
**Fremont County Fair Board
Minutes
March 13, 2025**

The Fremont County Fair Board met March 13, 2025 at the Fremont Center Boardroom, in Riverton, Wyoming. Board members present were Nikki Horton, Trevor Bekken, Kourtney Hanger, Alex Eckhardt, Jeremy Vukich and Megan Jones, Rob Dolcater was absent. Staff present were, Fair Manager Pat Hart and Laura Harrington, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Trevor Bekken

Trevor Bekken led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pat Hart gave the board prayer

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alex Eckhardt moved to approve the March 13, 2025 agenda; Kourtney Hanger seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. PATRONS

The Riverton FFA Ag Issues team presented their Hot Topics in AG presentation centered around House Bill 64 pertaining to EIN tags. They used a Jeopardy game format to present both sides of the mandatory use of EIN tags on livestock after which they took questions from the board and audience.

Cindy Olson the new director of the Riverton Chamber of Commerce introduced herself to the Fair Board and presented information on the Chambers After Hours Networking. The April Event will be held at the Fremont Center on April 24. She also shared about the Chambers lunch and learn program held the first Friday of the month. Cindy added that the Chamber may be interested in helping with the fair parade.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes from the February 13, 2025 Fremont County Fair Board Meeting.
- Financial Review: Approval of current bills and financial report.
- Alcohol Permits: Livestock Liquors
Megan Jones moved to approve the consent Agenda, seconded by Alex Eckhardt; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. EX-OFFICIO BOARD REPORTS

- **Commissioner Liaison** – Commissioner Allen was not present
- **Fremont County Extension** – Tanya Santee reported that the Sale Board approved paying for the YQCA classes and that Friends of Fair approved \$15,000 the requests submitted for displays and equipment. There will be a Shooting Sports leader training as well as a wool judging clinic over the weekend.
- **Wind River Extension** – Applications are still open for this position.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Royalty Committee** –No report. The group has a budget meeting set for March 23.
- **Youth Ambassadors**- Still no Committee.
- **Junior Livestock Sale Board** – No report the next meeting will be held on March 24.
- **Junior Show Advisory Committee** – There has not been a meeting. Tanya Santee reported that State Fair will have a Market Doe class that horns will be allowed on. Family animals can be shown at State Fair the animal must be shown by the exhibitor that shows it at County Fair. Trevor brought up the Chicken Show. Presently Chicken Show will take place in person. Tanya stated that there is the option of a virtual show with a presentation board at fair if that status changes.
- **Friends of the Fremont County Fair** -Tanya Santee reported that the Barn Bash was a success, raising approximately \$70,000.00- \$80,000.00. She reported that their new set up worked great and that the group is looking into a possible online auction option for next year. They are currently preparing for Spring Jackpot. The next meeting is on March 14.

VII. FAIR MANAGERS REPORT

- Pat presented pass pricing of; Exhibitor pass \$45, Youth \$55, Adult early \$100 and \$105 with a Crazy special of 3 races for \$38 adult and \$18 for youth. Jeremy Vukich moved to approve the prices and night show schedule, seconded by Kourtney Hanger; motion passed.
- Fair Schedule is being finalized. Mandy Nation would like to leave the Dog show as it was last year. Pat will meet with the three Horse Show superintendents on Monday March 17.
- Competition Guide will be completed and online as soon as possible
- Budget Update- The county is facing a \$4 million dollar budget cut. The three offline county boards will need to cut a total of \$600,000.00. Pat reported that County Clerk Julie Freese stated at the department head meeting that the fairs budget may not be cut as much as the other boards because the fair is self-generated. The next meeting will be on March 24 and Pat will have more information at that time. Pat stated that Larry Allen told her training and travel would be cut for employees.
- The Friends of Fair MOU was updated for this year's dates. Discussion was held concerning the MOU with the Wind River Rodeo Roundup and it was determined that the board would like to meet with that committee to discuss changes to the contract. Nikki Horton mentioned that Fremont Motors is still upset that an out of stated dealer was brought in as a sponsor to the rodeo and that it reflects bad on the fair.
- Spring Fair Carnival is June 4-7, Jackpot shows are June 6-8, Figure 8 race will be June 7. Laura Harrington added that driver registration for the Figure 8 race open today and 35 drivers have already registered.
- Pat reported that the fair received the BOB award for best event in Fremont County

- Tanya Santee reported that Friends of Fair wrote a check for the Water Truck that was donated by Fluid Pro and Wind River Oilfield. There was discussion about how donations to the fair are handled. Pat will talk with the County on the proper handling of the donated funds and property.
- An individual has been asking about housing project animals at the Annex facility. There are not currently rules and a plan in place yet. Tanya Santee stated that she would like to see a plan in place prior to offering the facilities for use this year. Nikki Horton moved to wait until a plan and rules are formulated prior to offering this to exhibitors. The space will not be available for the 2025 fair, seconded by Alex Eckhardt; motion passed.
- Tanya asked about the grandstand concessions. Pat stated that she assumed the 4-H clubs would want to do it again next year.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Update Fremont Center Project- still waiting on panels for men’s restroom
- Fremont Center roof project- two estimates were received and are in Board packets. Mike Meeker from the county feels like an overlay would be appropriate for the roof. Nikki Horton asked if it was put out to bid. Pat stated that she called these individuals. Trevor Bekken, Megan Jones and Nikki Horton stated they believed that the call for a bid should have been published and put out. After some discussion it was determined that the “owner” of the project is the County. The board recommended that the Commission should put the project out to bid. Pat will ask if the County wants to put the project out to bid.
- Annex Update-
- Auto Flushers in Grandstand bathrooms- will be removed from discussions for now.
- City of Riverton’s request for land transfer- Pat has not heard from the city
- **Counting down....135 days until Race Ewe to the Fair 2025 Fremont County Fair**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Ratify decision to move First Interstate Bank savings to a CD. Alex Eckhardt moved to transfer the savings account to a CD, seconded by Jeremy Vukich; motion passed.

IX. Executive Session

none

Nikki Horton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Megan Jones; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM

Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m.**, in Riverton, in the Classroom, Fremont Center, at the fairgrounds.

Trevor Bekken, Fair Board President

Alex Eckhardt, Fair Board Secretary