

Custer County Fair Board Minutes

Date: May 11, 2026

Location: CCSD Ag Shop

Business Meeting:

The May business meeting was called to order by President, Wendy Rusk, at 4:32 p.m.

Members in attendance: Enjoli Skeen - Vice President, Lea Grundy - Secretary, Alisha Shy – Treasurer, Paul Voggelson - Commissioner
Bre Gasper attended via phone.

Secretary's Report: Lea Grundy

Brittany moved to approve April 2026 minutes.

Alisha seconded and the motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Alisha Shy

Wendy created a "Balance Sheet" and a "Profit and Loss" statement.
Please refer to it for April 2026 details.

Brittany moved to approve the April Treasurer's Report as presented.
Enjoli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously without further discussion.

Old Business:

Budget

County Approved Budget - \$18,000

The "projected budget" is roughly \$19,692.

Will need some fundraising to cover the difference.

Conservation Trust Fund - \$11,411.97

Alisha moved to use the CTF monies for the \$11,135 bid for the 12 hog pens behind the steer barn and the 13 hog pens behind the show arena which includes delivery and set up. Brittany seconded the motion and it passed unanimously without further discussion.

Old Business: Cont.

Follow Up for March/April Minutes

TIN for Accounts: Lucas is working with the county to update.

4-H/FFA Fair Board Scholarship Update:

Scholarship Committee (Enjoli, Lea, Brittany, Matt) will review qualified applications. Four applications were submitted.

Alisha moved to amend the motion from the last meeting of taking 1% from the sales checks for the scholarship program to “do not take 1% from the livestock sales checks to support the scholarship program’. Brittany seconded the motion. Further discussion included clarification that to be eligible to apply for the Fair Board Scholarship, the applicant must have shown at Custer County Fair in the previous year (livestock, general projects, speech, shooting sports, etc.). It was discussed that it wouldn’t be fair to take 1% from the livestock sales checks to support the scholarship program if exhibitors from the other projects were eligible to apply (and not have contributed to the program). The amended motion passed unanimously following clarification and further discussion.

Lease Agreement with Nathaniel Longnecker – Matt

Waiting for guidance from Lucas regarding contract – after fair

No more auctions after May

Must disinfect all pens by end of May – Matt, Lucas

Must lock gates and secure grounds

New Business:

Fundraising/Grant Opportunities:

No Update

Capital Improvements:

Shade Over the Bleachers - Matt

Need an additional bid: Consider Taylor Construction, Valor

Will need “engineered plans” for this project

Capital Improvements: Continued

Show Ring Turf

Matt provided **Alisha** with the square footage of the Show Ring area to be potentially covered with turf.

Alisha will contact the City of Silver Cliff to discuss turf donation. Waiting on a call back from Ilene at the City.

Hog Area Demo and Site Prep

Matt will reach out to Mr. Longnecker and other contractors for bids once **Commissioners** have provided guidance.

Discussed that moving the new hog pens would not be an issue in the future if that area needed to be prepped for concrete.

Scholarship Fund

Donating to the scholarship program will be included on the Sales Flyer, livestock sale software QR code, and as an option for fair sponsors.

Wendy will make a formal request to the Extension Office for the scholarship program.

Activities:

Small Animal Weigh In: April 26, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Set up – 11:30 a.m. – Fair Board Members

Fair Board members with exhibitors/livestock will weigh in at 12:00 p.m. to be available to assist from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

April 23rd – Deadline for submitting appropriate paperwork and picking up tags at the Extension Office in leu of “in-person” weigh in.

Extension Office Report: Presented by **Reggie Foster**

Ashtyn Walter started as the Custer County 4-H Coordinator on March 30, 2026.

Need to finalize the wording for the Fair Book regarding the number of exhibitors participating in a project at fair before the Fair Board will secure a judge. (It is cost prohibitive to bring in a judge for one exhibitor).

Fair Board and Superintendents will review the Fair Book and make corrections, additions, or edits on the google drive shared documents or contact the Extension Office.

