



**DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025  
DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
KIRK HALL  
MINUTES**

Dean Elliott - Chairperson, called the Douglas County Fair Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 18, 2025. The meeting was held in Kirk Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

***Board Members Present:***

*John Adams  
Pat Candelaria  
Scott Candelaria  
Dean Elliott  
Tom Harris  
Wes Jacobs  
Ryan Johnson  
Scott McHenry  
Dr. Phil Riesselman  
Patti Russell  
Pat Salazar  
Hayden Schmidt  
Lori Sorenson  
Lora Talbert  
Lisa Turner*

***Associate Members Present:***

*Nick Candelaria  
Tori Checkal  
James Jamison  
Linda Jefferies  
Chayse Lutz  
Garrett Northrop  
Dick Sabulsky  
Jean Sabulsky  
Frank Silici  
Ted Sorenson  
Danny Talbert*

***Other Guests Present:***

*Cason Candelaria  
Mercedes Glenn  
Guinevere Nelson  
Avanleigh Hastings  
Baze Hastings  
Danielle Hastings  
Davannie Hastings  
Paisley Hastings*

***Staff Members Present:***

*Lisa Goudy  
Tim Hallmark  
Sharon Hines  
Michelle Mannes  
Tori Thelen*

***Board Members Absent:***

*Sarah Fischer  
Jennifer Foss  
Debbie Mills  
Pam Spradlin  
Rob Tkach*

***Associate Members Absent:***

*Clay Adams  
Matt Coyle  
Deb Dilley  
Josiah Fredricks  
Lauren Heaton  
John Holst  
Ryan Kennedy  
Ty Quintana  
Gabriel Ryan  
Chris Spyke  
Cynthia Tkach  
Monica Wilson  
Kate Wormington  
Matt Wormington*

**6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****Public Meeting**

**Public Comment** – The Hastings Family addressed the Fair Board, asking about the possibility of adding Reserve Champion Belt Buckles. The Family stated that they had a sponsor lined up for a few years to pay for the buckles.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** John motioned to approve the last meeting's minutes. Pat C. seconded. No discussion. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wes reported that the overall budget for the 2025 Fair would be finalized within the next few months. Overall, the budget looks very good, and we are trending in a good direction.

**Consent Agenda:** No consent agenda.

**Reports From Other Groups:**

**CSU:** Mercedes reported that they are finishing up the year strong with enrollment for the 2026 year opening on October 1. Achievement Night is coming up on October 22, and the theme is Fall Harvest. They are also hosting an enrollment open house on November 14 in Kirk Hall from 6-8 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend both events. Mercedes will send an email to all Fair Board members with an RSVP link for Achievement Night.

**4-H Foundation:** Patti reported that the 4-H Foundation has given nine four-year scholarships out this year.

**Regular Agenda**

**Staff Report:** No report.

**Old Business****2025 Fair Debrief**

**Committee Workplans:** The workplan templates are available under the resources tab. Dean asked that each Committee meet and work on these at their October meeting. Each committee Chair will present them to the Fair Board at the November Fair Board meeting.

**Zeck Updates:** An email was sent out with instructions to log on to two Zeck training sessions coming up in the next few days. Dean encouraged everyone to take advantage of those opportunities.

**List of Things to Work on from 2025 Fair:** Dean provided a list of items to work on from the August Fair Board meeting. He asked the Board to review them to ensure he captured the intent behind each suggestion. A few clarification questions were asked, the board agreed everything looked correct.

**New Business**

**Fairgrounds Facility Utilization Collaboration:** The Fairgrounds will soon implement changes to the event booking process as part of an initiative to support its ongoing growth. A concern was raised regarding the availability of dates for pre-fair shooting sports activities in 2026. Staff will continue working with event holders, CSU Extension staff, and the Shooting Sports Advisory Committee to ensure a suitable solution is reached.

**Volunteer Appreciation Event:** Dean reminded everyone of the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation event on the Midway on Friday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited, and no RSVP is required.

### **Other Business**

**Director Comments:** Pat C. reminded the group to please get any award suggestions or changes to her ASAP.

Pat C. made a motion to move the October Fair Board meeting back one week to October 23 instead of October 16. Scott C. seconded. John opposed, as he has a conflict on 10/23. No further discussion. All others approved.

**Adjournment at 7:40 pm.**

**Next Meeting: October 23, 2025**

### **Rules for Citizen Engagement at Fair Board Meeting**

In order to have orderly, efficient, civil, and productive board meetings, the following rules apply to all citizens that have a desire to address the Board:

1. Citizen comments will be heard during the public comment section at the board meeting.
2. All citizen comments must be addressed to the Board. Directing comments to staff or other members of the public is not permitted during Board meetings.
3. Public comment section is limited to ten minutes collectively.
4. Citizens are asked not to repeat comments made by others; merely indicate their concurrence.
5. Citizens will be asked to use a microphone so that Board members and the audience can hear their comments.
6. Clapping, cheering, booing and the like are not permitted at Board meetings.
7. Failure to abide by the aforementioned rules of engagement is considered disruptive to the public process and will result in a warning to the violation citizen(s) by the Board Chair. If after that warning the citizen(s) continues to violate these rules, they will be asked to leave the meeting. If the citizen does not leave the meeting when asked, the appropriate steps will be taken by the Board Chair to have them removed from the meeting.

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**Mission Statement:** The Douglas County Fair and Rodeo is the premier annual community event in Douglas County bringing together the best of Rural Heritage, Agriculture, Western Sports, Youth and Adult Exhibits and quality Entertainment.