



Board of Directors- Minutes February 2, 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 6:32pm
- 2) Flag Salute
 - a) Roll Call of Directors:
 - b) **Directors present:** Jeff Becker, Travis Scott, Mandy Garner, Diane Collins, Stacy Pate, Victoria Stanley, Payton Scott, Angel Garrett, and Carolyn Audibert
 - c) **Directors excused:** Michelle Scott, Cindi Zeigler, and Taytum Stanley. Jeff states Taytum has school on Mondays now, which was unforeseen, so unable to attend meetings until May. She will be available if needed. Jeff asks if any issue with that. Board agrees it's not an issue.
 - d) **Members present:** Christine Snyder and Kim Newcomer
 - e) **Guests present:** Brian Croom and Tom Nelson
- 4) Jeff Becker presented the February agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as read. Motion/Second: Travis Scott/Stacy Pate. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) Jeff Becker presented the January minutes for review. Travis states he mis-spoke at last month's meeting re: the car rally. States they will be paying RJF \$200 each time vs \$400. A motion was made to approve the January minutes with the discussed change. Motion/Second: Mandy Garner/Travis Scott. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.
- 6) Open Forum: Christine asks if there will be another premium book meeting to discuss the horse show. Diane states she will reach out to discuss further.
- 7) Officer Reports
 - a) **President:** Jeff discussed Jan and Feb events: States had the Rally Cross a couple weeks ago, which he was able to go each time. States the group that organized the event and other participants mentioned how thankful they were for the use of the parking lot and the support. The next Rally will be March 14th and 15th. Jeff states the RJF was invited to have representation at the Ramona Chamber Awards Gala, as we were nominated for non-profit of the year, which we made the top 3. Himself, Robin, Travis, and Michelle represented the RJF at the event. In Feb, we are co-hosting a network mixer with Kahoots for the Ramona Chamber. Kahoots will be sponsoring the food for that. Stacy states Kahoots was nominated and awarded with Business of the Year for Ramona. Jeff states the mixer is Feb 19th at 5:30p. Needs help getting the food and getting set-up. Will be sharing more details on that. February 21st, Ramona Wranglers hosting a clean-up day. Mandy states Steering Committee is also that day at Kahoots, 3pm. Jeff introduced Brian Croom, who has offered to help with the computer systems in the office and other technological things. Jeff also states Carmella is still working on updating the website.
 - b) **Vice President:** Travis states need to take pics of the new board members for the website, either tonight or next meeting. Also mentions he will need to order the polo shirts for those who need them this year.
 - c) **Secretary:** No report
 - d) **Treasurer:** Victoria presented the January Treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the January treasurer's report with a beginning balance on all accounts as of January 1st: \$108,544.37 and an ending balance as of January 31st: \$103,122.62. Motion/Second: Stacy Pate/Mandy Garner Discussion: Travis states donation was misspelled. Victoria states she will correct it. Motion passes unanimously. Victoria states there are still a few outstanding fair checks from exhibitors. Also states Showworks charged us twice but will get it worked out.
 - e) **Fair Administrator:** Diane states she is waiting to order the Grand and Reserve banners due to further discussion of dairy cattle show. Mandy states many responded to the post of bringing dairy cattle to RJF. Diane is looking for another place to order ear tags because previous place is not doing the same ones. States did get a phone call from Joe Liggett, whose daughter has a steer being sponsored from USDA (has a loan from them). He was told that the RJF must sign off on the

loan as the purchaser. Jeff states FFA has a program for kids to get a loan and then they pay off the loan when sell the animal. Diane states not sure what to say, as RJF has never done that before. Carolyn states she did speak to the Julian FFA advisor and suggested she reach out for help but hasn't heard any more. Diane will have to find out more info re: topic.

- f) **Fair Clerk:** No report
- g) **Board Members:** No report
- h) **Youth Directors:** No Report
- i) **Livestock Superintendent:** Carolyn states already discussion about the loan for the steer. Also received an email about the dog judge but didn't know much about issue. Victoria states she took care of it and issued the judge her check. Carolyn states she will be contacting all the animal superintendents to ensure they are all on board. Will also be contacting the Ultrasound person and also asking about the program used. She spoke with the brand inspector as well. Christine Snyder states there are things in the works state wide with Cattle Woman and they have a lot of money to spend/sponsor. States they are very interested in beef carcass, so when gets more details about it, will let us know.

