

Floyd County Fair Board Meeting
5/21/2025

Called to order at 6 pm

Members present were: Blake Frascht, Ben Kisch, Dan Swartzrock, Drew Mitchell, Dusti Howe, Jeff Harris, Kierstin Heim, Matt Stille, Melissa Merriss, Mike Quade, Rich Tynan, Ron Hillegas, & Ryan Wegner

Secretary Report: The minutes of the February, March, and April meetings were read. Dustin made a motion to approve, seconded by Blake, the motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Drew gave an update for all checking and savings accounts. Matt made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron, the motion passed.

Guest Presentation:

- Alex Kohler with Olympus Door Company - discussed options for yearly preventative maintenance and what his company could offer the fair.

Committee Reports:

- FFA Instructors:
 - CC FFA - Animal entries for the fair are down. Their banquet went well. The pig show entries were down and they will finish mulching the trees with the bedding from the show arena. They also removed the planters from the west entrance and will redo.
 - Bacon Buddies has money donated for the medals and is looking to get participants signed up.
 - A few members were wanting to do a 5K but needed to confirm with the sheriff's office if they will be doing an event prior to fair kicking off.
 - We will continue to offer live streaming of the livestock shows.
- Extension/4-H County Committee:
 - West St Charles Feeders and the RRMR FFA will redo the landscaping north of the wedding barn. The fair coordinator position is open and they are working on getting that position filled. Entries are due 6/20. Poultry solution is good and Derek Straube is on board to test again this year for us. Will need to get numbers and look at the cage options and needs. Jeff Harris reported on behalf of the West St Charles Feeders. There is the option of additional landscaping around the sign. The estimated cost is \$614. The group will start with the original approved landscaping and come back to the additional needs around the sign.

- Auction:
 - Space at Value Added Pork is confirmed. We will have pricing closer to fair. Bogey will haul beef. Travis and Bogey are lined up to haul sheep. Lynch Family Companies will be an alternative buyer for cattle. Travis Jones will truck all locker animals and to value added pork again this year.
- Building & Grounds:
 - Viafield is donating shavings and mulch again. One load of mulch and 8 pallets of shavings will be delivered closer to fair.
 - Wednesday, June 11th - Figure 8 work night. Come out at 5 pm or when you're able too. June 13th volunteers are needed - not just board members.
 - Rain gutter in the YEC needs to be cleaned out.
 - Work nights will start on Wednesdays in late May.
 - Mike gave an update on driveway maintenance for the grounds. Ron will work to ensure holes are filled and the driveway and parking areas are maintained and presentable.
 - Matt got started on the concrete by the crows nest and will work his way down.
 - Need to get the gate installed by the picture area with the latch by the picture wall.
- Fundraising:
 - Thank you to the Floyd County Cattlemen for their donation towards the beef barn upgrades.
- Publicity:
 - Kierstin met with Nelson Media Company out of St Ansgar to see what they offered and pricing. More information to come.
 - Looking at different shirt options for board members. Kierstin will gather options to present to the board.
 - A motion was made to have a banner for Madison Stille Photography in the show arena in exchange for Madison taking pictures at fair in 2025 by Drew, seconded by Blake. Motion passed.
- Refreshments & Vendors:
 - Confirmed the coffee truck from Greene will be at the fair this year open in the mornings. There are a few openings and looking to get those spots filled if board members know of trucks that are available or have recommendations to let Melissa know.

- Security:
 - Brett will ask past FFA members to work overnight security again this year.
- Off Fair Events:
 - Figure 8 races will be Friday, June 13th - need volunteers to work the event and help with clean up prior to and after.
- Building Rentals:
 - We will be setting up one code for all board members that will be used for all buildings.
 - The executive board met with the Double C Saddle board and the horse superintendent to go over the Facility Overview and Usage Guidelines. The document was shared with the board outlining guidelines when using the fairgrounds.
- Superintendents:
 - Devon Murray requested the board look into purchasing a new swine livestock scale. The board discussed different options and will table it for future discussion.
 - Alyssa Staudt will be resigning as dog superintendent at the conclusion of the 2025 fair.
- Royalty:
 - Continue to share and let those know about the application process.
- Volunteer Coordinators:
 - Share on Facebook and help get volunteers lined up. 15 to 20 people have reached out. 1st Security Bank and Cambrex have employees lined up to come out.

Correspondence:

- Thank you from the food bank.
- Nashua Post Prom thank you

New Business:

- With the change for concrete it may require electric updates, Stanton gave a quote of roughly \$8,500 on the high end. Mike will share the quote out to be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.
- Fullerton will donate the dozer for getting rock on the pit road.

Other Business:

- Following the meeting please help move the new chairs to the wedding barn.

- Union Busy Bees will hold a clean up day in June. They are planning to weed around the grounds and powerwash rabbit and poultry cages.
- Sheep Foot - We were not able to get the one on the auction. Keep your eyes and ears open to see if anything else is available.

Dustin moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ron, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6 pm in the SCC.
Minutes submitted by Melissa Merriss