

Call to Order: 6:06p 05/07/2026

Present: Dakota, Trent, Dustin, Taylor, AJ, Beth, Rebecca, Dave, Pat, Bernie, Keri, Marcus, Kail, Curtiss, Annie, Sasha

Donna at an event, Cathi out sick, Monica out sick

Approval of April 2026 Minutes:
Pat to Approve, Taylor to second.

Treasurer Report:

Money IN 46,898.63
Expenses QuickBooks 115.00
Re-design Website 929.55
Royalty 728.97

Sponsor In \$12050, down from 2025.

Commissioners Report:
Being aware of wildfire, Ag Resilience group working to support the ag industry (trying to support), new marketing group called Destination IQ

Manager Report:
Concern about fire season and using the fairgrounds as an evacuation center

Bringing the bleachers up to code, drain pipe exposed for the wash station (leaving open until fair board figures out what to do)

Extension Report:
Barn Duty: Request a point of contact
Table Barn duty conversation until next month



May 2026 Extension Report

May Fair Board Meeting

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Upcoming dates/deadlines

- May 15 – project add/drop deadline
- June 1 – State Fair market goat/swine/lamb nomination forms due

Rule book Questions

- Question on colorants for market livestock in fitting

Open Scale Days

- May 17, 3-4 pm
- June 7 & 21, 3-4 pm
- July 5, 19, 26, 3-4 pm

Current project enrollment data

- Weigh-In Data
 - Total goats: 20 market goats, 2 breeding doe goats
 - Total sheep: 18
 - Total swine: 101
 - Total beef: 34 + dair cow/calf pair
- Livestock clinic was held on May 3, 29 members signed up
- Beef – 27 (25 in 2025)
- Dairy cow – 1 (0 in 2025)
- Swine – 51 (49 in 2025)
- Goat – 11 (8 in 2025)
- Breeding goat – 1 (0 in 2025)
- Sheep – 8 (7 in 2025)
- Market poultry – 7 (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 – 6 (7 in 2025)
- Indoor/general projects – 88 projects (63 completed projects in 2025)
- Shooting sports – 7 (6 projects completed in 2025)
- 68 members took MQA in 2025. 70 completed tests for 2026

Judges – Everyone hired, pending contract returns

Emergency volunteers -- Please let Monica know if you'd like to be on a list of volunteers to help with livestock evacuations. I will follow up with next steps.



**Quarterly Leaders Meeting
Chaffee County Fairgrounds New Board Room & Zoom
April 22 at 6:15 pm
Agenda**

Called to order: 6:19 pm

Approval of January 2026 minutes

Motion – Wertz, seconded by Warner-Anderson, approved

Roll Call

- Michele
- Jennifer Wertz
- Kail
- Trent
- Rebecca C
- Rebecca H
- Glen E
- Anita
- Taylor
- Dr Annie

Club Reports

- Hub Club
 - Custom belt buckles, apparel committee, Hub Club's 75th year! Looking at BV rodeo fundraiser. Good club attendance
- Imagine That! - no report given
- Broken Arrows – fundraiser with roller skating either May 22 or June 1 (TBD), working on community service projects with animal shelter
- Mt. Shavano Rangers – no report given
- Horse Club – Oct 10 buckle show series, equine education summit Oct 17
- Paw Prints – cemetery clean up on May 9, Mikayla doing a great job as junior leader
- County Council -
- Project Workshops
 - Ham radio/electricity - Marty
 - Cake decorating -
 - Robotics – no report given

- Cloverbuds -
- Shooting Sports -
- Hunters Ed:
 - Online conclusion course hosted by Kail & Taylor. Full day classroom session. Minimum of 20-25 kids. Encouraged 10+. Takes about a week to complete the online portion. Shooting sports trailer through CPW on kids fun day for shooting completion
 - Interested folks, contact Kail, he will send invite to register
 - Kail.glenn@state.co.us and 719-539-5591
 - Tentative day July 18, 2026