Fair Board and Superintendents will revisit the section on who is eligible to help members “fit” their animals before the show.

The Fair Board supports this as an opportunity for members to fit their own projects with support only as needed with the member present, realizing that more “hands on support” is needed for first year members. (Immediate family, 4-H leader, CC 4-H/FFA alumni can assist in an “advisory role”.)

This needs to be clearly defined in the Fair Book with the appropriate, enforceable disciplinary actions, if needed.

Reggie will provide wording for an addition to the Fair Book regarding exhibitors breaking laws on the fair and/or rodeo grounds to include consequences of “no sale”, forfeiture of awards and premiums, etc.

This is included in Fair Books from various other counties.

Reggie clarified with the FB that speech categories (impromptu, presentations, interpretative reading and prepared), would have a Grand and Res. Champion placing per age division but would not be awarded buckles following the debates last year over scoring and how the buckles would be awarded.

Refer to the “Public Speaking Information and Contest Rules”

Add/Drop Date = Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Custer County Fair: July 9 – 19, 2026

FFA Report: Eddie Crispe was not present.

Eddie will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Commissioner’s Report: Lucas Epp

Lucas will follow up with Matt on the recommendations and guidance from the county attorney regarding Mr. Longnecker using the Fair Ground facilities for his auction business.

2026 Fair Planning – See End of Report

Next Meeting: May 11, 2026, at 4:30 pm in the Ag Building

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

ACTION ITEMS ARE HIGHLIGHTED BY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW THROUGH

Wendy Rusk

Enjoli Skeen-Dean

Lea Grundy

Alisha Shy

Bre Gasper

Brittany Van Deusen

Matt Bayer

Extension Office – Reggie Foster

FFA Advisor Eddie Crispe

County Commissioner

Next Meeting Items:

All Fair Board Members:

Need to finalize the wording for the Fair Book regarding

*Number of exhibitors participating in a project at fair before the Fair Board
will secure a judge.

*Disciplinary actions for members breaking the law on fair or rodeo grounds

*Who can support members “fitting” their projects

*Disciplinary actions

Wendy

Trello/Teamwork App: Tabled for now

Sponsorship confirmation for “first round” buckle order

Judge contracts – ask for bio’s

Small Animal Master Showmanship - Superintendent

Swine Judge

Formal request to the Extension Office for scholarship funds

Enjoli Skeen-Dean

Check to see if an auctioneer is included in the purchased software package
Meet with contractor on site for quote – hog panels
Sales Flyer with Lea – Edit/Approve next meeting
T-shirts
Scholarship Committee - Senior/Scholarship Night – 5/21

Lea

Buckles
T-Shirts
Buyers Board
Confirm reserved rooms and accommodations based on judge's contracts
Scholarship Committee - Senior/Scholarship Night – 5/21

Alisha

Turf – City of Silver Cliff

Bre

Sponsorship confirmation for “first round” buckle order - \$150 each buckle
Clarification of sponsorship opportunities; form?

Brittany

Scholarship Committee - Senior/Scholarship Night – 5/21

Matt

Work with Commissioners to create a “Lease Agreement” with Mr. Longnecker
Will contact Mr. Longnecker regarding opportunities for capital
improvement projects, possible auctioneer
Square footage of turf needed for show ring for Alisha
Check with the rabbit judge on doing master showmanship also, needs a room?
Scholarship Committee - Senior/Scholarship Night – 5/21

Reggie

Provide wording, based on Fair Books from other counties, regarding
exhibitors breaking laws on the fair and/or rodeo grounds to include
consequences of “no sale”, forfeiture of awards and premiums, etc.
Beef Judge

Commissioners

Changing the TIN on UBB account #219 – Fair Board Checking

Will ask other counties to see how they do it

Will follow up with **Matt** re: county attorney's guidance for creating a contract, county liability, etc. for Mr. Longnecker to continue to use the fairgrounds for the auctions.

Contract may include: requirements for complete and proper sanitation of all holding pens and sale ring at the conclusion of each sale to comply with biohazard precautions.

