

The Cedar County Fair  
Minutes  
January 14, 2026

January 14, 2026 Meeting was called to Order by Doug Schroeder (President) at 7:00 PM at the fair office.

**Board Members Present**

Kevin Licht	Molly Haub	Dana Pruess
Dave Shinker	Melissa Anderson	Lance Schiele
Doug Schroeder	Brian Neuberger	Jenny Jackson
Duston Anderson	Craig Smith	Ed Ketelson
Josh Kessler	Macy Wiese	Dean Doerscher
Pattie Edge		

**Board Members Absent:**

Ashley Poduska

**Guest Recognition:** Bob Davidson, Brad Gaul

Curtis Glaze State Fair President- Spring update- went over last years projects that got finished. Provided a list of projects for 2026. At fair 2026 will break ground for a new educational ag building- goal of showing the correlation with livestock and grain crops- what the fields can offer youth for jobs. State Fair will be acknowledging America being 250 years old- the ribbons will incorporate this celebration. Drone show every night of the fair to celebrate along with fireworks.

Jaden Freese here on behalf of the Youth Committee for the Gala- \$50 tickets for the meal and event. \$25 for just the event. Joan is the lead of the event. Putting curtains on the wall without using things to adhere to the wall. Sunday cleanup. Asking about water jug fill up- we do not have a safe place to do this fill up.

Funds to go to sheep and goat pins

VIP round tables- \$500 gets 8 meal/drink tickets and preferred seating with first in line to eat. There will be at least 8 round tables at the event.

Youth committee is getting auctioneer and ring leader.

RSVP due 2/1 for dinner

Jenny Jackson made motion to approve 1 drink ticket or 8 tickets per table for the Boots and Bling 4H Gala.

Duston Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Brad Gaul- going through budgets and its taking a lot of time. Supervisors appreciate what the board is doing.

**Correspondence:** None

**Approval of Previous Month Minutes:**

Molly Haub made a motion to approve December minutes.

Melissa Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

**Financial, Bylaws, Insurance & Grants Committee Report:**

Kevin Licht made a motion to approve the budget with the amendment of the rental/lease section to include the FB Ag Center rental income.

Dana Pruess seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

David Shinker made a motion to approve the financial report.

Kevin Licht seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

**Financial Report: As of January 14, 2026**

General Account Balance: \$17,097.33

Mathews Account Balance: \$7,042.87

Liberty (Ag Building) Savings Account Balance: \$24,649.01

Liabilities Grounds Improvements: \$31,862.89

Liabilities Grandstand Project: \$29,921.65

Overall Total: \$ -12,995.33

Molly Haubs contract for website management the board will vote yearly. Duston Anderson makes motion to continue with Molly's current pay for her website work. Dana Pruess seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Partnerships:** Letters are going out. Brothers is going to do the stage for the pavilion. Molly has taken on this role currently and is doing a great job.

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

We are waiting for contract on the grounds act. Open Mutt Busting being added to the rodeo, running before the rodeo and then bringing the top 5 back. We need to buy bike helmets for muttin bustin.

Melissa Anderson makes motion to give a certificate to each muttin bustin participant to come get a 1 session carnival pass.

Jenny Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

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

Holiday special report- it was beneficial.

We are doing pig and cow statues for auction along with wood carving auction- America's 250<sup>th</sup> for both statues if she has time to complete.

February is a big month for promotion, announcing, sales.

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

Talk about donor wall in the new building. Talking about job usage for getting into buildings.

**Concessions, Rentals, Vendors and Camping Committee Report:**

Looking at our cost for vendors.

Molly Haub motioned the food vendors to receive 2 season passes or 8 single passes along with their vendor agreement/payment.

David Shinker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

No changes to commercial vendor contract.

Jenny Jackson made motion that we contact bride for the wedding date June 17-20 2027 she has priority of pick and she can pick any open Thursday- Sunday dates for free with retaining a \$500 damage deposit. If she chooses to keep her contract date the date goes her.

Molly Haub seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

**Livestock, Livestock Buildings and Open Shows Committee Report:**

No drag in the arena due to what we had was donated equipment for use in the past.

New drag will cost \$2,825.

Kevin Licht makes motion to purchase the drag for the show arena at the above price.

Ed Ketelson seconded.

Motion carried.

In the fair book they would like vehicles to leave after loading.

Supreme Showmanship discussion to be changed to Saturday. Consensus of the board is agreeable- final decision is on the Youth Committee.

Exercising area of the animals is going to be discussion the Livestock Committee and will report back to the board and to be voted on at a later meeting.

**4-H and Extension Center Report:**

Brain to make a motion to increase premiums to the nearest dollar and get rid of change. In the next years to follow to see where stall fees fit into the equation.

Kevin Licht seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

**FFA Report:**

Evan is working with Mike Clemmons about petting zoo at the Kiddie Barn. Insurance on this event is being looked at. Vet check will be needed for the animals to get off the trailer.

**Other Business:**

Melissa Anderson made the motion to give Open Exhibit judges 2 tickets to the concert tickets or \$100.

Duston Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried

Craig Smith makes motion to pay the note on the pavilion when monies arrive.

Dana Pruess seconds the motion.

Motion carried.

Kevin Licht made motion to allow Melissa Anderson to substitute for Jenny Jackson on the Executive Board, be added to the signature card, and as secretary as needed.

Duston Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

Duston Anderson made a motion to adjourn.

Molly Haub seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Minutes Approved on 2/11/2026

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Jenny Jackson, Secretary

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Doug Schroeder, President