

Floyd County Fair Society Annual Meeting

July 20, 2025

The annual meeting of the Floyd County Fair Society was called to order by President Mike Quade at 1:04 PM. There were 57 members in attendance.

The secretary's report from the 2024 annual meeting was given. Matt made a motion to accept the report, which Blake seconded. Motion passed.

Drew gave the treasurer's report. Matt made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

We have four names currently added to the ballot, with five full-term openings. Ron Hillegas, Blake Frascht, Ryan Wegner, and Kierstin Heim are up for re-election.

Kurt Thorson was thanked for his time on the board. President Mike then called for nominations from the floor. Les Staudt, Lyle Staudt, and Troy Jaeger were nominated, and a paper ballot vote was taken.

The election results were as follows:

Ron, Blake, Ryan, Kierstin, and Les, fulfilling three-year terms.

Fair Wrap-up: A special thank you to our Fair board Families and our 4-H and FFA groups for volunteering extra hours to prepare the grounds for the Fair.

Old Business:

Updates and improvements:

1. New electrical in sheep, goat and cattle barn. Thank you to the Floyd County Cattlemen and the Larry Stewart Memorial for their donations to help with the electrical updates.
2. Sidewalk addition from grandstand down to main area.
3. Gates and fencing were repaired around the grandstands.
4. The pit area was expanded.
5. New pit entrance and road were added.
6. Upgraded pit lighting.
7. Regular driveway and parking lot maintenance
8. Purchased a tractor and gator.
9. Purchased tools and a storage cabinet.
10. Upgraded door locks to use key codes for ease of access.
11. Gutters were added to the show ring and sheep barn.

New Business:

1. Horse building updates. Tammy Quade presented at the Tuesday Royalty night with a design for the new horse barn. A committee will be formed to help with fundraising and final draft of the building for board approval. The goal is to have the building ready by fair 2027.
2. Many ground tile updates are needed to help with water flow. Maps will try to be located to assist with this project.
3. An open discussion was held with members of the fair society.
 - a. Lyle Staudt addressed monthly meeting minutes and not seeing them on the website. President Mike and Secretary Melissa explained that this was due to a lack of meetings in those months and the previous months not being approved yet. Going forward if no meeting is held, a note will be made on the website.
 - b. Compliments were given on the continued improvements around the grounds with sidewalks, electrical, water management, and overall fair experience for the exhibitors, families, and friends.

- c. John Ruzicka expressed concern regarding the beef show and the way the situation was handled during the final drive. He had met with some board members, the beef superintendents, and 4-H Committee and thought the issue of not making rate of gain had been addressed. Then when it came to the final drive his child and calf were not included. President Mike agreed we would look into the issue and try to make improvements for the following years. He agreed that a decision had been made and try to uphold decisions to the best of our ability. Follow up would be held at our regular September board meeting.

- 4. Improvements to be made:
 - a. More outlets in the barns

Matt moved to destroy the ballots used to vote for the fair board, which was seconded by Jeff. The motion passed.

Fair dates for 2026 will be July 15-19

Rich moved to adjourn the meeting, which Ron seconded. Mike adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

The board members in attendance were Blake Frascht, Ben Kisch, Dan Swartzrock, Drew Mitchell, Dustin Howe, Jeff Harris, Kierstin Heim, Kurt Thorson, Matt Stille, Melissa Merriss, Mike Quade, Rich Tynan, Ron Hillegas, Ryan Wegner, and Chau Landt.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Melissa Merriss