Please review the Fair Planning Checklist for your responsibilities.

2026 Fair Planning Check List

Superintendents - Person responsible for contact

Indoor - Katlyn Wommack - ? (**Reggie**)

Beef - Eddie Crispe - **Confirmed** (Wendy) – NEED BACK UP??

Goat/Sheep - Sara Canterbury (**Wendy**)

Will know by end of April

Swine - Joey Arnone - **Confirmed** (Alisha)

Llama - Caleb and Brittany Van Deusen – **Confirmed** (Brittany)

Horse - Ashtyn Walter - **Confirmed** (Reggie)

Small Animal - Sheyenne Shy - (**Alisha**)

Master Showmanship (Large Animal) - Lance Ingram - **Confirmed** (Wendy)

Master Showmanship (Small Animal) – Brianna Evert - (**Wendy**)

Westcliffe Meats - Montana Canterbury - **Confirmed** (Wendy)

Ultrasound for weigh in's/Carcass contest

Livestock Judges (Fair Board member assigned to secure judge)

Large Animal Show (Horse/Beef/Lamb/Goat/Hog) - \$250 per judge

Master Showmanship - \$50 per judge

Mileage at \$.725 per mile (2026 IRS rate)

Indoor Judges/Open Show - \$200 per judge

Livestock Judges: Continued

Small Animal Show (Cat/Dog/Llama/Rabbit) - \$150 per judge

Speech Judge - \$150 per judge

Room Reservations – Lamp Post - **Confirmed** (Lea)

Final Confirmation based on returned judge's contracts

Judges

- 1 - Swine - (Wendy), call in
- 1 - Beef - (Reggie), call in
- 1 - Sheep/Goat - **Confirmed**; Justin Niccoli - (Enjoli)
- 1 - Horse - (Alisha, Reggie) – Amy Decker ?
- 1 - Llama - Sally Rucker - **Confirmed** (Brittany)
- 5 - Large Master Showmanship - Ask Livestock Judges to commit also
- 2 - Small Master Showmanship - Ask judges to commit also
- 3 - Indoor Projects - 3 judges **Confirmed** (Reggie)
- 1 - Dog – Terena - **Confirmed** (Lea)
- 1 - Rabbits - Mike Martinez - **Confirmed** (Matt)
- 1 - Cat – needed...?
- 3 - Speech – (Alisha, Reggie)
 - State Judge qualified
 - Not from our county

Fair Book:

Review and approve

- Left out rabbit for Small Animal Master Showmanship...?
- Animal Safety – Signage for around show ring and barns
- Wording for number of exhibitors in the project to secure a judge
- Delinquent behavior
- “Fitting” - who can help

Sale Committee – (Bre, Pepper) (2026 Contacts)

Auctioneer – Stock Show Auction/Mr. Longnecker/Craig Weichl
(Wendy, Enjoli)

Announcers

- Daily Shows - Eddie Crispe, - **Confirmed** (Wendy)
 - Except for Beef Show
- Livestock Sale Announcer - Eddie Crispe - **Confirmed** (Wendy)
- Back Up Plan for announcing daily shows and livestock sale

Sale Committee – (Bre, Pepper) (2026 Contacts) - Continued

Bookkeepers - Cheryl Laramore, Sara Shields - (Wendy)
Steak Fry - **Confirmed**, (Brittany)

FB buys meat. Cowboy Church provides sides and runs it and keeps donations –

Sale Committee – (Bre, Pepper) (2026 Contacts)

Buckles - (Lea)

Livestock, Master Showmanship, Led, Bred, Fed, and Carcass buckles
have been designed and ordered

Design and order Shooting Sports Buckles and Horse
After Add/Drop Date

Bre/Wendy - Last year's donors will be contacted to confirm
sponsorship of buckles for this year

Banners – (Bre)

New Banners - \$150, Renewed Banners - \$125

Invoicing During Sale - (Enjoli) - On-line bidding option?

