



## Board of Directors- Minutes October 6th, 2025

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

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- 1) Called to Order by President Jeff Becker at 6:36pm
- 2) Flag Salute
- 3) Roll Call of Directors
  - a) **Directors present:** Jeff Becker, Travis Scott, Stacy Pate, Victoria Stanley, Cindi Zeigler, Scott Weller, Michelle Scott, and Carolyn Audibert
  - b) **Directors excused:** Mandy Garner, Diane Collins, Connor Nelson, and Kelsey Weller
  - c) **Members present:** Stacey Nelson, Laird Nelson, Chase Nickens, Taytum Stanley, Justin Stanley, Athena Wolfe, Casey King, Jasmine King, Kim Newcomber, Christine Snyder, Jasper Dilts, Chuck Dilts, and Payton Scott
  - d) **Guests present:** Chris Partridge, Jason Merriman, Dave Wagner, Brian Garrett, and Angel Garrett
- 4) Jeff Becker presented the November 2024 agenda. Asks board's permission to use present agenda as guideline for meeting and will email out correct agenda for Oct 2025. Board approves.
- 5) Jeff Becker presented the September minutes for review. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Cindi Zeigler. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Open Forum: \*Chris Partridge, Community Outreach Manager with Joel Anderson's office, presented Certificates of Recognition to the board members as well as superintendents and large sponsors. Chris states on behalf of Joel Anderson, want to thank everyone for all the fair has done for the community. States the supervisor also likes to run a list of scholarships and grants, so would like to connect with someone on the board and talk more about that.

\*Jason Merriman and Dave Wagner with East County Grange asked to rent the fairgrounds for March 27 – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for their annual SoCal Spring Fling Livestock Show. States they will also be talking with Ramona Chamber to rent the back lot and that the needs would be about the same as last year's event. Jason also discussed the benefits of Spring Fling and what it is all about. They will be partnering with Ag boosters/FFA. Board agrees on allowing them use of the grounds at that time.

\*Brian Garrett states there is a new Poway FFA advisor this year and the advisor is not sure he wants to do RJF this year. Angel Garrett states many of the Poway FFA students enjoy showing at Ramona. States they had similar issue last year. They are wanting to know if it would be the same steps to follow as they did last year. Jeff asks them to stay in touch with the board and let them know more when they know for sure if the teacher will do Ramona Fair. Jeff states he will personally invite the teacher to a fair board meeting. Jason Merriman suggests for Brian to go through the district, as they may be able to help further with this issue. Stacy Pate also suggests reaching out to Katie Salo, the CTE Director for Poway, who also may be able to assist.
- 7) Officer Reports
  - a) **President:** Jeff states there were no events last month. Coming up events for the month of October include the car rally on the 18<sup>th</sup> and on 11/1 a motorcycle rally put on by Chamber.
  - b) **Vice President:** No report
  - c) **Secretary:** No report
  - d) **Treasurer:** Scott Weller presented the September Treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the September treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of September 1<sup>st</sup>: \$248,262.93 and an ending balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup>: \$191,142.13. Motion/Second: Cindi Zeigler/Stacy Pate. Abstained: Scott Weller. Motion passes with one abstention. Discussion: Travis asked about the total for resales and trucking, which goes back to the scholarship account. Scott states he still needs to split the money into the proper accounts. Travis states the Parkers didn't want to be paid for hauling the animals on the truck and asked instead to put what the fair would have paid towards the scholarship fund. Scott states last year we paid about \$1800 for the trucking. Jeff states we made about \$480,000 at auction and \$85,000 in add-ons. Travis asks what the total amount given in scholarships was for this year, which was \$6,500. Scott states made over \$10,000 at the after auction and had extra money from the

sponsorships, in the amount of \$6000, which also goes to the scholarship fund. Scott states he still needs to total up the resale amount.

- e) **Fair Administrator:** No report
  - f) **Fair Clerk:** Stacy states they sent all the checks out to the kids who had add-on money, as well as supplemental checks to reimburse the 4% charge that was accidentally added on. Jeff states it was supposed to be 2% and it took 4%.
  - g) **Board Members:** No report
  - h) **Youth Directors:** No Report
  - i) **Livestock Superintendent:** No report
- 8) Standing Committee Reports
- a) **Scholarship Committee:** No report
  - b) **Budget Committee:** No report
  - c) **Auction Committee:** No report. Travis states the auction lunch was a huge hit. Received a lot of compliments.
  - d) **Steering Committee:** Cindi states needs to figure out what day to have the meeting on, as waiting on the FFA and 4H rep. Majority states to keep meetings as is, having them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month.
  - e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** No report
  - f) **Awards Committee:** No report.
- 9) Ad-Hoc Committee Report
- a) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** No report
  - b) **Community Advisory Committee:** No report
  - c) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** Jeff states will be coming up with a list of items that need to be addressed, such as dead tree removal.
  - d) **Computer Committee:** No Report. Jeff states there was a generous offer/opportunity come up from a talented web designer, Carmela, to help improve the website. Travis states she has some great ideas.
  - e) **Camping & Security Committee:** No report
  - f) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** No report
  - g) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee:** No report
  - h) **Grants Committee:** Stacey states she received the "grant" for an AED, but it is more for a percentage off, which still means the AED is very pricey. States she is submitting another grant with Clothes Closet to possibly get one through them. Jeff suggests speaking with Joe Wier, who also does grants. Jeff also states Erica is working on getting a group together for the large grant with the water district.
  - i) **After Auction Committee:** No report
  - j) **Ground Rentals:** Jeff states there are a couple groups on the calendar for the next month.
- 10) New Business: **Elections:** 3 positions open on the board plus an FFA rep and a 4H rep spot. Michelle Scott, Scott Weller, and Mandy Garner are all termed. Michelle states she will re-run. Travis explains if the position doesn't get filled, the board appoints someone to that position and if they except it, they fill that position for one year. Then the spot can be filled for the additional 2 years when they find someone; it opens back up. Travis asked Chase what the rules were for the rep positions, Per Chase, with Jeff's agreement, a rep can run if it is not back-to-back or the alumni year. The exception would be if nobody ran the following year, then that same person could run again. Nominations for 4H rep: Payton Scott and for FFA rep: Chase Nickens and Angel Garrett. It was explained by Travis: to vote, you have to pay and be a member in good standing. Jeff thanks everyone who came to the mtg. The new elected members for the board: Michelle Scott. The 4H rep: Payton Scott and FFA rep: Chase Nickens.
- 11) Jeff states the next RJF board meeting will be November 3rd @ 6:30p. It was asked what the fair dates would be for next year. It was suggested to continue with end of July, with the horse show on July 24<sup>th</sup> and fair starting on 25<sup>th</sup> running through Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>.

12) Meeting adjourned by Jeff @ 7:43p. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Victoria Stanley. Discussion: none.  
Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner  
RJF Secretary

\*Minutes approved at the RJF Board Meeting November 3rd, 2025\*