

## **Chaffee County Fair Board Meeting**

**March 5, 2026**

Call to order: 6:04pm

**Present:** Dakota, Chelsea, Sasha, Donna, Bernie, Randy, Miki, Dustin, Marcus, Cathi, Taylor, Monica, Rebecca, Abby, Pat, Annie

Trent away for work

**Guests:** Beth Helmke, Dave Armstrong, Chad Argys, Rhylee Argys,

**February Minutes approval:** Chelsea motions, Sasha seconds

**Treasurer report:** \$41,002.36 in bank. Expenses of \$1071.78 for quickbooks, Herks Werks, Sams & Change. Income of \$12,500 for sponsorships.

**Manager report:** Completed parking lot grading, leveled out job site for wash station. Gearing up for fire season. Miki needs us to take liquor service training March 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00am or 1:00pm. Beth Helmke here and wanting to learn what we do and how the County can help and we can operate together.

**Extension: See attached**



## **March 2026 Extension Report**

### **March 5 Fair Board Meeting**

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#### **Upcoming dates/deadlines**

- March 21 – Cattlemen's Meat-in BBQ
- March 12 – Cloverbuds
- April 1 – Market Beef state fair nominations due
- April 26 – Small animal weigh in, 1-4 pm followed by Gratitude BBQ
- May 1 – Horse & Dog ID Forms due in 4HOnline
- May 3 – tentative livestock clinic (save the date)
- May 7 – May Fair Board meeting (moved from April 26 for Gratitude BBQ)
- May 15 – project add/drop deadline

#### **Upcoming club meetings** - Request for a FB member to attend upcoming club meetings with Rebecca to discuss rule book

- Tuesday 10 March, Horse Club, 5:30 pm @ Jefferson Farms
- Sunday 5 April, Paw Prints, 4 pm @ Fairgrounds meeting room
- Sunday 12 April, Imagine That!, 3:30 pm @ Crossroads Church (Poncha)
- Sunday 12 April, Hub Club, 6 pm @ BVHS flex rooms

#### **Enrollment data**

- Members (120 + 4 Lake = 124) (124 last year, 5 graduated)
- Cloverbuds (15 + 2 Lake = 17) (14 last year)
- Volunteers (25 + 2 Lake = 27) (24 last year)

#### **Current project enrollment data**

- Beef – 27 (25 in 2025)
- Dairy cow – 1 (0 in 2025)
- Swine – 51 (49 in 2025)
- Goat – 11 (8 in 2025)
- Sheep – 8 (7 in 2025)
- Market poultry – 8 (4 in 2025)



- Turkey – 1 (1 in 2025)
  - Egg production – 1 (0 in 2025)
  - Show poultry – 6 (4 in 2025)
- Market rabbit – 6 (1 in 2025)
  - Companion rabbit – 8 (2 in 2025)
  - Breeding rabbit – 2 (1 in 2025)
- Horse – 10 (7 in 2025)
- Dog – 8 (7 in 2025)
- Indoor/general projects – 80(ish) projects (63 completed projects in 2025)
- Shooting sports – 6 (6 projects completed in 2025)

**Judges** – Hired everything except sheep RR, goat RR, and rabbit RR, plus additional 1-2 indoor judges depending on final numbers

**Gratitude BBQ** – will be collecting RSVPs for Council at April FB meeting



**2026**  
**CERTIFICATION AND STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE & MEDICATION RECORD**  
**DUE AT FAIR WEIGH-IN**

(Not before, not after. Animals will not be weighed without appropriate paperwork!)

Families may put all animals on this sheet. Use the back for more space.

4-Her Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal IDs:** Please list all the ear tag/ID numbers of your animal(s):

Beef: \_\_\_\_\_

Swine: \_\_\_\_\_

Sheep: \_\_\_\_\_

Goat: \_\_\_\_\_

Poultry: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabbits: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Market Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following information if any antibiotic, medication, pesticide, feed additive, or any other substance has been administered, **at any time**. If none used, put N/A on top line under Product.

**Copies of labels of any administered substance must be attached.**

| Animal ID | Date | Product | Amount | Route | Reason | Withdrawal Period |
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**Senior rodeo:** Maybe we can look at a different date to bring this in. It is just too much on our grounds staff and volunteers.

Vendor ideas: Sonny's, Bonesaw, peaks & pitas & sno cones coming back.  
Putting out vendor invite on fair. Chaffee County Fair Merchandise to sell.  
Pioneer experience a possibility.

Volunteer recruitment: a group on 5-10 good people to help. Get a shirt, hat, food vouchers, free entry for rodeo.

## Old Business:

Bernie willing to help for the Oyster Fry during the fair. Looking at price options for oysters and see what prices we can find.

