

Fairfield County Agricultural Society Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ricketts Hall

Call to Order

The March meeting of the Fairfield County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted.

Roll Call

Directors Present:

Regina Bresler, Randy Fisher, Eric Keener, David Keller, Doug Leith, Joel Spires, Mark Sharp, Doug Shaw, Connie Smith, Gregory Swinehart, and Kim Westhoven, Charlie Schultz, and Steve Bader.

Directors Absent:

Zach Drake, Sean Malone, and Abigail Skinner

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mark to approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Steve.

Motion carried.

Membership Comments

Gail addressed the board regarding several concerns, including animals not being present on Saturday, issues with Grand Champion signs, pigs leaving early, and a donation of feed. She also discussed efforts to secure sponsorship for Big Ass Fans, including placing a banner in Feeder Creek for recognition. Warranty information was reviewed, noting a 15-year warranty with a 30-day extension.

Nathan presented geomapping materials, including a map of the fairgrounds showing vendor and camping locations.

Financial Report

Regina presented the financial report. Discussion included revenue updates, expense review, sponsorship revenue, and upcoming financial needs. Connie moved to accept the revenue updates, and Doug Shaw seconded.

Motion carried.

A motion to accept the full financial report was made by Doug Shaw and seconded by Eric Keener.

Motion carried.

Fair Manager's Report

The Fair Manager provided updates on monthly operations, including the cash log, grounds work, event planning, staffing, sponsorship progress, and compliance matters.

Additional operational updates included the Art Hall demolition and half-stall adjustments, ordering twenty toilets, replacing a seven-foot bush hog, repairs to the dump truck, rebuilding a chainsaw, installing new blades on the John Deere mower, cleanup of a large fallen tree, and preparations for upcoming events.

Junior Fair Awards

The committee reported that all items were updated. Work continues on a large banner and a small rosette order.

Junior Fair Board

Rachel Sponseller was officially named President on March 4. The Junior Superintendent meeting was held, with additional details provided on the blue sheet. A motion was made by Regina to approve Rule #20. The motion was seconded by Doug Shaw.

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Motion carried.

Steve made a motion to approve Rule #19 to allow water only. Kim seconded.

Motion carried.

Kim made a motion to remove the phrase "starting behind the tail" from Rule #19. Doug L seconded. **Motion carried.**

Joel made a motion to bring the alpaca release time item back from the table. Randy seconded.

Motion carried.

Mark made a motion to approve the alpaca release time. Baden seconded.
Motion carried.

Sale Committee

The Sale Committee reported outstanding invoices and noted that three new committee positions have been added. A vote was held on a photography bid. Randy provided updates from the Junior Fair perspective, and Joel provided updates from the Senior Fair perspective. Clerks Kim, Megan, and Jennifer stepped down from the sale committee. Doug Leith nominated Randy Fisher as the Junior Fair representative and Joel Spires as the Senior Fair representative. Steve Bader seconded the motion, and it passed.

Buildings and Grounds

Dale and Randy reviewed roof bids for the cattle barn. Additional building and grounds updates were noted as ongoing.

Entertainment

Applications for field bands have been received. Some entertainment contracts have not yet been returned.

Camping

Emails were sent to returning campers. Registration for new campers will open on April

Grants / Sponsorships

No additional updates.

Human Resources

No report.

Old Business

Doug Shaw made a motion to approve a \$25 increase for Clark Insurance. The motion was seconded by Greg Swinehart.

Motion carried.

Camping rules were updated to include a logo added by Stacey. Approval was given by Steve Bader. Doug Shaw made a motion to accept the updated rules.

Motion carried.

Discussion regarding resizing the Federated Garden Club area was tabled.

New Business

A computer crash backup expense of \$17.28 was presented. Connie made a motion to approve the

expense, and Doug seconded.

Motion carried.

Greg moved to form a committee to address security camera needs. Eric seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

The committee will consist of Eric, Greg, Kim, Steve, and Joel.

Doug made a motion to allow Gail to continue handling the Big Ass Fans sponsorship. Steve seconded.

Motion carried.

Mark made a motion to purchase 250th anniversary lapel pins to be distributed to Open Class entries and Queens. Connie seconded.

Motion carried.

Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. under ORC 121.22.

The board returned from Executive Session at 10:08 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug and seconded by Steve.

Motion carried.

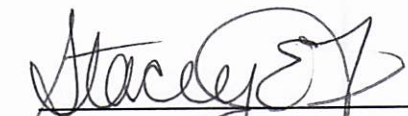
The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Signatures



David Keller
President, Fairfield County Agricultural Society

Date: 5/19/26



Stacey Fisher
Fair Manager/ Secretary

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