



Board of Directors- Minutes February 3rd, 2025

RJF Mission Statement: "Promoting the advancement of local youth through agriculture, industrial education, and recreational activities and exhibits."

- 1) Called to Order by President Jeff Becker at 6:37pm
- 2) Flag Salute
- 3) Roll Call of Directors
- a) **Directors present:** Jeff Becker, Travis Scott, Mandy Garner, Diane Collins, Stacy Pate, Michelle Scott, Victoria Stanley, Cindi Zeigler, Scott Weller, Connor Nelson, and Kelsey Weller
- b) **Members present:** Stacey Nelson, Laird Nelson, Dani Upson, John Wolfe, Athena Wolfe, Christine Snyder, Casey King, Jasmine King, Kim Newcomer, Taytum Stanley, Payton Scott, and Rylie Scott
- c) **Guests present:** Jessica Nelson and Henry Garcia
- 4) Jeff Becker presented the February agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as read. Motion/Second: Stacy Pate/Michelle Scott. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) Jeff Becker presented the January minutes for review. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes as read. Motion/Second: Stacy Pate/Scott Weller. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Scott Weller presented the December and January Treasurer's report. Scott states for the December report, some of the Chase accounts were already closed. A motion was made to approve the December treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of December 1st: \$75,895.19 and an ending balance as of December 31st: \$64,002.32. Motion/Second: Diane Collins/Cindi Zeigler. Abstained: Scott Weller. Discussion: Mandy asked if the money market account was making any money/interest. Per Scott-no interest was being made. Unsure why we were keeping it open. Travis reached out to Kristy Parker (past treasurer) re: the Money Market account and was told it was being used as a savings account. It was suggested to investigate other options for Money Market account. Travis also asked about the \$30 service fee. Per Scott-due to not having more than 12 deposits in the accounts monthly. Motion passes unanimously with one abstention. A motion was made to approve the January treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of January 1st: \$64,002.32 and an ending balance as of January 31st: \$73,342.25. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Mandy Garner. Abstained: Scott Weller. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously with one abstention.
- 7) Open Forum: *Melissa Sargent states had initially spoke with Curtis back in Sept 2024 about using the grounds from May 1st-5th for her Grieving Moms Retreat. States found out it had not been put on fair calendar and saw the BBQ/Pie Auction was scheduled for May 3rd. Asking if still ok for her to host the retreat during that time, as it would be hard to reschedule. Board agrees ok to use during that time.
*Christine Snyder states spoke to Joe Stupar and everything is all set up for the horse show.
*Scott announced East County Auction and BBQ will be held March 16th at the Lakeside Rodeo grounds starting at 11am.
*Henry with Kahoots states the open house will be on March 8th from 4-6pm for those interested in being a part of FFA/4-H/Grange. It will either be a BBQ or Chili cook-off and opportunity for groups to make money and recruit people.
- 8) Officer Reports
 - a) **President:** Jeff states he has been working on updating fair emails. Received update from Big Ass Fans and they will be sending a no charge warranty to repair the fan. States has been looking into what Russ suggested for new speakers. Met with Ryan Ash to create the best plan. Possibly looking into renting. Travis suggests looking into getting better speakers for the office as well.
 - b) **Vice President:** Travis states will hold off on going over rental agreement item. Will be forwarding the agreement form, as well as ROCC rental agreement so everyone can look over prior to next meeting. Is wanting to find ways to accrue money for the fair and wants the property to have more use as well. State has had some organizations reach out, such as Miss Ramona Rodeo, to use grounds. Scott mentioned the liability insurance for the fairgrounds went to \$4000/yr. Travis also suggesting redoing RJF website, upgrade it with new pics and make it more user friendly. Jeff states will work on it. Travis sent an email re: grants, so will keep the board updated. States Matt Gorham is willing to be the auctioneer again for fair.

