



Board of Directors- Minutes March 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 6:39pm
- 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, Curtis Martineau, John Wolfe, Athena Wolfe, Christine Snyder, Jasmine King, and Casey King
- c) **Guests present:** Jason Merriman, Jessica Majel, Michael Audibert, Carolyn Audibert, and Kristen Blackburn
- 4) Jeff Becker presented the March agenda. It was suggested to add rental committee under AdHoc Committee section with Jeff and Travis as chair of committee. A motion was made to approve the agenda with noted change. Motion/Second: Diane Collins/Stacy Pate. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) Jeff Becker presented the February minutes for review. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes as read. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Michelle Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Open Forum: *Jason Merriman with East County Grange spoke about SoCal Spring Fling. States since last year, Spring Fling has grown and makes a good amount of money to give back to the kids. This year they expect the show to be even bigger with more kids from out of town and state. The goal is trying to keep the costs as low as possible with putting on a good show. Jeff states has been talking with them in trying to get rental agreement in place, so will get it all settled tonight after meeting.
*Erica with RMWD states they were successful in getting the \$10 million in state grant. They want to execute an agreement now to start using the money. States water district is doing all the contracting but has a partnership agreement. The main thing to do is fill out the partnership agreement and write a letter to explain source of income, if have federal funds or not.
- 7) Officer Reports
 - a) **President:** Jeff discussed some calendar events: Kahoots has partnered with 4-H to host an open house on 3/8. Will be having a workday on 3/15, hosted by Ramona Wranglers, to help clean up ground for the SoCal Spring Fling, which is 3/28-3/30. East County is having their BBQ/Pie Auction in March as well. States Stacy Pate is unable to attend the Showworks conference, so he will be going in her place. RJF email addresses-states created one for Jessica Nelson and states still having issues with old names associated with old email addresses, so suggests how to possibly fix that. States currently working on updating RJF website. Re: speak system, Ryan Ash has friend who will rent out speaker system he already has for around \$400. States Ryan will monitor it during the fair/auction as well.
 - b) **Vice President:** Travis states working on water getting fixed, as RMWD has been asking about it.
 - c) **Secretary:** No report
 - d) **Treasurer:** Scott Weller presented the February Treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the February treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of February 1st: \$73,342.25 and an ending balance as of February 28th: \$74,679.05. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Stacy Pate. Abstained: Scott Weller. Discussion: None. Motion passes unanimously with one abstention. Scott also states he looked into different CD's to invest the money market account. Travis made a motion to withdrawal the \$20,143.62 from the money market account and put it in to a 90-day CD. Michelle Scott seconds the motion. Scott abstains. Discussion: None. Motion passes with one abstention.
 - e) **Fair Administrator:** Diane states wrote checks for refunds. Asking who is interested in wanting access to the google sheet so she can share it. States has remaining ear tag catalog and will get with Curtis to ensure orders correct tags. Looked up the info re: poultry show. Our premium book it states turkeys can be no more than 21 weeks and ownership 30 days. Unknown if will be able to have the poultry show at this time, as still waiting to see what happens. Stacey Nelson states had

to order them a while ago. Del Mar is deciding by 4/15 to see if poultry show and Dairy show will happen per Jasmine King. Stacey asks if turns out we can't have the show, would there be a spot for kids to post barn sales. Jasmine suggests being careful in advertising it, because of the flu scare. Jeff states can discuss further.

- 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 the application went live a couple weeks ago. Hasn't received any yet. Application closes on 3/16. Also states has been going through perpetual plaques in the office and would like to make all three at the same time, which is within her budget. Travis states not sure Friend of Fair plaque should be covered under scholarships. She did get quotes for the plaques-couple different options depending on how want plaques made. If want all to look the same and update the older ones to look the same, it would be \$609.13, including header replacement, 17 name plates and 3 new plaques. It would be done by local company in Ramona. If already in budget, will go ahead and get everything ordered. Jeff states changed the scholarship budget from \$3500 to \$7500 to give more scholarships if needed.
 - b) **Budget Committee:** No report
 - c) **Auction Committee:** No report
 - d) **Steering Committee:** Connor states they met on 2/19, talked about the theme, artwork, and t-shirt design. Kelsey states will be going with a tan/brown color for shirts. Connor states also talked about the schedule, such as activities and other events. One of the games they talked about having was a costume contest, so the small animal exhibitors can join in. Next meeting will be 3/19.
 - e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** Diane states almost done updating the premium book. States looked up on the state fair rules website re: use of substances. States must be approved prior to use on the fairgrounds and must be labeled. Stacy asks if we can exclude use of electrolytes from that rule. Diane asks if everyone is ok with use of verbiage. Suggests to table until next meeting.
 - f) **Awards Committee:** Victoria states she revised the letter and will be sending it out by end of the week.
- 9) Ad-Hoc Committee Report
- a) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** Jeff states he hasn't been to any meetings. Travis states spoke with Joe re: getting them a \$400 check to be in on all advertising with them. Travis motions to issue check of \$400 to Ramona Chamber of Commerce for social media advertisement. Stacy seconds the motion. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
 - b) **Community Advisory Committee:** No report.
 - c) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** Jeff states talked about the fair clean-up stuff and there is a lot of "to-do" stuff to help clean/fix up the grounds. States Big Ass Fan gave us the VFD at no cost to us. States working with James the electrician to get it fixed and Matt Parker is willing to help as well. Travis states talked to Justin Stanley in digging the hole to get the water leak fixed. Will be doing it after Spring Fling. Jeff states is trying to get DG to level barns and fixing parking lot. He also spoke with Crissy Tobiason about it and possibly has someone to donate DG. Will continue working on that and update at next meeting. Wants to get the grounds looking better. Travis states wants to see if can add fan to beef barn and get sprinkler system up on that barn as well.
 - d) **Computer Committee:** No report.
 - e) **Camping & Security Committee:** No report
 - f) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** No report
 - g) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee:** Athena asks if able to use premium book artwork to make the "save the date" cards for the BBQ/Pie Auction. Jeff states he will do the printing. Jeff also states would like to do deep pit BBQ again. Athena states if someone is willing to stay the night before and help, would be ok to do that again and have to get the permit through S.D. County. Travis asks about getting banner up for everything.

- h) **Grants Committee-** Stacey Nelson states she has been working on getting 2 AED's on grounds and up date all first aid supplies. Also asking for a list of priorities, will start working on those as well.
 - i) **After Auction Committee-** No report
 - j) **Ground Rentals:** Have been discussing rental agreement and updating it so we can start getting money back for the use. Need to get grounds up to par for use.
- 10) New Business: Artwork presented and voted on. Winner: Boots by Scarlett DePointe and Horse by Rylie Scott. Cindy asks if winner will be getting \$50 check, as last year was supposed to but heard the winner didn't get it. Jeff states will make sure they get it. It was also brought up that Prom is being held on 5/3, which is the date for BBQ/Pie Auction. Discussed if should continue with that date or change it again to another date. Travis asks if can have a deadline by end of week to find another date and will send out text or email to board for final decision.
- 11) Jeff states the next RJF board meeting will be April 7th @ 6:30p.
- 12) Meeting adjourned by Jeff @ 8:21p. Motion/Second: Travis/Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner
RJF Secretary

Minutes approved at the RJF Board Meeting April 7th, 2025