Buyers Group – (Pepper Stafford) - (Lea to confirm availability)

Grand and Reserve Banners - (Bre, Wendy)

No horse or llama banners

Showmanship - YES

Photographer - **Confirmed**, (Bre)

Frames - \$1,500 - **Confirmed with Renea** (Wendy)

Top Buyers Board - (Lea) make sure they want to participate

Sponsorship Board - (Lea)

Plaques for past board members - **Completed** (Wendy)

Grand and Reserve Plaques for Buyers

Show Meals

4-H/FFA Picnic - **Confirmed** - (Reggie)

Tuesday, July 14, 2026, following the Livestock Meeting (7:00 pm)

Pork Meal - **Confirmed** - 4-H Council/Reggie

Beef - Custer County Cattlewomen - **Confirmed** (Brittany, Alisha)

Floor Buyers - Call same people as last year

Beef - Bud and Patty Dunn, - **Confirmed** (Wendy)

Sheep and Goat - Gonzales, - **Confirmed** (Wendy)

Swine - Will be announced as "first come, first serve" - **Confirmed**

CONSIDER CONTRACTS TO MAKE SURE ANIMALS ARE PROCESSED

Processors

Westcliffe Meats - **Confirmed** - (Wendy)

T&K - (Alisha, Wendy)

Fairgrounds

Scale Certification - Permit Paid, Scale test to be scheduled in June (Wendy)
Clean Up Days -
 Pre-Fair - **Confirmed** - (Lea), Thursday, July 9 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 Post Fair - **Confirmed** - (Lea), Sunday, July 19 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Shavings - (Alisha), Sunset Ranch
 Fair Board will consider donated “turf” from the City of Silver Cliff for the show arena
Disposal Services - have on site before clean up – (Alisha)
 Discussion around bids from P-O and Oak Disposal (turf vs shavings)
Internet - Don't need
Opening - Wendy- **Confirmed** - (Wendy)
Closing - **Eddie** - **Confirmed** - (Wendy) Need Back Up
Tent for Master Showmanship and Steak Dinner - (Wendy)
Tents for Shade - CTF funds...?

Brand Inspector

Beef Weigh In - **Confirmed** - (Wendy)
Sale Day - **Confirmed** - (Wendy)

Vet Check

Weigh In - **Confirmed** - (Alisha)
 Anne Cordova, DVM on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 3:00 pm
Traffic Pattern - ?

Other

Ultrasound for weigh in/carcass contest - **Confirmed** - (Wendy)
 Westcliffe Meats
Sponsor buckles for carcass winners - **Confirmed** - (Lea)
Micro-Phone – Extension Office System, (Reggie)
 2 microphones for sale day
Table and Chairs (seating for 150) - (Eddie, Wendy)
Cameras for the Livestock Barn -
Fair Board T-Shirts – (Lea, Enjoli)

Other: Continued

Led, Bred, Fed

Premium Fundraising - (Wendy)

Buckle Sponsorship

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

Plaque for local producers of Grand and Res.

Show Details

Schedule out to the community regarding daily ac

Face Book, U-Tube, Reels, - (Bre, Enjoli)

Radio - **Confirmed** (Lea)

Community Pages

Newspaper

Roadside Signage – (Bre)

Livestock Sales Flyer/Fair Schedule Flyer - (Lea, Enjoli, Eddie)

Itemize printing fee on budget

Lea will contact Crestone Graphics for quote

Other Improvements:

Start each show

Pledge of Allegiance, 4-H Pledge and FFA “Why Are We Here”

Judges - Ask for Bio's and read before each show

Thank You's/Recognition

Judges

Sara Shields, Diane Rose, Cheryl Laramore, Trent Stafford

Buyers Group

Lamp Post

Fair Board/Sale Committee

Full Control of mandatory meeting during fair week

Collection of folders and bio's from livestock sellers

Improved communication/collaboration with sales committee

Improve scoresheet/grading for small animal showmanship

2 – calculate scores

Fair Re-Cap after Fair Clean Up –

Next Year: