



FAIRFIELD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

Date: June 16, 2026

Location: Ricketts Hall

This Month's meeting of the Fairfield County Agricultural Society Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Fair President Dave Keller at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Directors Present:

Regina Bresler, Randy Fisher, Eric Keener, David Keller, Doug Leith, Joel Spires, Mark Sharp, Doug Shaw, Connie Smith, Gregory Swinehart, Kim Westhoven, Steve Bader, Zach Drake, Sean Malone and Abigail Skinner.

Directors Absent: Charles Schultz

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Steve Bader and second by Mark Sharp to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Membership / Public Comments

Membership Comments:

Member Name: Gail Ellinger reported the following Sales Committee updates

- Ally Poston has been selected to serve as the **Sales Committee Head Sales Clerk** and will be responsible for hiring her partner to assist with sales operations.
- Braden Barber has hired an **Auctioneer and Ringman**.
- Jessica Scott presented her concerns about the Rabbit Barn. **Please see the attached handout for details.**

Guest Speaker

Speaker Name: Keith Darling, representing **Glo Fiber**, provided a presentation to the Board regarding Glo Fiber's high-speed internet services. He explained that Glo Fiber offers significantly faster internet speeds, which will improve the transfer of large files and provide more reliable performance during periods of high demand. He noted that the increased bandwidth will help prevent network slowdowns during the Fairfield County Fair when internet usage is at its highest.

Financial Report

Treasurer Regina Bresler went over the financial reports for May.

A motion was made by Steve Bader and a second by Joel Spires to approve the May financial report.

Following the presentation of the Financial Report, Treasurer Regina Bresler presented the following motions:

1. **Motion** to direct the Fair Manager/Secretary, Stacey Fisher, and Grounds Superintendent, Dale Fox, as the operational heads, to meet with Steven McDonald regarding the payroll overpayment. **Seconded by Joel Spires. Motion passed.**
2. **Motion** to combine the Audit Committee and the Treasurer into a single **Financial Committee**, with the Treasurer serving as the Committee Chair. **Seconded by Eric Keener. Motion passed.**
3. **Motion** that, after the Fair Manager/Secretary and Grounds Superintendent report employee payroll hours, the Treasurer shall be responsible for reporting payroll information to the accountant. **Seconded by Joel Spires. Motion passed.**
4. **Motion** to require that all bills, with the exception of the attached list of exempted items, be submitted to the Financial Committee for review prior to being forwarded to Delaney's office for payment. All applicable bills shall be submitted together in one email at the end of each week. **Seconded by Zack Drake. Motion passed.**

Executive Session

A motion was made by Regina Bresler and seconded by Joel Spires to go into Executive session to discuss financials under ORC 121.22. Roll Call vote was had.

Motion passed

Time Entered: 7:25 P.M.

Time Returned: 7:40 P.M.

Manager's Report

Fair Manager Stacey Fisher provided updates. Please see the report attached.

Committee Reports

Junior Fair Awards

Carrie Bates provided an update on the Trophy Committee. She announced that **Trophy Day** will be held on **Thursday, October 1, at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Feeder Creek Show Arena**.

Junior Leaders

Abigail Skinner reported that the Junior Fair Board does not hold meetings during the months of **June and July**.

Junior Fair Board members **Rachel (President), Katie, and Marissa** were present and informed the Board that the **Cleanest Pen Award** will once again be offered during the 2026 Fairfield County Fair.

Junior Fair

Joel Spires reported that they are working to establish a standardized procedure for situations in which **840 identification tags are lost or come out of an animal's ear**.

The following updates were also reported:

- **Weigh-In and MQP** are scheduled for **June 27**.
- **Abigail Skinner** has possession of the **wands and ear taggers** needed for weigh-in.
- **Connie Smith and Mark Sharp** will be assisting with parking during the event.
- It was stated that, in previous years, **buckets containing disinfectant** were delivered without a designated point of contact, and they are unsure who was responsible. The committee requested **five (5) buckets with disinfectant** for this year's weigh-in.
- The **Swine Committee** has all other necessary supplies for the weigh-in.

Buildings & Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds Committee did not meet during the month of **May**.

It was reported that Randy Fisher and Eric Keener are scheduled to meet with a roofing company on **June 17** to discuss a **rubber roof** on the **Photography Wing of the Art Hall**. The Board was also informed that the ceiling has been removed in that area and that the roof structure is exhibiting signs of bowing.