8) Standing Committee Reports

- a) **Scholarship Committee:** The scholarship application is live.
- b) **Budget Committee:** Victoria states she made the change for the steering committee budget to \$3000. Also states there is now a fair cell phone. Victoria and Taytum will oversee carrying and answering it. Also states RJF Venmo and PayPal are up and running again. States the phone was \$110 (includes 3 months of service and the phone) and will be \$15/month. It will allow us to use credit card swipe on it as well. She has a tap box we can hook up to use with the phone for credit card use. Wants to get Starlink set up and ensure everything is working. Jeff asks about Scholarship budget: States out of general account, allocate \$7500 and then left over from awards goes to scholarship, so is wondering if we are going to increase the number of scholarships we give or increase the amount we give or what the plan will be moving forward. Victoria will look what is owed and what is left and figure out the budget moving forward.
- c) **Auction Committee:** Stacy states she needs the phone number to the catering company we used last year. Jeff states he emailed it to her. Diane states need to get one more laptop for auction day. Kim states Jim Blake from Ramona Stars donated 8 laptops to the photography group, so could possibly reach out and see if he could get one for auction.
- d) **Steering Committee:** Payton states March 18th the shirt designs are due. The next meeting is Feb 21st at Kahoots.
- e) **Rules & Premiums Committee:** Diane states they met for the first meeting, went through the book, and will bring the final approval to the next meeting. Will need to add in dairy and figure out times so shows don't conflict with Champion drive. Stacy states need to get beef numbers from FFA kids. Will also add poultry back in. States pulled the novice senior showmanship numbers from last year: 2 novice senior beef, 2 in rabbits, 1 in sheep, and 7 in swine. Have discussed novice classes previously but bringing it back up for discussion to see if should keep the classes or not. Topic tabled for further discussion.
- f) **Awards Committee:** Victoria states they finalized the letter and had Jeff print some out. Will be putting it on the website and sending it out. There will be different banner sizes this year according to sponsorship levels. States they already have buckles chosen. Travis states he was looking into cost of renting a bathroom trailer for auction day and found it was about \$1400/day for a 4-stall trailer. Will further research and bring info back.

9) Ad-Hoc Committee Report

- a) **Chamber of Commerce Committee:** Jeff states the Network Mixer is coming up as discussed earlier.
- b) **Community Advisory Committee:** Jeff states went to the CAC meeting; they are looking at building a dog park.
- c) **Construction and Grounds Development Committee:** Jeff states he and Travis met with Erica re: the grant stuff. They were told can move forward with some of the improvements, such as the water fountain, C-train, HVAC, misters for the pig barn with additional fans, vents for the barn, fixing the roof on Home Ec, and a few other things. States if we have volunteers to help, it will save money and allow us to put more of the grant money into other projects.

Travis states it does include the new barn but will have to wait and see funding after the other projects. Christine asks about the skate park. Jeff states Karen with "Let the Kids Grow", is taking over the skate park stuff, so once things are more organized with that project, she will be reaching out to Jeff.

- d) **Ground Maintenance Committee:** States still looking for someone to help. Tom Nelson states he could possibly help with that.
- e) **Computer Committee:** No report.
- f) **Camping & Security Committee:** Tom Nelson will be assisting with camping. Victoria states she may have someone to assist with Security.
- g) **Fair Marketing & Education Committee:** Mandy states keeping up with FB posts. States Deb Huff is willing to help this year as well. Michelle and I will be coming up with t-shirts again.
- h) **Pie Auction & BBQ Committee-** Jeff states still looking for a main contact for Pie Auction stuff. Matt Parker states will handle the Tractor display. Spoke with Jon Donais and he is willing to do the deep pit BBQ again. Need help with display/decoration set up, which will be starting the day before. Jeff states will start on the permit for pie auction. Travis states there is nothing going on next door that day, so won't be running into any issues that way.
- i) **Grants Committee-** No report.
- j) **After Auction Committee-** Tom states Jessica is putting together a preliminary letter to get out.
- k) **Ground Rentals:** Jeff states he revised the rental agreement. Discussion took place re: the new changes on the agreement that was handed out. Asked for the board's input on the revised agreement. Travis states researched the price of small scale and large scale for rental purposes: small is about \$1700 and larger around \$3000. Jeff states wants to get the agreement approved to give it to Spring Fling organizer. Stacy suggests adding a hold harmless agreement to the agreement. Jeff will fix the typo stuff, have Travis take one last look at it, and send it off to Jason Merriman. Specifically for Spring Fling: the first couple years RJF supported the event and didn't charge anything. States last year they paid \$350. This year they will be under the rental agreement. Jeff states for 2-day rental, it would be about \$2300 to \$2500. States they have a Friday night event. Asking if we should charge them a 3rd full day or half day. Board agrees to charge for 2.5 days. Suggested to rekey the office prior to Spring Fling to ensure the office doesn't get used.

10) New Business: Carolyn introduced new Warner Springs FFA Advisor Maribel Reyes.

11) Jeff states the next RJF board meeting will be March 2nd @ 6:30p. Art contest is due by next meeting.

12) Meeting adjourned by Jeff @ 8:33p. Motion/Second: Stacy Pate/Diane Collins. Discussion: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Garner
RJF Secretary

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