Extension Report

- AmeriCorps – Hiring for 2 AmeriCorps members to work with us this year. Applications open through Sunday. Applicants must be 18+ years old. One 4-H / Natural Resources Assistant and one Chaffee County Fairgrounds Development position.
- Colorado State Fair market animal nomination details
 - Goat, Swine, Lamb nominations due: June 1st to my office; June 8th to CSF

Fair Board Report – next meeting 7 May 2026 at 6 pm

- Working on sponsorships for the fair book
- Fair dates: July 24 – August 2, 2026
- Wash Station
 - Collecting feedback from 4-H'ers on wash rack desires (and other ideas for improvements)
- Barn Duty / Fair Duty
 - Raked up aisle sawdust, manure management
 - Picked up trash
 - Historically, 1-2 hour (1 shift, per kid, during the Fair)
 - Could check in with superintendents to ensure their shift is completed adequately. Inspection to make sure it was done?
 - Google Doc/Form available by July Club meetings
 - Could break it up by club, split duty across spaces (pavilion, exhibit hall, small animal barn) - RSC look at & assign a draft
 - Weds – Sat (remember Broken Arrows/exhibit hall/grand opening)
 - ID board with photos, names, bios, etc. Of Fair Board/Extension/Fairgrounds folks
- Council meeting/Fair Board “forum”/new member meet & greet session – panel at the achievement banquet? Add FB members to open house?
- FB special awards to 4-H'ers, who noticed work during Fair?

Old Business

- Weigh-In – April 26

- Gratitude BBQ

- Sign up to bring an item here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Z-d1rRdCO3Rgs1elRhI-XFlgAZpBKtqXC4relV5nHiI/edit?gid=2082883892#gid=2082883892>

- Planning on 24 adults, 11 kids, + volunteers

- Livestock Clinic – May 3

New Business

- District 4-H Leadership
 - May 11, 6 pm
 - See flyer below
- Open Scales from 3-4 pm on May 17, June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, and July 26
 - RSVP directly to species superintendent – RSC email the list of superintendents to leaders
- Club Attendance
 - Motion by Anita
 - Seconded by Michele
 - Unanimously approved

Upcoming Deadlines – see one pager calendar

Next Meeting: Propose July 9, 2026 at 6:15 pm

Meeting Adjourned:

Action Items:

Old Business:

Scale house sign, we should have by the time of fair

Grandstand signs: 28 large ones, 13 smaller ones
1000/5 years, 500/5 years small one, 100 off if existing
Place add to fairguide for signs in the next year

New Business:

Corner Post Award:

Have a list of criteria/guidelines as to what it means to be nominated for the award
ie: service to the community, leadership/role model, commitment to community
Vote happened, Marcus collected votes and will announce at fair. Stay with the idea of
announcing the award before the sale starts

Wash Station:

Concrete work bid for 5950.00, Trent motion to approve the bid, Pat to second.

Buyers Dinner:

Annie will talk to Nancy Roberts with the conservancy, what will the menu be and how much will
it be.

Meat Processors for 4-H Animals and see if a representative can be present at the sale
Scanga, Westcliffe, Dakota, Fowler (Blue Ribbon)
Trent will contact each processor

Document for 4-Her's to go over the night of the sale

Bank Account:

Executive Board agreed to keep the bank account with the county and not separate as was
discussed in the February meeting.

Trent made a motion to keep our bank account with the county and not separate, Sasha to
second.

The sale discussion will be tabled to next month.

We brought up the Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry and Bernie will help head all of that.

Catch a pig event: AJ is willing to reach out to Klaunch for the pigs.
He will get back to us next month.

Kail/Taylor will be holding a private hunter's ed meeting for 4-Her and their family, have to
complete the class online prior to 7/19 am

Curtiss

How to handle saw dust pile, working on saving that

Trent brought up at quarterly leader meeting that the kids don't know who we are, name tags, picture and biographies posted at the pavilion

Next meeting we can take pictures, group picture and be in button up shirt (black) for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: June 4th 6pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:07