

MORGAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

June 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The Morgan County Fair Board met in person at the Morgan County Extension Office, on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

In attendance was Jon Cook, Cara Draegert, Matt Kalous, Dan Kendrick, Carter Mortensen, Dave Sharman, Shawn Stolberg, Jordan Traxler, Robin Halley and Jamie Dixon.

Dan Kendrick called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

Minutes:

Matt Kalous made a motion to accept the May 22, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Carter Mortensen seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Jamie Dixon presented the Financial Report for both April and May. No change in the Fair Sale Checking account, balance of \$5,975.89. The Money Market had a gain in interest of \$8.76, ending balance of \$11,845.85. No change in the Certificate of Deposit, balance of \$39,178.63. Total ending balance of \$57,000.37. Dave Sharman made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Matt Kalous seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Cara Draegert reported Cornhole and Barn Dance DJ are good to go. Cara has requested invoices from both but haven't seen anything yet. City of Brush is going to sponsor half of the Barn Dance DJ and Mud Volleyball is a go for July 30th, location to be determined.

Emily Curtis arrived at 5:40 pm.

No report on No Credit Productions, Bucking Battle.

Shawn Stolberg reported that University Napa has not completed a vendor application and booth fee yet. Shawn will follow up again. Women of the Moose are still interested in a booth and will get their application and fee turned in, Friday, June 20, 2025.

Carter Mortensen reported that there is nothing new to share on Beef Carcass Contest.

Jon Cook will look at the 2024 Edward's Right Price Market order and make adjustments in quantities before confirming July 15th.

Emily Curtis had nothing to report on Open Horse Events.

Jordan Traxler reported the Sale Committee will be meeting on June 27, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Erik Mohrlang's office, to split up buyer list, hand out Sale BBQ tickets, Sale Brochures and Posters. Jason Frasco and Karol Kopetzky will not be helping with the Committee in 2025. Jill Westhoff-Curtis will be leaving the Committee after the 2025 Fair. Jordan will send Jamie the invoice to be paid for the tickets, brochures and posters from Impressions by Bird. Pop is ordered, Ice is covered, Bottled water is confirmed with Nutrien and Greg Ditter is confirmed for cooking again.

Jon Cook reported that an email was sent to FFA Advisors reminding them of the Farm Mechanics and Open Field Crop Contests at Fair on May 30th. A few have projects confirmed to exhibit in Farm Mechanics, but no Crops.

Old business:

Cara Draegert confirmed the City of Brush stage canceled for Barn Dance.

Dan Kendrick confirmed two UTV's from Wickham Tractor will be delivered on Friday, July 25.

New Business:

Jamie Dixon presented paperwork to be processed for payment for events at Fair.

They are:

- Donovan Allen for \$150 for providing the equipment necessary for the Cornhole Tournament.
- Eric Gurrero with Big City Light & Sound for \$900 for DJ at the Barn Dance.
- NJC Alumni for \$200 for the Pedal Tractor Pull.
- Fair Premiums totaling \$5,000, split into two requests, first one \$3,000 and second one for \$2,000.
- Steak Fry Petty Cash of \$500 to make change.

Jordan Traxler made a motion to approve all check requests presented. Matt Kalous seconded. Motion carried.

Dan Kendrick reported that golf carts will be coming from Mile High Golf Carts, amount to be determined, for Steak Fry transportation from the parking lot. Dan will follow up and let Jamie know details to get the check cut at a later date.

Matt Kalous confirmed that there will not be any Cargill canopies for 2025. They were damaged in 2024 and have not been replaced yet.

Eben Ezer representative had called the Extension Office and confirmed dates and times for the Farm Bureau breakfast and Steak Fry with Jamie. These two events are always enjoyed by residents of Eben Ezer.

Electronic Signs in Morgan County to promote the 2025 Morgan County Fair. Emily Curtis will contact, City of Fort Morgan, FMS Bank, Viaero, Bank of Colorado-FM and Brush. Carter Mortensen will contact Brush Secondary Campus. Jordan Kendrick will contact Fort Morgan High School. Shawn Stolberg will contact Wiggins High School. Still need someone to contact CommonSpirit and East Morgan County Hospital.

Fair Office phone number is 970-768-8965.

Additional items for new business;

Who is the new Fair Grounds Manager? Add to July agenda.

Invite Morgan County Maintenance Crew to Superintendents BBQ in July. Jamie will send the invitation with list of events and items needed.

Proof of insurance needs forwarded to 21st Century for the UTV for Fair. Jamie will follow up with Jon Becker.

Cara asked if the cattle barn stall dirt could be leveled before Fair. Jamie will reach out to County Maintenance.

Extension Reports:

Jamie Dixon reported that Katie Seelhoff is at State 4-H Conference with four senior 4-H members. 4-H County Council is requesting 60 lbs. of ice for drinks during the 4-H Dance and would like to use some of the donated ice from Love's. Carter said that will not be a problem. Jamie and Grace Wagner have been busy getting the Digital Family Fair Packets together. It will be emailed on Monday, June 23rd. Katie is preparing for the first Shooting Sports Contests, Shotgun June 28th and 29th.

Jamie reported that the Board of County Commissioners approved the rules and regulations for the 2025 Morgan County Fair Book on Tuesday, June 17th. Fair Books will be printed and ready for pick up starting June 24th and will also be at the next Fair Board meeting. Fair trophy and useful gift invoices have been sent to sponsors. The first batch of Fair trophies have been ordered. Still looking for sponsors for four trophies. Useful gifts for weight division champions and showmanship champions are duffel bags and have arrived and already labeled. Fair preparation is coming along at a steady pace.

Jamie and Robin Halley reported that Marlin Eisenach was at the Fairgrounds finishing up with the J.B. Massey Lamb and Goat camps from the week with approximately 70 youth from 14 different states that attended. The Fair wood pellets have been delivered and stored in the garage on Ellsworth.

Robin reported that the Catch-It Contests at Fair need to start with pigs if possible, then followed by the other species. The pig are on a separate trailer from all the other species. The Morgan County Fairgrounds looks awesome and is being talked about at other events. The Morgan County Maintenance crew has done an awesome job cleaning up and taking care of things. Announced that we have a new Horticulture/4-H Youth Specialist, Eric Lovell starting on July 7, 2025. Mentioned that Fair dates throughout Colorado are overlapping more and more. Getting judges early is key for those General projects. Extension staff are excellent and things are running smooth at a fast pace.

Next meeting is the Fair Superintendent BBQ, Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building, followed by the meeting. Please RSVP to Jamie by July 10, 2025.

Matt Kalous made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm.