Santa Fe County Fair Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Newsted at 6:00 PM

Fairboard Members Present: Tim Newsted, Eric Sanchez, Kelly Jones, Beth Gray, Jimmy Butler, Melissa Robertson, Wayne Roybal and Hillary Shuert

Fairboard Association Members Present: Jennifer Newsted, Alena Roybal, ReNell Roybal, Mari Lents, Charlene Gallegos, Jana Gallegos, Daniel Tenorio, Beth Goodson, Tammy Montoya Sanchez and Pete Bertrand

Extension Present: Michelle Stizza, Paige Marez

County Staff Present: Celeste Sanchez

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: Amendment made to add Auctioneer and Auction Photographer for approval Motion by Melissa Robertson and 2nd by Jimmy Butler. Amendment made to add Fair Book Language changes by Eric Sanchez and 2nd by Hillary Shuert. Motion to approve amended agenda by Jimmy Butler and 2nd by Beth Gray

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Eric Sanchez and 2nd by Hillary Shuert

Staff Reports:

County Reports: Nothing new to report. Fairboard asked about update vendor contracts. Celeste will touch base with Laura to see who updates those. Tim Newsted asked about new vendor paperwork, Celeste will send those documents to Tim ReNell asked about indoor cases, none have been ordered looking for options but haven't found any. Alena sent a website to Celeste with options and Jimmy will see who the schools buy from to possibly get them at a cheaper cost. Celeste mentioned any increases in budget or purchases needed for fair need to be emailed to her ASAP as they are doing budget now for 2027 fair. So any increases/purchases will be for next years fair.

Extension Reports: Nothing new to report.

Committee Updates:
A: Horse Show: Still determining location, Mari still needs to reach out to families for their preference. Judge does need hotel for Saturday night prior to show.

B. Awards/Buckles: Have quote for buckles and ribbons will discuss later on agenda.

C.Livestock: Judges have been contacted by Wayne and are committed pending Fairboard approval. Also have a backup judge if needed.

D. Small Animal: Meeting next week on Feb 19th. No other new updates.

E. Indoor: Will have a suggestion box this year. Committee also wants to enforce lego project rules more this year as they had some issues last year. Will be charging $1 for 4H entries but not wanting to charge adults as they do this as a community service. Fairboard concerned that adults are not being charged like the youth are. Paige says State Fair Indoor rules are not out yet but will bring them to the fairboard once published so County Fair Rules can be changed to match the State Fair Rules for Indoor. Suggested approving Indoor to change rules to match State Fair ahead of time so they can be pushed out to the fair book once available. Will approve this next meeting.

F. PR: Jordan met with SF County media team and worked on website to promote fair. Committee meets this week.

G. Entertainment: Nothing to report

H.Vendors: Nothing to report just needing the new vendor contract that Celeste is looking into updating.

Old Business:

A: Untabled ribbons/buckle quote approval motion by Jimmy 2nd by Melissa. Buckle quote for 82 buckles is $7371.80; Motion made to approve quote for 55 buckles at $4944.50 by Jimmy and 2nd by Melissa. Remainder of buckle cost will come from donations via Boosters club. Buckles for classes that need to be donated such as breeding heifers and dairy heifers will be purchased after fair if animals are shown in those classes so buckles are not purchased by donor money and wasted if no entries get entered. Ribbons quote to change over to all new ribbons with newer county logo comes out to $3414.55 for 1500 ribbons and 193 rosettes. Motion made by Jimmy to approve the quote and 2nd by Wayne. Quotes will go to county so PO can be made to get orders started. Beth Goodson got verbal estimate from Travis for new banners for 22 banners 12x24inches. Discussed adding Round Robin banners for a total of 24 banners. Beth will get a formal written quote for next meeting for approval. Beth also asked Michelle for county image file to use to help make the designs for the banners.