Dustin makes a motion to increase the price of a plate to \$15 rather than 10 (includes a side), Chelsea to second.

Have a sign up sheet system in place for scale weigh-in times this summer. We need to have this in place before the April Weigh-In

Dakota emailed the list of what sponsorships people signed up for, we need to have sponsorships submitted by the April meeting in order to get the fair guide started

## New Business:

2026 Committees

Request a kids day committee, Chelsea as Chair, Abby, Trent, Cathi

Add in a Bands Committee, Pat can act as chair

Donna had an idea of a cowboy poetry gathering, would consider to happen next year and with the opening of the exhibit hall.

Also adding a Liquor Sales Committee, Trent and Annie being on that committee

We need to potentially hire out to help run the mechanical bull, we can increase our revenue that way.

Dustin is meeting with some contractors regarding concrete and welding for the wash station, also getting bids from multiple places.

We also would like to get the sign put on the scale house.

Table the conversation regarding of signs in the grandstands, that is another way of earning revenue. Consider auctioning spots again at the sale.

Dakota update about Royalty Competition, would really like the public to be present for the competition, Heath Marshall in Penrose to help as a trainer to help as a clinic to help with royalty. He is willing to donate a day to do the clinic. Scheduled May 23rd at his arena in Penrose.

Add the Bike Rodeo on August 1st, registration at 9am and compete at 10.

Send an email to Tara to open a period for applications for the remaining open seat. We have one interested party at this point, AJ Palmer.

Bring nominations for the Cornerpost award and vote on that at the May meeting.



# CHAFFEE COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

## Schedule

### FRIDAY JULY 24TH

3:00pm Gates Open  
5:00pm Mutton Bustin'  
5:45pm Steer Riding  
7:00pm CPRA Rodeo  
8-11pm Mechanical Bull  
9:00pm Live Band *CPRA slack Triple Nickel Band*

### SATURDAY JULY 25TH

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  
7:00pm CPRA Rodeo  
8-11pm Mechanical Bull  
9:00pm Live Band *Jason Wolf Band*

### SUNDAY JULY 26TH

9:00am 4-H Horse Show

### MONDAY JULY 27TH

8-9am Receive Open Class (Horticulture, Floriculture & Perishables)  
~~9:00am 4-H Horse Gymkhana & Fun Show~~  
10:00am Open Class Judging (closed to the public)  
2:00pm 4-H Dog Show

### TUESDAY JULY 28TH

9:00am *Open* Trail Horse Competition  
4-6:00pm *Obstacle* 4-H Rabbit and 4-H Poultry Check-in  
6:00pm Ranch Team Sort

### WEDNESDAY JULY 29TH

8-11:00am 4-H Market Livestock Weigh-In  
1:00pm 4-H Poultry Show  
3:30pm 4-H Rabbit Show  
5:00pm Heart of the Rockies Roping Club Gymkhana  
*4pm Exhibit Master Hall Grand opening Golden Band Task Test*

### THURSDAY JULY 30TH

8:00am 4-H Swine Show  
12:30pm 4-H Sheep Show & Goat Show  
2:00pm Open Pee wee Show  
5:00pm 4-H Beef Show  
6:30pm Chaffee County Cattleman's Beef Show  
6:30pm Poker Tournament  
7:00pm Open Beef & Pen of 3 Show

### FRIDAY JULY 31ST

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

### SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST

*9:00am 10:00am* Stock Dog Demonstration *confirm*  
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)  
11:00am CPW .22 Shooting Trailer "Guns Provided" & Archery Contest  
*12-4pm 12:00pm* Tack Sale Opens  
12-3pm Kid Zone:  
• Sawdust Pile w/coins \$\$\$\$\$\$  
• Garden Tractor Race (tractors provided)  
• Frozen T-Shirt Contest  
• Corn Challenge  
• Marble Challenge  
12:00pm Run for Royalty Open 4D Barrel Race  
1:00pm Hot Dog Eating Contest (prize \$\$)  
3:00pm Pedal Tractor Race & Ice Cream Social  
4:00pm Catch A Pig Contest (ages 4-10)  
4:30pm Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry  
4:30pm ~~Melon Eating Contest (Prize \$\$)~~  
5:00pm Antique Tractor Parade  
5:30pm Calcutta  
6:00pm Ranch Rodeo  
8-11pm Mechanical Bull  
9:00pm Live Band *Eric Golden Band*  
*2pm Mounted Shooting Presentation*  
*Massive Water Balloon Pigs War Labrecs Hot Dogs*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

10:00am Antique Tractor Pull  
10:00am Cowboy Church Service  
10am-noon Release All Exhibits  
12:00pm 4 Bar S Gymkhana  
*Randy Sawdust*



Meeting adjourned 8:11pm

Next meeting 4/2/26