

Meeting 3/6/25 6pm

Present: Ben, Annie, Trent, Dustin, Don R, Rebecca, Pat, Bernie, Randy, Dave A., Marcus, Kail, Dakota

Abby with a calving emergency, Miki is sick

Trent approved February minutes, Kail to second the approval.

Fairgrounds Manager Report:

A backhoe was borrowed to put in the water lines and the electrical conduit is in for the practice arena. There needs to be more drainage there and will consult with Lowry Construction.

Randy would like to replace the steel roof on the north building due to leaks. The wheel chair ramps and stairs on the west side of the log house office are getting done.

Concrete landings have been poured at the north building.

Randy said changes to the wash station will not happen this year.

Don suggested we rank priorities for projects on the grounds and look into grants.

Extension Report:



March 2025 Extension Report
Fair Board Meeting March 6, 2025

4-H Update

Rebecca Sheriff

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- Upcoming Dates & Deadlines
 - o 11 March – Cloverbuds, 5-6 pm
 - o 15 March – Cattlemen's Meat-In BBQ @ Fairgrounds
 - o 17 March – New member enrollment deadline
 - o 21-22 March – Southern Colorado District Retreat @ Kiowa, CO
 - o 23 April – Quarterly Leaders Meeting, 6 pm, Fairgrounds Meeting Room
 - o 27 April – Swine / sheep / goat weigh-in 1-4pm, then Fair Board meeting
- Report on February 22 4-H Open House
 - o Appx. 100 attendees
 - o 17 families signed up to receive more information
 - o 20 people (7 families) attended the follow up 4-H 101 Meeting on 4 March
- Judges
 - o Secured: beef, open beef, beef RR, swine, horse for July 27, sheep, goat, sheep RR, rabbit, rabbit RR, goat RR, swine RR, & 2 indoor judges
 - o Tentative: poultry & poultry RR
 - o Still need: horse RR, potentially another indoor judge
- Enrollment (as of 5 March) - enrollment closes March 17
 - o General Projects 19 youth
 - o Cloverbuds 9 youth (18 families on mailing list)
 - o Dog 5 youth (+1 from Feb)
 - o Beef 25 youth 27 animals at weigh-in
 - Consider max number of pens currently available, in addition to increased swine numbers.
 - o Swine 49 youth (+3 from Feb)
 - Consider max number of pens available (absolute max number of swine in pens is 92)
 - Consider temporarily converting some sheep/goat pens into swine pens?

- o Goat 6 youth (+1 from Feb)
- o Sheep 5 youth (+1 from Feb)
- o Horse 13 youth (+2 from Feb)
- o Rabbit 4 youth (only 1 is market rabbit)
- o Poultry 6 youth (+1 from Feb)
 - Clarifying if geese/ducks sell at market? They are listed as market projects, but not explicitly clarified in the sale section in the Fair Rule Book (Rule I)
- Dog show ideally held at 2 pm on Monday July 28
- Horse show half day on Monday July 28 will be gymkhana/fun show
- County Council has a full officer board for the first time in years, as of March 3 meeting
- Discussion on Horse Protection Act – see handouts
 - o Working with state horse committee & specialists for further clarification
 - o Primarily pertains to Tennessee Walking Horses and other gaited breeds
 - o “Soring” – is the practice of causing horses to exaggerate their movements through harmful chemicals, devices, improper shoeing, etc. This is distinct from a horse being sore due to a stone bruise, abscess, arthritis, etc.
 - o Was supposed to take effect 1 Feb 2025, has been postponed to April 2025
 - o Likely does not significantly impact local 4-H horse shows, however, in order to be in compliance, all 4-H shows, open shows, and other horse events must submit records to the APHIS Administrator 30 days prior, 15 days prior, and within 5 days of the event
 - o Gymkhana events, speed events, and rodeo events are NOT impacted/covered by the HPA
 - o The Trail Show will be impacted
 - o Learn more: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/hpa?>
 - o Recommend adding the following to the Horse section of the Fair Rule Book: “All exhibitors must comply with 11.6 of the HPA for therapeutic treatment.”

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I'm sorry I may not be back from Fort Collins in time to attend this meeting. Please reach out if you'd like to talk about anything with me!

- Need superintendents for poultry, rabbit and silent auction
- Swine/goat/sheep tags ordered
- Master Gardeners available to do garden demos, veggie variety taste test, or talks in meeting room on Saturday August 2 / Kids Day

Old Business:

Going over the fair schedule.

The Fair Foundation will cover the cost of the CPRA rodeo. The Fairboard will run the gate.

The Foundation will operate the ranch rodeo and beer sales and insurance for those events.

