

The Cedar County Fair
Minutes
April 8, 2026

April 8, 2026 Meeting was called to Order by Doug Schroeder (President) at 7:00 PM at the fair office.

Board Members Present

Kevin Licht	Melissa Anderson	Dave Shinker
Doug Schroeder	Pattie Edge	Dean Doerscher
Duston Anderson	Brian Neuberger	Edward Ketelsen
Josh Kessler	Macy Wiese	Evan McCleary
Craig Smith		

Board Members Absent:

Dana Pruess	Lance Schiele	Ashley Poduska
Molly Haub	Jenny Jackson	

Guest Recognition: Lynn Ketelsen, Andrew Lorenzen

Correspondence:

Approval of Previous Month Minutes:

Kevin approved, Josh seconded

Financial, Bylaws, Insurance & Grants Committee Report:

Financial Report: As of April 8, 2026

General Account Balance: \$28,216.44
Mathews Account Balance: \$7,309.15
Liberty (Ag Building) Savings Account Balance: \$36,189.20
Liabilities Grounds Improvement Project: \$29,921.65
Overall Total: \$ 41,793.14

Dave Shinker motioned to approve the financial report. Duston Anderson seconded.
Motion carried.

Payment to Custom Builders due June 1

Patti Edge motioned to pay early. Brian Neuberger seconded. Motion carried

ICap Renewal received. Farm Bureau quote received without liability or alcohol. Brian Boedeker quote is coming.

Doug Schroeder motioned for exec board to make insurance decision. Kevin Licht seconded.

Grant Opportunity: Farm Credit (Crystal Wilson) \$25,000 for anything Agriculture. FB Building qualifies.

Mel Anderson motion Doug completes application. Patti Edge seconded. Motion carried.

Bank Volunteers: Hang banners before fair. Send 10-11 people to run gates on Wednesday, they'll pay us \$3,000. Doug will verify they're available.

Partnerships Committee Report:

As of today, 34,074.73. At fair 2025: 64K

Need to discuss banner renewal for grandstand sponsors.

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

Schedule shared (attached)

2027 Carnival option: Stars & Bars Inflatables;

Duston Anderson motioned to get out dates booked for S&B. Ed Ketelsen Seconded. Motion Carried

Concessions & Beer Garden Committee:

Stocked up for race and organized by expiration.

Kristy has renewed her ServSafe certification.

Kevin Licht motioned to raise Kristy's daily rate from \$175 to \$200. Duston Anderson Seconded. Motion carried.

Flat top griddle \$1,073 brand new rather than scratch and dent for \$200 less.

Josh Kessler motioned to buy new. Kevin Licht Seconded. Motion carried.

Pavillion/Free Stage Committee Report:

No updates

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

Get volunteers listings in.

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

Kids National Day of Giving April 22nd. Kevin & Patti can be onsite 9-12 (25 kids). Brian will let them know.

Lock for Mathews has been ordered. Arlan will assist with rekeying other doors.

Donor wall contractor will make a mockup with donors and pictures.

Brian will caulk inside Floral Hall Friday, Painting on Saturday.

East side of Ag Building - Cattlemen want to pay for fence where grass and parking lot meet, either white vinyl or black fence like office to lions.

Kevin Licht motioned Cattlemen are welcome to move forward with their choice of fencing. Josh Kessler Seconded. Motion carried.

Rentals, Vendors and Camping Committee Report:

Camping renewals went out.

Cedar County Conservation would like to move inside Mathews.

Kevin Licht motioned to give Conservation spot in Mathews building for no fee. Patti Edge Seconded. Motion carried.

Race Committee:

Donated ticket shack arrived. Updates coming along.

Work day Saturday. To Do List handed out.

Livestock, Livestock Buildings and Open Shows Committee Report:

Brian ordered 18 gates.

4-H and Extension Center Report:

Building sign quote received. Coming this week to mark out.

Need Barn Fire Procedure. Would like to add emergency procedures (weather, fire, etc) to fair book in future.

FFA Report:

FFA Alumni and Students will run Kiddy Barn Petting Zoo during fair - thinking 11 - 2 Wednesday - Saturday.

Other Business:

Lions Building: April 18th 1 - 5 Dean's Birthday Party

North Furnace in Mathews not working again. Semi Annual maintenance scheduled for 15th. Lowden P&H were here a few weeks ago and cleaned burners. Recommended new parts \$1,750. We are tabling repairs until after fair.

School board verifying we would keep all communities involved.

Doug would like to be invited to all committee meetings. Cannot guarantee he will be able to attend but would like to know when they are.

Bingo Saturday.

Adjournment:

Mel Anderson motioned to adjourn. Macy Wiese Seconded.