

Floyd County Fair Board Meeting
03/18/2026

Called to order at 6:33 pm

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

Secretary Report: The minutes of the September meeting were read. Drew made a motion to approve, seconded by Matt, 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:

- FFA Instructors:
 - Charles City FFA -
 - FFA Banquet will be held 3/19 at 6 pm - all our welcome.
 - Bacon Buddies will be held on Friday at 4:30 pm during the 2026 fair. Sponsorships have been secured.
 - No FFA pig show will be held this year.
 - Rockford FFA -
 - Submitted a sponsorship letter to the board. Blake made a motion to donate \$100 to the Rockford FFA, seconded by Drew, motion passed.
- Extension/4-H County Committee:
 - 4-H Food Stand - Peggy is retiring, they're looking for someone to take over or there won't be a 4-H food stand. They need to get food ordered. Madison Mitchell and Peggy will be there to support whomever takes it over. The board was asked to please pass this information along and help get the position filled.
- Storage/Rentals:
 - Letters were sent out, items will be moved on April 25th and 26th from 9 am to 4 pm.
- Building & Grounds:
 - SCC Flooring - meeting next Wednesday to go over concerns.
 - Leadership Board Update - Mock up is done, getting quotes now and then will be shared with the board.
 - CRP land is up for renewal this year. Mike completed the paperwork. Looking at taking another acre out to the south of what we just took out. We will need to burn in May.

- Kiersten will contact Mick Gage to get the water turned on after all storage is out.
- Grandstand lighting - 15 total lights - total of \$14,730. This would be similar to what was done in the pit area. Drew made a motion to approve the new lighting, Matt seconded, motion passed.
- Entertainment:
 - Tractor Pull - new in 2026. Paid an additional \$500 to get the full show. 6 classes with 10/12 total. Drew moved to rescind the previous motion of \$6,500 for the tractor pull, seconded by Ben, motion passed.
 - Drew made a motion to increase the total cost to \$7,000 for the full show, Matt seconded. Motion passed.
 - Kierstin will fill out Lovik sled contract and Rich Tynan will sponsor.
- Fundraising:
 - Spring Fling - Good event overall. The board discussed looking at a different date but decided to keep it that same weekend. The event will be held March 6th, 2027.
 - Looking at different options at the event to auction off banners and sponsorships. Including Queen/Little Miss/Mister sponsorship with it labeled on the sash. And adding auction items like camping spots.
- Security:
 - Security Quote came in at \$10,170 to include 32 GB, antenna, switch, and 16 cameras. This system can support 32 cameras. Drew made a motion to approve the new security cameras and system, Kierstin seconded. Motion passed.
- Off Fair Events:
 - June 12th at 7 pm will be the Figure 8 Races.
- Building Rentals:
 - Damage to YEC and SCC - working on quotes.
- Superintendents:
 - Alison ordered poultry cages for the show arena. The company ended up donating a cage to us.
- Royalty:
 - The website is updated. Kierstin is working with Robin on ideas and the judging will be held the Sunday before like last year. Crowning will take place the Tuesday night of fair week.

Old Business:

- NBHA Contract - Kierstin is gathering information and putting it together.
- Horse Barn - Friday, March 20th we will be knocking the building down. If you took any steel please get payment to Drew.

Other Business:

- Melissa and Matt attended the district meeting and reported back on the training that took place.

Ben moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Drew, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, April 15th at 7 pm in the YEC.
Minutes submitted by Melissa Merriss