

10/2/25 6pm

Roll Call

Present at Meeting:

Ben, Dakota, Jesse, Annie, Trent, Dustin, Taylor, Marcus, Pat, Donna, Abby, Kail, Bernie, Miki, Monica

Randy sent an email he was going to be gone.

Approval of September Minutes:

September minutes approved by Pat, Taylor to second the minutes.

Fairgrounds Manager Report:

8700 people on the grounds in the past year.

Revenues are up as well as general attendance.

Miki really appreciates all the volunteering we do and looks at us as one of the most dedicated volunteer groups within the county.

Roof is almost done on north building

Monica with Extension Report:

Definite increase in the number of 4-H projects this year.

The tent rental was a big asset this year.

Quarterly leaders meeting 10/15/25 6:15pm

Enrollment deadline for 4-H is 1/8/26.

Rebecca, Monica, Mike and Randy will most likely be at the 10/13 commissioner meeting

Old Business:

Committee Review

November 30th-December 3rd Colorado Fairs and Shows. This will be held at the Denver Convention Center.

Dustin asked how we can get the carnival conversation rolling.

Abby brought up if we should change the sale back to Saturday afternoon, rather than Friday night.

Questions were brought up about why the Fair is free. The thought was when Dave Potts was the chair, they wanted the fair to be free to the public.

Ben has an idea of keeping rodeo first weekend with charged admission and then a carnival the following Thursday, Friday, Saturday with a charged gate admission.

New Business

Commissioner Meeting set up for 10/13/2025 10 am

Commissioner Ideas:

Entertainment (carnival, bands)

CPRA Rodeo (our rodeo is low for the added money in comparison to rodeos around the state)

Liquor Sales (does the county want to take this liability back on or leave with the fair foundation)

Dustin requested a meeting with the Fair Foundation

Fair dates

July 24th-August 2nd, 2026 with rodeo being July 24th and 25th

Requesting improved sound system for the north side of the arena

4-H needs the tent rental for the next year and where does that fit into the budget.

Sheriff/Ambulance can that come out of their budget

Bernie will chat with Frank Holman regarding the purchase of the bull fry trailer.

Remind the hard work that we do to go out in the community and get sponsors

Hand the commissioners guides at the meeting

Improvements to the announcers booth

the east parking lot needs more improvement

lights on the north end of the parking lot and practice arena

Proposal to cover the full 140000, give back gate money while the carnival is happening

Additionally insured for the CPRA, not having to ask CPRA for the county to be listed

How to handle liability for the liquor sales

We are an extension of the county, yet you are asking us to take on the liability and support.

We are trying to embrace the agriculture lifestyle and make sure that continues.

Additional New Business:

Donna Rhodes has already pledged a sponsor of 2800 for the 2026 year.

Mass email on January 1 via email for sponsors

Trent made a motion to remove Kara as a member due to lack of attendance at the fairboard meeting, Marcus to second.

Dustin will continue to work on the mechanical bull to get it operating.

Dakota and Sasha will stick with royalty for another year.

Ben said this will be his last meeting as he will resign due to time conflict. He will help with the October 13th commissioner meeting.

Next Meeting November 6th, 2025 6pm Fairgrounds meeting room.

Meeting adjourned 8pm