

The Cedar County Fair
Minutes
December 10, 2025

December 10, 2025 Meeting was called to Order by Doug Schroeder (President) at 7:00 PM at the fair office.

Board Members Present

Ashley Poduska	Josh Kessler	Dean Doerscher
Kevin Licht	Molly Haub	Ed Ketelson
Dave Shinker	Melissa Anderson	Craig Smith
Doug Schroeder	Patti Edge	Lance Schiele
Duston Anderson	Dana Pruess	

Board Members Absent:

Brian Neuberger	Macy Wiese
Jenny Jackson	Dana Pruess

Guest Recognition: Tom Wagner thanked people for getting signs up for the Mathew's Building

Correspondence: Wiegert Family extends thank you to the fair board for the generous offer of the Mathew's Building.

Approval of Previous Month Minutes:

Lance made a motion to approve November minutes.
Josh seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Financial, Bylaws, Insurance & Grants Committee Report:

Lance made a motion to approve the financial report.
Ed seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Financial Report: As of December 10, 2025

General Account Balance: \$8,529.42
Mathews Account Balance: \$7,104.34
Liberty (Ag Building) Savings Account Balance: \$7,104.34
Liabilities Grounds Improvements: \$31,862.89
Liabilities Grandstand Project: \$29,921.65
Overall Total: \$ -37,504.27

Molly made a motion to give Kerry Wright a \$500 bonus.
Seconded by Craig.
Motion Carried.

Lance made a motion to approve the committees with the amendment of adding Dana to the Concessions. Duston seconded. Motion carried.

Dave made a motion to allow Mel to assist with duties of third vice president. Lance Seconded. Motion carried.

Grant did come from community foundation and is in the general account for the fence project. The board will still need to match that funds for that grant.

Doug went to Rotary club meeting today and presented floral hall situation. We have two proposals that we need to vote on tonight. Molly made a motion to go with the whole repair of floral hall. Patti Seconded. Motion Carried.

Partnerships: .

Patti moved to approve the partnership documentation. Mel Seconded. Motion carried.

Entertainment (Carnival, Grandstand Events, Free Stage) Committee Report:

Planning to look at grounds acts at convention.

Promotions (Advertising, Website, Social Media), Recruitment, and Volunteers Committee Report:

Patti made a motion to get the cow statue used by the Iowa State Fair in 2025 from the location in Johnston, along with stained glass supplies, for Kelsi Lynch to decorate and auction off at the wood carving auction at the 2026 Fair. Lance amended the motion to have a cap of \$600. Seconded by Ashley. Motion carried.

Molly presented a plan to run a holiday special on season passes and carnival punch cards. Association members will be able to buy any ticket and get a second one at ½ price, non-association members will be able to purchase all tickets with a \$5 discount per ticket. Dave motioned to move forward with Promotions Holiday Special recommendation. Mel Seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Capital Improvements, Maintenance, Repairs and Events Prep Committee Report:

Doug went through the remaining expenses on the new CCFB Ag Building. Doug and Brian and going to meet with Rob from Customer Builders next week some time to discuss remaining project. We have \$12,000 left on the Pavillion, if we can pay that off, we will ask if they would be willing to carry our balance we owe them on the new building.

Extension is paying rent for the new building. The new drop box also got hung up.

Stone city for the donor wall - Capital Improvements is waiting for a quote for that.

Concessions, Rentals, Vendors and Camping Committee Report:

The Squirrel in Floral Hall must die. We are going to look at vendor contracts and try to get them out shortly after the first of the year.

Livestock, Livestock Buildings and Open Shows Committee Report:

Beef weigh in Dec 20

Kevin made a motion to go with Grasshopper for snow removal for extension building. Second by Lance. Motion carried.

4-H and Extension Center Report:

From Macy via email -

4-H Updates:

- Beef weigh in is December 20th from 8:30-Noon
- Gala –what is the exact wording of what the money is being donated to? Moton made by Dave to have our money to go to Floral Hall renovations. Seconded by Josh. Motion carries.
 - If anyone has any live auction donations, you can drop them off at the extension office. - Bring ideas to the next meeting.

Side note – in past years fairboard has donated the VIP Parking passes and season tickets.

I would like to schedule a meeting with the livestock committee to discuss changes to the fairbook. Let me know what works for them.

FFA Report: Hopefully kiddie barn is progressing. Kevin said Alumni said it sounds like it is a go.

Other Business:

Dave presented that we are to be recipients of an estate payout. Duston made motion to accept the resolution as presented. Josh seconded it. Motion carried.

Kevin made motion to have exec board and Mel as co-treasurer to have code to safe. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Lance made a motion to adjourn.
Molly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved on _____

Jenny Jackson, Secretary

Doug Schroeder, President