

MEETING – BARRON COUNTY FAIRBOARD

May 13, 2026 – 8:00 PM

Barron County Fairgrounds

Board Members	Present	Absent	Board Members	Present	Absent
Brooke Bates	X		Steve Matthys	X	
Heather Colburn		X	Cory Picknell		X
Jerry Donath	X		Deb Gotlibson	X	
Sarah Doyen	X		Russ Rindsig	X	
			Kevin Roske	X	
Ken Kolzow	X		Jacque Schaffer	X	
Devon Laursen	X		Dwight Thurs		X

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Russ Rindsig. Also present: Sara Waldron, Emily Drafall, Ella Briggs

Approve agenda as amended. **MOTION** by Devon Laursen; seconded by Sarah Doyen to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

**MOTION** made by Jerry Donath; seconded by Devon Laursen to approve minutes of April meeting. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report/Pay Bills** – Deb presented the treasurer information. **MOTION** made by Devon Laursen; seconded by Brooke Bates to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the bills. Motion carried.

**Update Appearances** – There were no appearances.

**Old Business**

**Fairest Report** – Applications are ready for the 2026 Fairest and are available on the web site and the Facebook page. They are due June 5. Brat Shack will be August 14 and 15. We will have a sign up at the next meeting.

**Secretary** – Emily Drafall will work with Jacque this year as the new secretary. **MOTION** made by Devon Laursen; seconded by Brooke Bates to hire Emily for a one year trial period. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**Fair Stock** – Tammy Hofacker received new stock.

**2027 Fair Entertainment (Celebration of 150 years)** – Drone shows have been checked into and come at a price of \$20,000 and last ten minutes. Glass blower coming back. Balloon person is coming back. Barn yard item will be here. A suggestion was made to open the gates for free on one day.

**Bathrooms and pegboard** – Showers should be done. Pegboard is ordered and we are waiting for them.

**Manager Report-**

**Superintendent Picnic** – We will have the superintendent picnic at 6:00 with a meeting at 7:00 on July 8. He is starting on the security area. Horses are all here now. We have approximately 22 at this time. All of the outdoor venter contracts are back; indoor about half are back.

**Groundskeeper Report** – They have started on grounds and grass has been mowed. Microphone line has been put underground. On Friday of this week youth from Cameron will be here.

**Friend of the Fair** – A discussion was held concerning Friend of the Fair.

**Conservation Building** – It is now 100% ours. A suggestion was made to continue to let them use the building as they are mostly entertainment which was agreed upon.

**Discussion Items** – Steve went to other fairs and suggested security could walk the grounds during the fair. Kevin has a meeting with the sheriff and will talk to her about it. On Tuesday of fair week Mosaic will have hot wheel races and every day at 11:00. This is free for the kids. Bicycles will be given away again this year. Deb suggested a stuffed animal show for second grade or under.

Next Meeting will be June 10 at 8:00 pm at the Fair Grounds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Jacque Schaffer

Secretary