



Board of Directors- Minutes January 5th, 2026

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 6:40pm
- 2) Flag Salute
 - a) Roll Call of Directors:
 - b) **Directors present:** Jeff Becker, Travis Scott, Mandy Garner, Diane Collins, Stacy Pate, Victoria Stanley, Michelle Scott, Taytum Stanley, Cindi Zeigler, Payton Scott, Angel Garrett, and Carolyn Audibert
 - c) **Members present:** Michael Audibert, Tank Audibert, Jasmine King, Stacey Nelson, Conner Nelson, Jasper Dilts, and Christine Snyder
- 4) Jeff Becker presented the January agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda with a change in the year to 2026 and removal of Athena's name from 8c and 9c, as well as changing computer/technology committee to open position. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Mandy Garner. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) Jeff Becker presented the December minutes for review. A motion was made to approve the minutes with moving Roy's name from guest to member. Motion/Second: Michelle Scott/Travis Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Open Forum: No report.
- 7) Officer Reports
 - a) **President:** Jeff states Russ Christiansen's memorial is January 16th in San Diego. It is open to anyone who would like to go. Discussed December events: Kid fair meet and greet event-used the slab in front of Home Ec and we received a donation of \$100 from them. Upcoming events for January: Rally Cross will be Jan 17th. States Carmella is doing a great job on the fair website. States he is working with her as much as possible. Re: BOD emails-steering committee email address will be designated to Payton and Angel (steeringcommittee@ramonajuniorfair.org), Diane has Mary and Dani's old email, and Victoria has Scott's old email address. Has been forwarding email addresses to designated persons. Jeff and Travis came up with idea to co-share office dedication to Russ and John Scott. Jeff states they want to do a bigger sign, that will be permanent above the office door. Jasmine states Casey would be willing to help with the sign.
 - b) **Vice President:** Travis states the Rally event will be taking place at the fairgrounds a few more times in the next few months. They will be paying us \$200 each time.
 - c) **Secretary:** No report
 - d) **Treasurer:** Victoria Stanley presented the December Treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the December treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of December 1st: \$114,238.04 and an ending balance as of December 31st: \$108,544.37. Motion/Second: Cindi Zeigler/Travis Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously. Victoria states there are still some outstanding checks, but less than previous. States will also be working on trying to get the Venmo account figured out.
 - e) **Fair Administrator:** Diane states she will be ordering ear tags and then hand off to Carolyn. Will be ordering the Grand and Reserve banners soon but waiting to see what is going on with poultry and dairy. States if order sooner than later, get a 10% discount. Stacey Nelson states Del Mar sent an update that poultry and dairy are cleared and ok to show again. Jasmine states looking at email, states ban has been lifted. Suggested to re-evaluate exhibitors that would be showing dairy this year. Asked to put out a public announcement on FB and email re: how many, if any, would be interested in showing dairy @ RJF. Deadline would be by Feb 2nd, letting Diane know. Diane states Russ had created special coding for showworks, specifically for the auction, and was working an updated "how to". States will be going over the servers and see if can find it. States Nancy reached out and states she would help. Jeff states if any informational gaps, can reach out to Showworks and they can help find everything and help us re-create it. Diane states confident Russ has it all done, just need to find it. Diane states will be ordering ribbons as well.

- f) **Fair Clerk:** Stacy states she talked to Julia and Kahoots would like to sponsor the buyer's lunch again-\$4500. Asks if can put a shout-out to Kahoots on FB. States if leaders have any specific products at Kahoots, Bella will be making a list for those items and then Kahoots will reach out to their suppliers and try and get it. Also states would like to go to Showworks conference in April. Michelle motions to send Stacy to the Showworks Conference in April. Travis 2nds the motion. Discussion: none. Motions passes with abstention from Stacy. Travis states Kahoots is willing to do the Fair Pre-check on either April 11th or the 18th. Would like to get a date on the calendar now. Agreed on the 11th. Diane states it is time to pay for the Showworks renewal, so will be doing that.
- g) **Board Members:** No report
- h) **Youth Directors:** No Report
- i) **Livestock Superintendent:** Carolyn states hasn't heard anything from Eclap, still waiting for a response. Re: the fair-talked with the Brand Inspector and he wants a Bill of Sale from the Rancher if animal is coming from in-state breeder. If the animal is from out-of-state breeder-exhibitor must have the Bill of Sale and a Health Certificate within 30 days of purchase or Branding Certificate. States the Brand Inspector told her he will not pass the animal if the exhibitor doesn't have the correct paperwork. Also prefers the original paperwork, not a copy. Suggestion to send an email to all leaders and post on FB. Brand Inspector is advising if animal goes to another fair, such as Del Mar, exhibitor needs to keep the sale slip for Ramona (original not copy). Carolyn states Tank and Jasper will be helping her again at the fair and she will be reaching out to the other animal superintendents. States spoke with Warner's FFA about the Ramona Fair and trying to talk to other schools, such as Julian, and encourage them to come to the meetings and try to help them out. States once talks to the vet, will provide more information.

8) Standing Committee Reports

- a) **Scholarship Committee:** Michelle states she sent a link for revised application to the board. It is same as last year, but cleaned up some things and made it more user friendly with help from Carmella. States needs approval from the board and then will launch it 2 weeks from now. Jeff asks about the Letter of Rec: if it includes one from a board member. Michelle said they removed needing a letter from a board member, as not all board members know the kids and felt 3 letters was a lot. Travis suggests having a third option, where the kid can pick 2 out of 3. States she will put it in her notes for next year. Board approves to move forward with the app.
- b) **Budget Committee:** Victoria states on the new budget sheet format, it is separated into expense and income columns. Will be increasing the Steering committee budget to \$3000. This budget report is the proposed budget for 2026. Jeff states at the top has the starting money for previous year and suggests adding that amount. Stacy asks about judge fees, if need to keep separate travel and lodging. Victoria says she just condensed the budget, didn't add anything. Jeff states they adjusted things at the budget meeting, and this is what was proposed. Travis motions to approve the budget with increasing the Steering committee budget to \$3000. Cindi Zeigler 2nds the motion. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- c) **Auction Committee:** Jeff states he spoke with Athena, and she is not able to commit to auction lunch or the pie auction r/t personal reasons. States she is willing to help mentor someone. Jeff states it is now an open position and will be looking for someone. Victoria suggests Donais for the pie auction. Stacy states she will reach out to the guy who helps with the food for the lunch. Jeff states will contact Matt as well. Waiting to find out when the HS prom is to finalize pie auction.
- d) **Steering Committee:** Angel states at the last meeting they discussed the budget but had to change it because it was wrong by \$15 r/t costume competition awards. Jeff states they now have a bigger budget to work with, so shouldn't be a problem. Payton states for the Feb mtg, it will be sponsored by Kahoots. Will be from 3p – 6:30pm on Feb 21st. There will be a blow-up obstacle course, pizza, and Julia will do an educational talk re: livestock. Remove the Feb Wed mtg and change it to Feb 21st. Next meeting will be January 21st @ 6:30pm in the Home Ec building.
- e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** Diane states will be having a meeting in the Fair board office on Sunday, January 18th at 2pm. Jasmine states the kids will be needing to know hatch dates for Turkeys. States kids usually get the Turkeys by end of Jan.
- f) **Awards Committee:** Jeff states wants to get a meeting set-up to discuss sponsorship/award stuff. Taytum states she will talk to Michelle and see if there is a date to meet. Victoria said she redid the letter and will send it to Jeff. Jeff states need to update the website as well.

9) Ad-Hoc Committee Report

- a) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** Reached out to Joe and Karen re: if want to include us in the next meeting. They will be talking about getting ready for Country fair.
- b) **Community Advisory Committee:** States will be going to the next meeting.
- c) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** No report.
- d) **Ground Maintenance Committee:** Jeff states still open position. Michelle asks about a clean-up day. Cindi states Wrangler's will host one on Feb 21st, 8:30a –12p.
- e) **Computer Committee:** Jeff states he and Diane will be working together to fill in the holes. He knows some people who are knowledgeable in computers and will reach out. Need to get Starlink set up.
- f) **Camping & Security Committee:** Still an open position. Travis will do it if needed. Still waiting to hear back from Tom Nelson. Will reach out to Hawthorne re: generators, see if can get a discount for those who rent one. Thinks may be an incentive for people to follow the camping rules.
- g) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** No report
- h) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee-** No report. Jeff states wants to reach out to Matt Parker re: the truck and tractor show again. Mandy suggests reaching out to the Crissy, Kristen, or Johnny Breaun to see if they could help. Travis asks we need to confirm the date of the pie auction. Board agrees to keep it on May 30th.
- i) **Grants Committee-** Jeff states Stacey is working on the grants for c-train, AED, and ice machine. For the c-train, she needs to know what type of door (roll-up or swing). Travis states typically have swinging doors. Also working on basics for the barn roof vents and needs info on what we need budget wise. Travis says need someone to help with that. States will try and find one. Jeff state Roy's son does that type of stuff, so will reach out to him.
- j) **After Auction Committee-** No report.
- k) **Ground Rentals:** He and Travis met in December and came up with an updated version for rental agreement. States the first part of it is about for-profit event and at the bottom there are discounts for non-profit organizations. Much discussion took place about all the details of rental agreement. States the agreement is based on 2-day rentals. Suggested to add an amendment for additional days after 2 days. Also suggested if a non-profit organization is renting with 100 or more people-discount of 25% off. Also suggested for sound system rental to be at discretion of the board. Jeff states will get back to the rental agreement next meeting with a revised version. Victoria states she is going to see how much it costs to get a phone for the fair grounds. It will allow us to do venmo, tap to pay, and can even accept phone calls from people.

10) New Business: Fair theme list presented and voted on by the BOD. 2026 Fair theme voted on: "Start your engines, it's Fair time". Need to announce fair theme artwork is due by March meeting.

11) Jeff states the next RJF board meeting will be February 2nd @ 6:30p.

12) Meeting adjourned by Jeff @ 9:07p. Motion/Second: Taytum Stanley/Mandy Garner. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner
RJF Secretary

Minutes approved at the RJF Board Meeting February 2nd, 2026