CHAFFEE COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

Schedule

FRIDAY JULY 25TH

3:00pm Gates Open
 5:00pm Mutton Bustin'
 5:45pm Steer Riding
 6:30pm Antique Tractor Parade
 7:00pm CPRA Rodeo *with Specialty Act*
 9:00pm Live Band *Tason Wulff Band*

SATURDAY JULY 26TH

8:00am 4-H Indoor Judging (closed to public)
 9am-3pm Receive Open Class
 3:00pm Gates Open
 5:00pm Mutton Bustin'
 5:45pm Steer Riding
 6:30pm Antique Tractor Parade
 7:00pm CPRA Rodeo *with Specialty Act*
 9:00pm Live Band *Eric Golden*

SUNDAY JULY 27TH

9:00am 4-H Horse Show

MONDAY JULY 28TH

8-9am Receive Open Class (Horticulture and Floriculture)
 9:00am 4-H Horse Show
 10:00am 4-H Dog Show
 10:00am Open Class Judging (closed to the public)

TUESDAY JULY 29TH

9:00am Trail Horse Competition
 4-6:00pm 4-H & Open Class Rabbit and 4-H Meat Poultry Check in
 6:00pm Team Sort

WEDNESDAY JULY 30TH

8-11:00am 4-H Market Livestock Weigh In
 1:00pm 4-H Meat Poultry Judging
 3:00pm 4-H & Open Rabbit Judging
 5:00pm Heart of the Rockies Roping Club Gymkhana

THURSDAY JULY 31

8:00am 4-H Swine Show
 11:30am 4-H Sheep show & Goat Show
 12:30pm Open Peewee Show
 4:00pm Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry
 5:00pm 4-H Beef Show
 6:30pm Chaffee County Cattleman's Beef Show
 7:00pm Open Beef & Pen of 3 Show
 7:30pm Poker Tournament

FRIDAY AUGUST 1

9:00am 4-H Round Robin
 11:00am 4-H Adult Round Robin
 1:00pm Run for Royalty Open 4D Barrel Race
 4:30pm Buyer's Reception
 5:00pm 4-H Awards
 Cornerpost Award
 6:00pm Junior Market Livestock Sale & Silent Auction
 9:00pm DJ Deano Maes

SATURDAY AUGUST 2

9:00am Stock Dog Demonstration
 9-11:00am 4-H Petting Zoo
 10:00am Horseshoe Pitching (singles & doubles)
 10:00am 3D Archery Competition
 11:00am Antique Tractor Pull
 11:00am Catch A Pig Contest (ages 4-10)
 12:00pm Tack Sale Opens
 11:00am CPW .22 Shooting Trailer "Guns Provided" & Archery Contest
 12-3pm Kid Zone:
 • Sawdust Pile w/coins \$\$\$\$\$\$
 • Garden Tractor Race (tractors provided)
 • Melon Eating Contest (prize \$\$)
 • Frozen T-Shirt Contest
 • Corn Challenge
 • Marble Challenge
 1:00pm Hot Dog Eating Contest (prize \$\$)
 1:30pm Pedal Tractor Race & Ice Cream Social
 4:00pm Catch A Pig Contest (ages 4-10)
 6:00pm Ranch Rodeo
 9:00pm Winchester Road Band



Bernie expressed concern that indoor exhibits need to be picked up 1-12 on Sunday (8/2) and exhibitors need a hand out regarding that rule.

Entertainment

Eric Golden will run about 3000 with hotel rooms for the Saturday 7/26 performance.

Continue to get fairbook advertising sponsorship forms in.

Jefferson Farms ok for Chute sign

Salida Vet Hospital ok for Chute sign

Mt Princeton ok for Chute sign

Legacy Properties ok for Chute sign

Scanga Meat ok for Chute sign

State Farm ok for Chute sign

Salida Gunshop ok for Chute sign

New Business:

The meeting with county commissioners was successful. Ben, Annie, Dakot and Marcus were present. We expressed our appreciation of the communication we have had with Don and Commissioner Dave Armstrong. They were receptive to the fact that it will take more income in order to have a carnival event that the community would like. We will continue to look at avenues for grants and sources of income.

Handling of weigh-in for families that want to weigh-in throughout the summer.

5/31, 6/14, 7/12, 7/23 (wed) 10-11a

Hazmat Collaboration Workshop

4/4 10-2pm Teller County Sheriff Office

Marcus

3-D Archery Shoot will happen, potentially looking to have on the 20 acres leased on the north side of the fairgrounds.

Cornerpost Award-it is time to think about nominees for the next month. Recommend giving a bio for your nomination.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting 4/3/25 6pm

Swine/sheep/goat weigh-in 4/27/25 1-4pm with Fairboard meeting to follow.