

MORGAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

May 22, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The Morgan County Fair Board met in person at the Morgan County Extension Office on, Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

In attendance were Commissioner-Jon Becker, Jon Cook, Cara Draegert, Dan Kendrick, Erik Mohrlang, Carter Mortensen, Dave Sharman, Shawn Stolberg, Jordan Traxler, Marlin Eisenach, Robin Halley, Katie Seelhoff, and Jamie Dixon. Brianna Walker arrived at 5:40 pm.

Jon Becker called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Jamie Dixon presented the Board with contact information for Ashard Moore with Next Era Energy. They are in Morgan County installing Solar Panels and would like to support the Morgan County Fair. Jordan Traxler took his information to contact for the Livestock Sale.

MINUTES

Carter Mortensen made a motion to accept minutes for April 24, 2025 as presented. Shawn Stolberg seconded. Erik Mohrlang abstained from the motion. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jamie Dixon presented the Board with contact information for Vision Media with Banner Health. This is the marketing company responsible for East Morgan County Hospital. They would like to support the Morgan County Fair in addition to what they already do. Jordan Traxler took his information to contact for the Livestock Sale.

Jamie Dixon presented Quanta Infrastructure Solutions Group, LLC is also interested in helping to support the Morgan County Fair. Dan Kendrick took their information to contact.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jamie Dixon will present the April financials at the June meeting. Dan Kendrick made a motion to table the financial report until the June meeting. Erik Mohrlang seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Entertainment, Cara Draegert reported she has confirmed the DJ and Cornhole and has requested invoices from both. No stage needed for DJ. Cara will work on poster for the two entertainment nights soon.

Bull Riding, Erik Mohrlang nothing new to report. Name will read No Credit Productions, Bucking Battle in the Fair Book.

Booth/Vendor, Shawn Stolberg reported that all previous booths are good to go. Shawn has contacted a taco truck and is waiting to hear back. Carter Mortensen reported he had talked to current manager at Love's and ice is confirmed. There is a new manager that will be brought up to date on the donation of ice. Dan Kendrick reported that the Knight's of Columbus has their liquor license and wants to have a concession stand during the week of Fair. Dan will get them a schedule.

Carcass Contest, Carter Mortensen reported that he is working on getting the buckles ordered.

Cara Draegert reported that she had received communication from Jake Oliver with pictures of the Grand Champion Poultry and Rabbit belt buckles to post on the Fair Boards Facebook page. Jamie Dixon will get Cara pictures of the other four species buckles to do a combined post.

Steak Fry, Jon Cook will work with Edward's Right Price Market to get supplies ordered and coordinate delivery. Fort Morgan and Wiggins FFA Chapters need contacted to help with Steak Fry.

Open Horse Events, Marlin Eisenach had checked with Peggy Roark on start time of Open Show on

Saturday, July 12, 2025. Registration starts at 7:30 am and show starts at 8:30 am.

Sale Committee, Jordan Traxler will be texting committee members about meeting June 18th or 19th. Nutrien will donate a pallet of water. Impressions by Bird will be contacted to print posters and BBQ tickets.

Crops/Horticulture/Farm Mechanics, Jon Cook needs new FFA Advisors contact information. Jamie Dixon will get this to Jon Cook.

OLD BUSINESS:

City of Brush-Stage, Cara Draegert will talk with Lance to cancel the Stage for the night of entertainment.

City of Fort Morgan Council Meeting, Dan Kendrick and Shawn Stolberg did not attend meeting. Jamie Dixon will follow up with Emily at City of Fort Morgan.

Superintendent BBQ-scheduled July 17, 2025 @ 5:30 pm @ MCFG, 4-H Building. Jamie Dixon reported that the meal is scheduled with Danette Blake at Drover's.

Kubota UTV/Polaris & JD Gator, Carter Mortensen reported that the JD Gator is confirmed with Doug Wulf at 21st Century. Jon Becker will take care of the COI. Dan Kendrick will contact Josh Sneddon at Wickham Tractor Company for an additional UTV.

Golf Cart Reservation for Steak Fry is confirmed by Dan Kendrick and he will pick up on Friday, July 25, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

One picture bid from Dustin Price Photography was presented by Jamie Dixon. Cara Draegert made a motion to approve the bid as submitted for Dustin Price to take the 2025 Morgan County Fair Jr. Livestock Sale photos. Jordan Traxler seconded. Motion carried.

Review Fair Special Events and Sponsorships, Jamie Dixon ran through the special events and asked the Board to confirm all dates and times as presented. Also, sponsors and committee members were asked to be confirmed. Jamie Dixon will email list to Jordan Traxler to look over.

EXTENSION REPORTS

Katie Seelhoff, Family Consumer Science and 4-H Specialist reported that she and Jamie Dixon had reviewed the to-do list timeline and along with Grace Wagner, have assembled and mailed out the General and FCS 4-H project packets to all members earlier in the week.

Jamie Dixon, Extension Administrative Tech reported that Fair is a short 60 days away and all 4-H and Open Horticulture Fair award sponsors have been contacted with at 75% confirmation at this time. Looking for approximately six more sponsors to take over for a couple businesses closing. A few suggestions were made by the Board and Jamie will contact.

Marlin Eisenach, Livestock Agent reported that he had contacted an individual that will deliver the pellets to the Fair Grounds at \$4.80 per bag of pellets, which is significantly cheaper than any local dealer. Marlin verified with Mike Cox delivery and storage. Erik Mohrlang volunteered Feldpausch to donate the pallet of shavings that is needed for weigh in areas and night of sale. Jon Becker volunteered Viaero's Van Trailer to transport the savings from Feldpausch to the Fair Grounds. Marlin handed out a comparison summary of 4-H livestock members, see attached report. Marlin talked more about the livestock camps that will be scheduled for the week of June 23rd. All species, dairy, beef, goat, lamb, poultry, rabbit and swine will be covered.

Robin Halley, Extension Director reported that the Morgan County Leaders Advisory Committee helps with reimbursement of up to half of the cost of camps/clinics if the youth is funded. Which means that

the youth must participate in the two fundraisers selling up to 4 items or donate \$25. Clarified the Murdoch's money if not used will go back into the CSU endowment fund to draw interest and will be tied up for up to 8 months. Three Horticulture/4-H Youth Specialist candidates are being scored. Interviews will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd at 8 am for the community involvement. Robin asked for Fair Board members to sit in on the interviews. County Area Directors meeting brought up that there are individuals that are making phone calls to fish for information that can be reported on. Please be careful if you receive a phone call that you don't get trapped. Robin will not be at the July 17th Fair Board meeting, due to Judging another County Fair.

Next Meeting June 19, 2025 at 5:30 pm at Extension Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.