

MORGAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

April 24, 2025

5:30 p.m.

The Morgan County Fair Board met in person at the Morgan County Extension Office on, Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Attendance:

In attendance were Cara Draegert, Matt Kalous, Dan Kendrick, Carter Mortensen, Dave Sharman, Shawn Stolberg, Jordan Traxler, Brianna Walker, Marlin Eisenach, Robin Halley, and Jamie Dixon.

Dan Kendrick called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Matt Kalous made a motion to accept minutes for March 27, 2025 as presented. Carter Mortensen seconded. Motion Carried.

Graduation Invitation for the children of Mike Cox was passed around.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jamie Dixon presented the following financial report: Sale checking account had no change as of March 30, 2025. March 30, 2025, Sale checking balance is \$5,975.89. March 30, 2025, Money Market account with an increase of \$4.52 interest for a final balance of \$11,837.09. March 30, 2025, CD had an increase of \$214.57 interest for a final balance of \$39,178.63. Grand total of the three accounts is \$56,991.61.

In addition Jamie share the following County Fair Board Budget expenses: 3/13/25 Beef Spring Weigh-In, Colorado Brand Board \$56.40; 3/31/25 Goat, Lamb & Swine Spring Weigh-In, DNA Envelopes & Labels \$63.55 and 4/1/25 Tags \$556.40; 4/3/25 Katelynn Johnson, Fair Book Cover Winner \$50.00. 3/31/25 Dave Sharman picked up invoice and delivered to CommonSpirit. 4/10/25 Received \$1500.00 Steak Fry sponsor check from CommonSpirit. Dan Kendrick requested the bill for Marlin to be reimbursed for the meal after beef weigh-in. Matt Kalous made a motion to reimburse Marlin Eisenach \$156.56 plus \$30.00 tip for a total of \$186.56 for the meal after beef weigh-in in March. Shawn Stolberg seconded. Motion carried. Jordan Traxler made a motion to accept the Financial Report as submitted. Matt Kalous seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Entertainment – Cara Draegert confirmed with Donovan Allen the Cornhole Tournament for \$150 on Tuesday, July 29th. Eric Gurrero will has been asked to DJ from 8 – 11 pm on Wednesday, July 30th. Eric charges \$300 per hour.

Carter Mortensen made a motion to approve the \$150 for Cornhole and \$300/hour up to 3 hours for the DJ. Shawn Stolberg seconded. Motion carried. Stage discussion to be continued in May.

Bull Riding – Erik Mohrlang - No report.

Booth/Vendor – Shawn Stolberg confirmed 4/10/25 Brain Freeze application received and awaiting payment. Blue Trolley Bistro and Women of the Moose have both reached out and are interested in coming back. Discussion on what other food trucks to ask. Shawn will reach out to a couple of the Mexican food trucks.

Jon Cook was contacted by Aaron Hettinger with University Napa to confirm the dates. They will cover goats, lambs, swine and beef shows, July 26-29. Same set up as last year with

horse trailer and canopy. Would like the same spot as 2024.

Carcass Contest – Carter Mortensen – Marlin Eisenach talked to Kevin Bell at Cargill and they are good to go as in years past. Carter reported that StageCoach and all others are good to go, same as last year. Carter will grade all Market Beef again in 2025. No Goat, Lamb or Swine ultrasounds or grading.

Steak Fry - Jon Cook confirmed with Edward's Right Price Market will order as in the past and also confirmed dates. All supplies will be delivered on the morning of the 30th. Will finalize quantities in the next couple months. Letter for Cargill needs a contact and will need signed after the meeting tonight. Dave Sharman volunteered to be the contact and will sign letter. Love's is good to donate all ice needed again this year.

Open Horse Events – Emily Curtis – No report

Sale Committee - Jordan Traxler stated that the committee will be meeting in June.

Crops/Horticulture/Farm Mechanics – Jon Cook – nothing new.

OLD BUSINESS

Shawn Stolberg reported Grand and Reserve Grand Beef, Goat, Lamb and Swine buckles have been ordered and will be delivered in the next week. They are sponsored by Stub's Powered by Creed Fuel.

NEW BUSINESS

Jamie Dixon passed out the New Fair Board Name Badges to Jordan Traxler and Brianna Walker. Dan Kendrick expressed a Thank you to both for volunteering to sit on the Fair Board.

City of Fort Morgan Council Meeting, May 20th by 6 pm to review the In-Kind request for the picnic tables, if any member from Fair Board would like to attend. Dan Kendrick and Shawn Stolberg both volunteered to attend the meeting.

Superintendent BBQ is scheduled for July 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building. Jamie will contact Danette at Drover to cater again this year.

Kubota UTV/Polaris & JD Gator – Dan Kendrick will contact Josh Sneddon at Wickham Tractor Co. and Carter Mortensen will contact Doug Wulf at 21st Century.

Dan Kendrick will make the six seater golf cart reservation for Steak Fry.

The City Of Brush has confirmed Dates for Portable Restroom for the Shotgun competition June 29, 2025 and Stage Use on July 30, 2025. Mud Volleyball is scheduled for July 30, 2025.

Premier Farm Credit Steak Fry and Sale BBQ supplies have requested, 2000 plates and cutlery. Has not been confirmed yet.

Lads 'n' Lassies 4-H Club 4-H have requested to continue to display the 4-H "Did you know?" signs during Fair in the various buildings. All Fair Board members were in agreeance that the signs are great and approved for them to be hung again in 2025. Thank You.

EXTENSION REPORTS

Jamie Dixon reported on Katie Seelhoff's behalf, County Council would like to cancel the Family Fun Night due to low participation in previous years. They would still like to do the Dunk Tank starting 30 minutes before the 4-H dance and into the first hours of the dance, near the north garage door entrance to the Multi-Purpose Building.
Have secured all of the General and FCS judges.
Working on ordering supplies for Shooting Sports
Preparing materials for General and FCS project packets that will be mailed out after the May 15, 2025 Add/Drop deadline.

Jamie Dixon had no report.

Marlin Eisenach reported the current registered members in the livestock projects; market goat 63, market lamb 53 and market swine 46. Market ID tags picked up to date are 44 market goat, 35 market lamb, and 60 market swine. May 1st is the deadline for all Breeding ID's. May 3rd is the optional market goat and market lamb weigh-in/tag-in from 8 am – 10 am. Please sign up if you can help out on May 3rd on the sheet that was passed around. May 5, 2025 is the market goat, market lamb and market swine ID deadline by 4:00 pm.

All scales have been certified. There was a 1 pound error on the goat/lamb/swine scale and worked with Bo at Paul's scales to correct the error.

Distributed three Catch-It Pigs on Saturday, April 19th. Pigs were supplied by Justin and Nicole Lowe. Pigs all weighed within 3 pounds of one another.

Organizing workshops/clinics for all species in the coming months. This will include Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine. Workshops/Clinics will be free of charge for all Morgan County youth. One species per clinic. Currently looking for presenters and asked for Fair Board member input. Should be finalized by mid-May. Murdoch's has donated approximately \$2,000 to be used to cover presenters' costs.

Robin Halley reported that Extension Office has hired a half-time Extension employee, Grace Wagner.

The Extension 4-H/Horticulture position will be posted on May 2, 2025 and close on May 19, 2025.

The next Fair Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office.

Carter Mortensen made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:37 pm. Matt Kalous seconded.