- c) **Secretary:** No report
- d) **Treasurer:** Suggested to take out number 6 on agenda (treasurer report) and just do report in 8d, as it is same info.
- e) **Fair Administrator:** Diane states got everything situated with Bank of Commerce and can issue checks now, so will be working on that.
- f) **Fair Clerk:** No report.
- g) **Board Members:** No report
- h) **Youth Directors:** No Report
- i) **Livestock Superintendent:** Still in need. Travis states Matt Parker now has ability to haul livestock to slaughterhouse and he is willing to help us out with hauling. Will work out the details closer to fair.

9) Standing Committee Reports

- a) **Scholarship Committee:** Michelle states she emailed out the Scholarship applications. Only change made was in the dates. States would like to get it approved so can put it up on website. Also sent out the updated policies and procedures, which also need approved. Discussed changing a word to amended in policies and procedures. Stacy motions to approve policies and procedures as read with change of verbiage to say "amended". Travis seconds motions. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously. Stacy motions to approve the scholarship application with change of new dates. Scott seconds motions. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- b) **Budget Committee:** Scott states there were some minor changes to the 2025 budget. See hand out of budget sheet. If any concerns, reach out to Scott. Michelle motions to approve the 2025 fair budget. Stacy seconds the motion. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously with one abstention from Scott.
- c) **Auction Committee:** No report
- d) **Steering Committee:** Kelsey states only a few people made it to last meeting. They discussed some fair themes, and the favorite was "The Greatest Showman". Next meeting will be 2/19.
- e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** Diane discussed the changes made to the premium book. See list of changes provided. It was questioned if novice classes should be removed. Board voted and tied 5:5 for keeping classes vs removing classes. Jeff Becker was tie breaker. Voted to keep novice classes. Scott motions to approve the 2025 premium book as read with possible amendments that may come forward. Cindy seconds the motion. Abstains: Travis, Michelle, Mandy, and Victoria. Motions passes.
- f) **Awards Committee:** No report.

10) Ad-Hoc Committee Report

- a) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** Jeff states he hasn't been to any meetings yet.
- b) **Community Advisory Committee:** Jeff states attended last meeting, but nothing discussed pertaining to the fair. There was discussion of doing equestrian trail through the river bottom.
- c) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** Jeff states hasn't walked the grounds yet. Travis states he is still talking with Andrew Hankins about a new sign for the office.
- d) **Computer Committee:** No report. Diane asks if can pay Showworks since it is already in budget.
- e) **Camping & Security Committee:** No report
- f) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** Mandy and Deb Huff present idea for advertising and marketing re: using Maverick again for posters/banners and t-shirt design. Was told he would keep the price same as last year. Discussed idea of goat picture, as well as t-shirt designs. Jeff states would be able to help with printing smaller posters for store front. Deb also suggested idea of kissing booth with baby animal(s) for Saturday. Scott states budget for marketing was decreased from \$5000 to \$1000, but still have budget for merchandise of \$3000. Stacy states reached out to Julia and Kahoots is willing to sponsor buyer's lunch again, which would allow for an extra \$4500 to be allocated elsewhere, possibly helping with marketing. It was suggested for the board to think about it and discuss it at next meeting. Casey King suggests reaching out to Maverick and asking to lock in same price for next year as well.

- g) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee-** Athena discussed some new ideas to help keep buyer's and kids interested. Discussed idea of a silent auction along with the pie auction, depending on number of entries received. She wants to get info out asap so people are aware of the changes/options. Suggested to ensure people understand the items need to be homemade. Jeff states he reached out to Levi Gassaway re: pie auction auctioneer.
- h) **Grants Committee-** No report
- i) **After Auction Committee-** Jessica Nelson states she was able to get last year's donation letter from Mary and made some changes. She will be getting it out asap. She will also be doing advertising for the after auction.

- 11) New Business: Fair Themes: List of fair themes discussed. Theme voted on for 2025 fair: "Country Roots and Cowboy Boots". Jeff states the artwork will need to be in by next meeting.
- 12) Jeff states the next RJF board meeting will be March 3rd @ 6:30p.
- 13) Meeting adjourned by Jeff @ 9:55p. Motion/Second: Travis/Mandy. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner
RJF Secretary

Minutes approved at the RJF Board Meeting March 3rd, 2025