



Board of Directors- Minutes April 7th, 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 6:38pm
- 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, Kim Newcomer, Jasper Dilts, Dani Upson, Jasmine King, and Casey King
- c) **Guests present:** Carolyn Audibert and Jessica Nelson
- 4) Jeff Becker presented the April agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda with the change of removing Travis Scott's name from 9e. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Diane Collins. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) Jeff Becker presented the March minutes for review. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes as read. Motion/Second: Mandy Garner/Scott Weller. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Open Forum: *Michelle Scott states was talking with Alison Fender about being the dog superintendent and found she won't be able to do it now r/t other obligations. States was told by Alison the superintendent helps run the show, gets judges, sets up and takes down the show and provides the dog show supplies. She is happy to help with scheduling classes and has the arm bands and score sheets. Victoria states she can reach out to someone she knows and will get back to the group. Michelle suggests Kristin Banegas.
*Scott states we received a thank you card from Kim Newcomer and Ramona Stars group for the new outside lights on the Home Ec Building.
*Kim states East County Fair sells their Home Ec entry baked goods after judged and asked if we could entertain that idea for our fair. States it is a way to donate back to the fair. It would only be the baked goods. Kim states she will find out the logistics of it and get back to the board. She would also like to move ahead with the garden beds, which were already approved by the board. Jeff mentioned Economizers stated they would help with donations for them.
- 7) Officer Reports
 - a) **President:** Jeff discussed March events: Kahoots hosted 4-H open house, which went well. Had a workday on 3/15, hosted by Ramona Wranglers, to help clean up grounds. Had the Spring Fling jack pot show, which was a huge success. Upcoming events for April: 4/26-Prefair hosted by Kahoots at the fairgrounds from 0800-1200. Per Stacy there will be a mini judging on carcass and a health seminar. Encouraging kids to come and bring animals, as there will be prizes, awards, etc. *Showworks update-Jeff states he will be leaving tomorrow to go to training. *Speaker System-cost will be approx. \$415.50 for the whole system. *States a donation came in from Blue Shield c/o Scott Flynn for \$600. *Ransom Brothers needs an updated list of the current board members. *Jeff states the idea of cementing the pig barn has come up. Kristy Parker suggests talking with Chris with CV Construction for a quote and will reach out to others for quotes. States it will help keep the barn cleaner and add more usability to the grounds for multipurpose use. The board agrees to looking further into it. States the CAC committee asked if the board would be open to the idea of allowing the skateboarders to use the grounds in front of the Home Ec building. The insurance would be under RMWD and they offered to help with the cost of cementing the pig barn if they could potentially use that area for the skateboarders. The fair won't be liable. Jeff states he needs to get more clarity on how often it would be used, as it is a backup plan in case they need another place, but it wouldn't be permanent, just a pop-up. *Regarding keys for the office, Travis suggests re-keying the office and re-issuing keys to the board, as well as getting more made for the Home Ec building.
 - b) **Vice President:** Travis states he has been working with Brandon Hankins on a sign for the fair board office, hoping to get that done by fair. Also states Kristy Parker is willing to donate a pig to the fair, poss as a raffle (opportunity drawing). States spoke with Dan and he is willing to donate all the butchering fees. Thinking \$20/ticket or some sort of package deal. Need to get at least \$1000

out of it. Travis also states we need to ensure the wash racks are not backing up, as there was an issue during Spring Fling. He will get a hold of the water district to see if it has been done.

c) **Secretary:** No report

d) **Treasurer:** Scott Weller presented the March Treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the March treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of March 1st: \$74,679.55 and an ending balance as of March 31st: \$66,050.02. Motion/Second: Stacy Pate/Cindi Zeigler. Abstained: Travis Scott and Scott Weller. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously with two abstentions. Scott states with the approval of the minutes, he can close the money market account. Diane states she went by the bank to find out about options for the service charge on the premium account: 1) if we want to do away with the interest fee on the account- must be \$2000 or more in the basic business account and it will waive the \$8 fee. 2) If we keep a daily balance of over \$5000 in the premium business account, it waives the \$15 fee. Scott makes a motion to change the premium account from business interest bearing checking to basic business checking with a minimum of \$2000 so there is no service charge accrued. Motion/Second: Diane/Travis. Abstained: Scott Weller. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously with one abstention.