Connie Smith reported the **Lights on the back side of the Grandstands** were started on June 15. The project is expected to exceed the original estimate by approximately **\$2,000 to \$3,000**, and **Keller Farms** has agreed to cover the additional cost.

Camping

Kim Westhoven provided updates that 32 sites had been paid at this time and that there are 25 people on the waiting list.

Grants / Sponsorships

Stacey Fisher informed the board that the 2024 Capitol Improvements Grant report was submitted and accepted on June 16.

Human Resources

Connie Smith reported that the Human Resources Committee met the previous week. She stated that she would be requesting the Board enter into **Executive Session** to discuss Human Resources matters.

Abigail Skinner has been completing as much of the preliminary work as possible to help reduce the amount of work required by the attorney.

OLD Business

The Board discussed creating an **overhead map identifying the location of the VIP Parking area** to be posted on the Fairfield County Fair Facebook page, providing fairgoers with a clear visual reference prior to the Fair.

Stacey Fisher reported that the **2026 Fairfield County Fair Book** is scheduled to be sent to the printer on Friday.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding moving the July regular Board of Directors meeting from **Tuesday, July 21, 2026, to Tuesday, July 28, 2026**, due to scheduling considerations.

Connie Smith and **Eric Keener** reported that they met with several vendors to obtain pricing for **limited-edition Fairfield County Fair shirts** to be sold during the **July Vendor Sale**. Pricing and vendor options were presented for the Board's consideration.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Connie Smith and seconded by Regina Bresler to go into Executive session to discuss personnel under ORC **121.22**. Roll Call vote was had.

Motion passed

Time Entered: 8:45 P.M.

Time Returned: 9:18 P.M.

Motions

A motion was made by **Mark Sharp** and second by **Steve Bader** to move the July 21st meeting from July 21st to July 28th. Motion passed.

Greg Swinehart made a motion to hire a **part-time seasonal office employee for up to 20 hours per week until August 1, 2026**. The motion was seconded by **Kim Westhoven**. **Motion passed.**

Abigail Skinner made a motion to designate **Stacey Fisher** as **Department Head of the Office** and **Dale Fox** as **Department Head of Grounds**, with both department heads reporting directly to the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by **Regina Bresler**. **Motion passed.**

Eric Keener made a motion to authorize the purchase of **100 limited-edition Fairfield County Fair shirts** for resale during the **July Vendor Sale**. The motion was seconded by **Regina Bresler**. **Motion passed.**

Zach Drake made a motion to purchase a new ATM. The motion was seconded by **Sean Malone**. **Motion passed.**

Sean Malone made a motion to sell admission tickets online before the fair and during the fair. The motion was seconded by **Greg Swinehart**. **Motion passed.**

Sean Malone made a motion to enter into an agreement with **Glo Fiber** as the Fairfield County Agricultural Society's internet service provider. The motion was seconded by **Kim Westhoven**.

Greg Swinehart made an amendment to the motion to negotiate either a **two-year or three-year contract at the same quoted price**. The amendment was seconded by **Connie Smith**. **The amendment passed.**

The amended motion to enter into an agreement with **Glo Fiber**, with a two-year or three-year contract at the same quoted price, passed.

Adjournment

Motion by **Kim Westhoven**, seconded by **Abigail Skinner** to adjourn meeting at 9:20 p.m. **Motion passed.**



David Keller, Fair President

Date: 7-28-2016



Stacey Fisher, Fair Secretary

Date: July 28 2016

Dear SR Fairboard,

My intention is not to criticize or attack any individual, but rather to bring forward concerns that many families, exhibitors, and clubs have experienced over time. These concerns are shared because so many people care deeply about their rabbits and the rabbit program and want to see it continue to improve for the benefit of all youth participants.

