

Floyd County Fair Board Meeting
10/29/2025

Called to order at 7:00 pm

Members present were: Blake Frascht, Ben Kisch, Dan Swartzrock, Drew Mitchell, Jeff Harris, Kierstin Heller, Les Staudt, Matt Stille, Melissa Merriss, Mike Quade, Rich Tynan, Ron Hillegas, Ryan Wegner, & Chau Landt

Secretary Report: The minutes of the September meeting were read. Matt 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.

Committee Reports:

- Extension/4-H County Committee:
 - Fair Premiums were dropped off to the extension office, they need to be picked up by December 1st.
 - Beef Weigh-In is December 6th from 8 am to 11 am.
- Rulebook
 - Matt and the committee would like to update the verbiage and make it more consistent across species. Not a lot of changes otherwise.
 - The committee and superintendents will review the rule book and communicate changes with the extension office Book needs to be published by March 1st.
 - Static rules are based on the state fair rules.
- Storage Rentals:
 - Items were put into storage on 10/25 & 10/26. There may be room for one or two more items. Additional items will be coming in on 11/01. Seven to eight more items are in storage than last year.
- Building & Grounds:
 - We are waiting on a quote from Stanton to upgrade the grandstand lighting.
- Fundraising:
 - Comedy night is Friday, 11/21. 17 tickets are left unsold. Any board members that want a ticket, please reach out to Kierstin.
- Publicity:
 - Keep sharing Facebook posts. We are also going to look into additional options for promoting the fair and our events.

- Refreshments & Vendors:
 - Vendors from fair 2025 have started reaching out to request their spot for 2026 already.
- Security:
 - Kierstin was going to reach out to get additional quotes on upgraded security cameras. Possibly look into a couple other options. We are still having issues with the lights and breakers being flipped.
 - Discussion was held around adding chains and/or a lock to the new pit entrance to help deter traffic.
- Off Fair Events:
 - Figure 8 races will be held Friday, June 12, 2026, during the fair, and the weekend before the Big 4 Fair.
- Building Rentals:
 - Jeff is going to look into a quote on handicap door installation for the buildings.
 - Need to redo the floors in the YEC during the off season.
- Superintendents:
 - Tim Mitchell resigned as beef superintendent. The board thanks him for his help with the beef show.
 - We are still looking for a dog superintendent. Melissa and Kierstin will reach out to those that are interested.

Old Business:

- Mike reported back to the board regarding concerns with the 2025 Beef Show. The board would like to have more involvement prior to hiring or selecting judges for the county fair.
- The horse barn to date has \$165,000 raised. May need to look at tearing down sooner rather than later and getting dirtwork done. Colors will need to be selected as well. Mike shared options selected by the committee and the board will review at the next meeting.

New Business:

- North Iowa Breastfeeding Coalition would like a space to set up a mothers room for nursing/changing babies and kids. They would clean and stock it. It would potentially be something available at all events. The board discussed what options currently exist and where it could be put. It would need an electrical supply. Kierstin has talked with them and will discuss further what their ideas are.

Other Business:

- There was a request from a fair attendee to make the grounds a smoking/vaping free facility. Mike clarified the grounds already are and the board members can help do their part to remind fair patrons.
- In the rulebook it states, the fair is open to active FFA members. Marrison Frascht wanted to clarify if that meant that graduated FFA members could show at the Floyd County Fair. The board agreed that based on this rule, yes they could. Any active FFA member is able to show at the Floyd County Fair. There was discussion around Showmanship and what those classes would look like.
- Discussion was also held around a senior exhibitor being allowed to win showmanship consecutively. The rulebook committee will review and provide further direction.
- Kierstin decorated a Christmas tree. They are available for viewing at the Rustic Corner and then will be auctioned off. Everyone was encouraged to go out and vote on 11/7 & 11/8.
- Officer Elections were held. Running for President was Mike Quade, Vice President was Kierstin Heller, Secretary was Melissa Merriss and Matt Stille, and Treasurer was Drew Mitchell.
 - President: Mike Quade
 - Vice President: Kierstin Heller
 - Secretary: Melissa Merriss
 - Treasurer: Drew Mitchell
- Drew made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Blake, motion passed.

Drew moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Blake, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7 pm in the YEC.
Minutes submitted by Melissa Merriss