B: Untabled Lives Judges motion by Melissa 2nd by Hillary. Melissa discussed the Judges that committee has chosen and Wayne contacted them. They have confirmed they will judge the shows if approved tonight by fairboard. Also have classifiers chosen and confirmed. Mike Gustin for Swine and Darrin Price for Sheep. Goat/Sheep Judge is Joel Lanier and Swine/Cattle Judge is Jaylea Pope with backup Judge for either day Jed Sidwell. Motion made to approve all Judges and Classifiers by Melissa and 2nd by Jimmy.

New Business:
A: Show Schedule adjustment. Wanting to move shows up by 1 hour on Wednesday to start Goats at 9am and Sheep at 12pm. This will match the Thursday schedule and help get shows done before small animal starts at 3pm. Motion to approve made by Melissa and 2nd by Hillary.

B: Livestock Cattle Rule Changes: Tim read the new Cattle rules for Mini/Low Line Steer. The committee is requesting to add to the fairbook the following rule:

Cattle: Miniature & Lowline

1. Miniature and lowline cattle breeds weight minimum- 700lb.
2. 3 or more miniature or lowline cattle are required to form breed classes. Steers/Bulls can be broken by weight within breed classes. If 3 or more are not entered, miniature or lowline will show together.
3. Exhibitors shall be required to show a breed registration certificate. Registration paperwork must be available at tagin and at Fairgrounds.

Examples Include:

- Miniature Hereford- American Hereford Association
- Aberdeen- American Aberdeen Association
- Dexter- American Dexter Cattle Association
- Miniature Belted Galloways- Belt Galloway Society or American Galloway Breeders Association
- Ect.

Motion to approve by Melissa 2nd by Hillary.

C: Ownership Deadline/Tag In Dates. Setting ownership dates off Tag In Dates for Large Livestock. Dates that Tommy Gallegos can do tag in on are as follows:

- Cattle Tag In Saturday March 14 at SF Fairgrounds 8-12pm.
- Other Livestock Tag In Saturday May 9 at SF Fairgrounds 8-12pm
- Other Livestock Tag In Wednesday May 20 at Stanley Cyclone 4-7pm

Motion to approve Tag In Dates made by Jimmy and 2nd by Beth.

Members asking for a Cattle Tag in down south, Tim will touchbase with Tommy to let him know these dates are approved and see if a 2nd Cattle Tag in can be added.

D: Small Animal Tracking needs tabled until committee meets again. Motion to table made by Hillary and 2nd by Eric

E: Small Animal Declarations: Request by Ext to bring our fairbook inline with other fairs in the State. Wanting an ownership date to be listed in fairbook as other fairs do for all animals. This will change when declarations will be due. Wanting to have declarations due in May since that is how we track ownership per individual member. Suggesting May 15th other members wanting to use May 20 so last date for livestock matches this. Agree to use May 20th as declaration due

date for small animal. Meat Pens for both Poultry and Rabbit will remain in July with declaration date of July 3rd. The change in the fairbook will read:

- All livestock must by owned/declared by the individual exhibitor during the feeding period preceding the fair and cannot change ownership or be transferred from one program to the other. The ownership period shall be:
    - Market Beef by March 14th
    - Market Swine by May 20th
    - Market Lamb by May 20th
    - Market Goat by May 20th
    - Dairy Heifer by March 14th
    - Show Poultry by May 20th
    - Show Rabbit by May 20th
    - Poultry Meat Pen by July 3rd
    - Rabbit Meat Pen by July 3rd

Motion to approve fairbook change and declaration date change to May 20th made by Eric 2nd by Hillary.

F: Auctioneer and Auction Photographer: Livestock committee has confirmed Shane Hall and Jules Price will do auctioneer and auction photographer as they previously have done. Motion to approve made by Melissa 2nd by Hillary.

Public Comment:
-Hillary asked for fairbook to be sent out to fairboard for proofreading before putting it out as official.
-Michelle asking about Coca Cola banners, those will be ordered later by PR team. Will remind Jordan.

Motion to Adjourn:
Motion made by Jimmy at 7:10 PM and 2nd by Melissa.