The following concerns have been repeatedly observed:

- The current pen layout creates challenges with overcrowding, traffic flow, and accessibility.
- Various committee members have been perceived as rude, dismissive, or unwilling to genuinely consider ideas and suggestions brought forward for improvement.
- Clubs with large memberships have not been given the opportunity to have club show boxes in the barn while three show boxes of the same club remain present in the front section, this creates appearance of favoritism or unequal treatment.
- The front area of the barn gives the impression that it is reserved for only certain groups rather than being a welcoming space for everyone.
- Committee members are often not visible throughout the barns or actively monitoring concerns during the fair.
- Greater effort should be made to protect rabbits from unnecessary stress by preventing visitors from placing fingers or objects into cages. This has been brought to light many times with suggested ideas for correction.
- Barn work days are not communicated with adequate notice. Publishing a calendar at the beginning of the year with planned dates and times would allow clubs and volunteers to better coordinate and participate.
- Youth are taught Quality Assurance (QA), yet it seems that little effort by adults to assist the youth to being able to practice this has been made.
- The barns in previous years have been extremely hot and even though windows are an option they are not fully utilized by opening them all to allow proper airflow during the daytime.
- Many ideas and concerns presented during previous parent meetings at the Extension Office appear to have gone unaddressed or unimplemented.

These concerns are shared with the hope that they will be taken seriously and viewed as opportunities for growth. By encouraging open communication, fairness, organization, and collaboration, would allow a more positive and rewarding experience for every exhibitor and family involved.

Kind regards,

Jessica Scott

Monthly Fair Manager Snapshot

Report Month: May/June

Board Meeting Date: June 17, 2026

Executive Summary

Brief overview of the most important developments this month.

- 6/3/2026 Wireless internet added to ATM monthly cost \$20.00
 - Canceled AT&T landline
 - Last Bill will be for 5/29/2026- 6/10/2026- Will receive bill in July
 - ATM has to be replaced by fair or we will not have an ATM ours is to old.
 - 6/10/2026 Aaron from Fairfield Federal informed me they are unable to donate a new ATM
 - 6/12/26 LMOM for David with ATM Services to get a full cost to replace our ATM
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Operations & Administration

- Office systems or administrative updates
 - Completed a FROI for Dale Fox- 6/2/26
 - Claim # 26-144798
 - Stacy Kay 614-376-5430
 - Office Staff hours have been changed as follows:
 - Caden
 - Off Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30- 4:00 PM and Friday Noon- 4:00 PM
 - Sue
 - Monday and Tuesday 8:30AM- 4:00 PM, Off Wednesday and Thursday and Friday 8:30AM- 12:30 PM
 - Compliance or regulatory matters
 - Financial controls or reporting improvements
 - Technology or security updates
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Grounds Operations.

In Progress

- 5/28/26 Maintenance Garage Door broke on NE Side

Incoming

- September 14,2026 Grabers will start on Round Cattle Barn Roof
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Annual Fair Preparation

Progress toward the upcoming fair.

Planning Updates

- Tickets online have been updated new images and descriptions- Go Live 6/1/2026
 - Met with Kirby with [Fairs.com](https://www.fairs.com) 5/27/26 to check internet at each Gate
 - Gate 1 Drive In- Internet is great
 - Gate 1 Walk IN - Internet is bad
 - Access Point recommended because of buildings and trees
 - 5/27 emailed Chris with Net Steady to get a quote
 - Gate 3- Internet is ok but might have an issue- [Fairs.com](https://www.fairs.com) will provide Starlink to accommodate this issue
 - Gate 5- NO internet at all- [Fairs.com](https://www.fairs.com) will provide Starlink to correct
 - Gate 6- Internet is great
 - VANTAGE DATA CENTERS- \$4,000 sponsor for Senior Day
 - Fair Hope sponsored \$2,500
 - Would like to have Senior Day FREE
 - Emailed Travis Mathes with CTC to schedule meeting for parking
 - Spoke with TSC about possibility of picnic tables donated for between art hall and new bathroom
 - Thoughts on the old chairs from the Art Hall being used for seating between Art Hall and New Restroom
 - FMC unable to work First Aid Booth at the Fair
 - Reached out to 2 twp fire chiefs trying to get to a meeting to discuss if they would want to work first aid booth at fair
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Grandstand & Ticketing

Updates regarding entertainment, ticket sales, and event planning.

Ticketing

- Online ticketing updates- See Attached
 - Paper Tickets and Passes have arrived
 - VIP Parking goes on Sale 7/1/26
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Sponsorship & Revenue Development

- See attached
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Events & Community Engagement

Upcoming Events

- July 4, 2026- No Open Flames, no tarps placed until July 4 at Noon but can start marking places on July 3rd at noon but not with tarps and blankets.
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Personnel & Staffing

- We need to hire another part time seasonal staff member to work 4 hours a day.
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