

**Larimer County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
August 27th, 2025, 6:30 pm**

The Larimer County Fair Board convened a regular session on Wednesday, **August 27th, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.**

Present:

Chairman: Stephanie Morrison

Vice Chairman: Logan Lenz

Secretary: Dana Luther

Board Members Present: Pat Young, Kristine Miller, Rebecca Walter, Melinda Deal, Ulf Borg, Tiffany Bending, Vera Brown

Also Present: Larimer County Commissioner – Kristin Stephens, Fair Competition Coordinator - Laura Boldt, Specialist Livestock and Horse Agent - Bailey Schilling 2026 Larimer County Fair & PRCA Rodeo Queen – Addy Gregory, Guests Present- Cindy Buckhart

Absent Members: Jay Crouse - Fair Board Member, Ranch Director – Conor McGrath.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stephanie Morrison called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Stephanie Morrison asked all present to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Stephanie Morrison asked attendees if they had reviewed the agenda and if any additions or deletions were needed. One minor update was made to the date for our next fairboard meeting. A motion was made by Kristine Miller to approve the agenda and was seconded by Logan Lenz. Agenda was approved on a majority vote by the Fair Board Members 9-0. Motion passed

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes from the July 23th meeting were distributed to all attendees via email prior to the meeting. Stephanie Morrison asked if everyone had the opportunity to review them and whether there were any additions or deletions to be made. It was noted that a copy of the minutes was available for review if needed. After allowing time for final

review, Kristine Miller had a change under The Ranch Hands to change Bailey Schilling's name to Bailey Burke. A motion was made to approve the amended June 25th meeting minutes as presented. Logan Lenz made the motion to approve the amended minutes, Pat Young seconded the motion. The minutes were approved on a majority vote by the Fair Board Members 9-0. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence to report.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Stephens reported updates on several topics. Earlier in the week, the Commissioner's met with Connor and a group from The Ranch regarding the Phase 2 of the master plan. They had a presentation about how we'll be financing the projects that are happening at The Ranch. Some of the projects will be paid for as we go, other projects are just too big, so we'll be using a financing mechanism called Certificates of Participation, along with some private funding.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Stephanie Morrison thanked all Board Members and Ranch Staff for all their hard work and dedication. Commissioner Stephens also gave appreciation to all the Board Members and Ranch Staff for all their hard work. Stephanie Morrison had the Board Members share when giving their reports their favorite highlights from the 2025 fair. Stephanie Morrison also reminded all Board members if they are having sub-committee meetings that no more than 3 board members can be present, if you have more than 3 the meeting will need to be posted with a 24 hour notice. The Fair Board applications will be open from September 30 to October 15th 2025.

FAIR BOARD PARTNERS / LIAISON REPORTS

a. Queen/Royalty – 2026 Addy Gregory gave an update of events. As Lady-In-Waiting she attended County Fair with the 2025 Larimer County Queen Maggie Livengston. Addy's first event as Queen was the Jr. Livestock Sale. She attended the Responsor Relief Rodeo in Kiowa Colorado. Addy also had her fitting for her chaps at 287 Supply in Ft. Collins. Going into September, Addy will be attending the Hearts & Horses Gala, then onto the Weld County Gala event, which is new this year. Also Addy will be attending the CYO Event at the end of September.

b. Extension 4-H – Bailey Schilling gave a report on the County Fair experience, Bailey felt that all of the check-ins went really well and the shows were highly attended. Bailey also went to State Fair as the Sheep Superintendent and recognized a few of the 4-H members that attended the State Fair in Livestock. Bailey also mentioned that record books are due to the 4-H Extension office by Sept 15 for judging. Bailey will be hosting

the 4-H carcass contest results at the CSU meats lab in October. Please check the 4-H newsletter for more information.

c. The Ranch, Rodeo & LC Sheriff's Posse - No report

d. Fair Coordinator - Laura Boldt mentioned if attending events at the Ranch beware of detours. All fair results are online, so you can look up your results. Laura is working on finalizing the Jr. Livestock Sale results, working on the carcass results and getting all invoices paid. Laura is reorganizing the locker and has some totes for the different sub-committees that store items in the locker. Extension has also gone through items in the locker.

FAIR BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Ranch Hands – Kristine Miller reported the Ranch Hands had great volunteers. We had a total of 23 with a total of 212 combined hours volunteered. Kristin Miller mentioned she still needs to get hours for volunteers to Laura Boldt so we have an accurate number. The bounce houses were a hit this year again. Kristin Miller thanked Ulf Borg for volunteering at the Bounce Houses. Kristin thanked everyone for all their help at the County Fair. The Ranch Hands committee will be making a plan for the 2026 County Fair.

b. Queen/Royalty – Michelle Wilcox reported for the Queens program, that she is updating the Queens handbook and the workplan. Michelle has helped with the transition of Maggie to Addy. Michelle will be working on social media, sponsor visits. Michelle will have results from the BBQ auction, silent auction and attendees. We also have Addy's photo session at Skillman Photography and a visit to Greeley Hat Works.

c. Pancake Breakfast – Jay Crouse was absent, we discussed as a board that we had around 2000 people attend. Next year we need to make sure we have the time correct for publication, as the only feedback. Jay will give a report in September's meeting.

d. Parade – Logan Lenz reported about the Parade. We had a delay at the start of the Parade due to a person in the parade having health issues and was transported by ambulance and was released later that day. We should have the parade attendance results at the September meeting. The parade committee plans on doing a fundraiser to help offset the cost of the parade right now as it stands the approximate cost for 2025 was around \$15,258.00.

e. Junior Livestock Sale – Logan Lenz reported we were able to get the sale done within 4 hours, the feedback for moving the sale time has been positive. The sale had 264 lots that were sold. The sale totalled \$1,070,758.80. The sale committee will be meeting to go over the logistics of the sale and sale flow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Work Plan Updates - Committee work plans, especially for the pancake breakfast and parade, will be updated before the September meeting, with plans to create more defined roles. We will also be having sponsorship meetings moving forward, to define the agreements.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Proposed: Retrospective request for each Committee, we will be working on these and have reports by the January meeting.
- b. Proposed: Discuss setting up Zoom meetings with Dana Luther to deliver all Committee documents for update to our 2025 Google drive folders, Dana will be reaching out to all Sub-committee chairs to update the work plans.
- c. Stephanie Morrison asked to move the July meeting but after an open discussion the meeting will stay July 22nd 2026 at 6:30pm.

**Next Fair Board Meeting- September 24th, 6:30 PM McKee Building
Timnath/LaPorte Rooms**

Items for Executive Committee - No Items at this time

ADJOURNMENT- Dana Luther made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pat Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a majority vote of the Board Members 9-0. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.