e) **Fair Administrator:** Diane states ear tags have been ordered. She is working with Stacy on getting judges and will be talking to Curtis to get an extensive list on the duties of the Livestock Superintendent. States there were internet issues during Spring Fling, which was due to a pinched cable, but Sky Valley was able to fix it. Suggests thinking about running a conduit along tarp wires. Jeff states spoke with Russ about it as well. Victoria asks about the price of our internet now, which is \$600/yr. Discussion about Starlink internet, as always having issues with current internet. Travis states will gather more info re: Starlink and get back to board.

f) **Fair Clerk:** No report.

g) **Board Members:** No report

h) **Youth Directors:** No Report

i) **Livestock Superintendent:** Still in need, but Jeff will start heading things up.

8) Standing Committee Reports

a) **Scholarship Committee:** Michelle states will be holding interviews this week. Eight applicants for the scholarship.

b) **Budget Committee:** No report

c) **Auction Committee:** Diane states she is starting to put together auction day office, finding people to work in the office that day. She has reached out to Lori Scott and Carmella, who are both willing to do so. Will be reaching out to others. Michelle states Carol Roe is considering it. Diane states also needs to work on getting Paypal and Venmo up and running.

d) **Steering Committee:** Connor states they finalized the schedule of events for fair week. Because there will be no poultry show this year, they are thinking about integrating the classes into shows vs having one big class. Also thinking of having a shirt contest design next meeting.

e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** Diane states since Del Mar is not having poultry or dairy cattle shows, so we need to discuss our show. States she has had people reach out re: diff options for the kids, so they can still be a part of the fair. Thinking of things such as stuffed chicken for the primaries, avian bowl, and poultry posters. Jasmin states East County is doing the avian bowl and stuffed chickens. Diane states she will remove the show from the premium book. There is already info on the poultry poster in the book. Travis asks if we can leave it open for suggestions x 1 month and get other people's input/ideas. Jeff states need to have the input of the superintendents as well. Tentative plan for now-once the decision is made, Diane wants to publish the premium book no later than June 1st, which will give 1 month for entries. Scott asks if anyone has reached out for the US contest.

f) **Awards Committee:** Victoria states they sent out letters and got the sponsorship banners hung.

9) Ad-Hoc Committee Report

a) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** Travis states he gave the \$400 check to the Chamber for advertising with them. Jeff states he is working with the Chamber on the printing side of things, and they are doing social media. Michelle suggests getting a group of kids together to walk around town passing out advertising posters for the store fronts.

b) **Community Advisory Committee:** No report.

- c) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** Jeff states he is working on projects around the grounds.
- d) **Computer Committee:** No report.
- e) **Camping & Security Committee:** Travis asks about calling security company to get it lined up.
- f) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** No report
- g) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee-** Jeff states he has been working with Athena. States had a lot of positive feedback about bringing back the Truck and Tractor show, so plan on having it and Crissy Tobiason offered to help as well. Also states has looked into permits for the deep pit BBQ. Travis states he has reached out to Mrs. Toth about the cookies for the pie auction and is still waiting to hear back. States the Ramona Queens reached out and are willing to come back to the BBQ/Pie Auction again this year.
- h) **Grants Committee-** Stacey Nelson states she has one application that needs to be turned in by the 11th. States she needs an estimate for the speaker system we are trying to get. Also trying to fill out the grant letter for the RMWD, so we can get that going. Will need to reach out to Erica to find out specifically what information they need.
- i) **After Auction Committee-** Jessica states she has been getting donations in. States she got one from Dave and Busters and in the process, they asked if they could come to the fair and pass out flyers/cards. States also received a donation from Volcan.
- j) **Ground Rentals:** Jeff states he is working with Melissa Sargeantt for the retreat in May. He wants to get a group together to discuss revising the rental agreement.

10) New Business:

11) Jeff states the next RJF board meeting will be May 5th @ 6:30p.

12) Meeting adjourned by Jeff @ 8:19p. Motion/Second: Scott/Travis. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner
RJF Secretary

Minutes approved at the RJF Board Meeting May 5th, 2025