- Diana Carver –“Elida the Unicorn Fairy” – She is interested in coming on family day and doing a 15 minute presentation with 45 min dedicated to pictures. She is in the process of finding an insurance company.
- Bounce Houses 24th & 25th \$300 pickup at 6PM. Not able to provide any staffing. Family Day \$225 delivery and set up. \$525 in FEES not including bounce houses. Houses start at \$150. Suggested a duo bounce house for family day that is \$185. Looking at \$1,010 for Bounce Houses for the 3 days. Julianne will set up shifts for volunteers and liability for forms.
 - ***Tami moved to move forward with the bounce houses with the duo option on family day. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.***
- Still trying to contact Fort Carson.

Silent Auction – Kirstie picked a dirty soda bar for the club award

Cornerstone- Rented the building June 14 for grad party. September Colorado Saddle organization will be renting. Plan to get the kitchen clean

Horse Project – Horse show this weekend. Working on sponsorship for buckle. Judge for paperwork lined up. Rodeo Queen pushing the deadline to June 1st. There is a \$1000 sponsorship for the winner.

Pens of Progress – Richard Waters brought in some paint choices for the color for Pens for progress. It is roughly \$90/gallon with the hardener.

D'wayne will shut down the cover arena and have the inmates come July 13-14 to move and start painting panels..

Kevin moved to get pricing on blue and red and go with the cheapest paint. Amanda F seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Brandon asked about the balance.

Special Committee Reports -

Commissioner – Congratulations Dwayne on being sworn in as the Western Interstate Region President. Insurance coverage.

Extension –

- Summer Camps are coming up
- Drop Deadline June 1st

- Fairbook is online – if there are any corrections let them know
- ,Will have a new Americorps member for the summer.

Kelsey – June 20 livestock clinic for beef, sheep, goat and swine. This year she would like to add holding pens and use beach balls instead of pigs.

Market Test help June 3 5:30-7:30 PM and June 4 8:00 AM

FFA – 3 lambs housed in the barn. Going to Lajunta for district awards. Creed speaker - callie curtis exploring a Spanish creed speaking

Unfinished Business

Trailer at the 4-H building –Chris finally got the title. Ralph signed the title so Chris will get with Amanda E. to get a paper signed. Kevin made a motion for Chris to have the title corrected. Tami seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Chris will get a price on what the title will cost.

Wireless microphone - Sound Energy \$1,509.00 This does include 1.5 hours setup for \$300. D'wayne said he did not have it in the budget to purchase it for Pathfrinder.

New Business

Fairboard Shirt –*Kevin moved to buy shirts for new members. Delores seconded. Motion Carried.* Chris would like an extra one.

September meeting – Auditorium is booked so need to change the meeting. ***Tami made a motion to move the meeting to the classroom. Kevin seconded motion. Motion Carried.*** Meeting will be potluck.

Other Business:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Pathfinder CLASSROOM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristina Brubaker, Secretary