

The Cedar County Fair  
Minutes  
August 12, 2026

August 12, 2026 Meeting was called to Order by Doug Schroeder(President) at 7:02 PM at the fair office.

**Board Members Present**

Doug Schroeder  
Molly Haub  
Josh Kessler  
Melissa Anderson

Edward Ketelsen  
Duston Anderson  
Craig Smith  
Dean Doerscher

Dana Pruess  
Ashley Poduska  
Macy Wiese

**Board Members Absent:**

Kevin Licht  
Brian Neuberger  
Lance Schiele

Dave Shinker  
Pattie Edge

Jenny Jackson  
Evan McCleary

**Guest Recognition:**

Andrew Lorenzen                      Lynn Ketelsen

**Correspondence:**

Cedar County Conservation  
Coppess Family - Thank you  
4-H Pony Project

**Approval of Previous Month Minutes:**

June Board Minutes: Molly Haub Motioned to approve the minutes. Josh Kessler seconded. Motion Carried

July Board Minutes: Duston Anderson Motioned to approve the minutes. Craig Smith seconded. Motion Carried

**Financial Report: As of August 11, 2026**

General Account Balance: \$ 6,369.45  
Mathews Account Balance: \$10,409.44  
Liberty (Ag Building) Savings Account Balance: \$23,199.97  
Liabilities Grounds Improvement Project: \$29,921.65  
Overall Total: \$10,057.21

Josh Kessler motioned to approve the financial report. Ashley Poduska seconded. Motion carried.

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

Fair budget vs actuals

**Partnerships Committee Report:**

Way to Kick Ass Sea Bass - Final Count was \$71,612.77. 2025 was \$63,884.20.  
Sponsorship was \$29,829.70, 2025 was \$32,709.36.

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

Met Monday. Great attendance each night with great weather. Working on Advertising targets for each event rather than as a whole.

One discussion was parking inside the race pits at the end of the night, rewarding the late comers?

Wednesday night - mutton busting was well attended. Recommending Repeat Rodeo again. Debating moving Races back to Wednesday so we don't interfere with Marshalltown Thursday Night Weekly Race for Modified

Thursday night - Looking at not doing sprints, doing additional modified classes - would move their budget from 11K to 22K, or other classes (maybe more local?)

Friday - Tractor Pull - working on faster resets between pullers.

Saturday - VIP Gate Security, requesting 1 board member at the Gate. Looking at a larger VIP tent to get all food and bartending under same VIP tent. Looking to get rid of smoking in VIP section. Brothers did great with food. Looking at changing Genres.

Sunday - Busiest Sunday in over a decade. Car Show = phenomenal, already working on next year; Demo Derby - very well attended, recommending repeat

**Concessions & Beer Garden Committee:**

Randy Weaver would like to discuss serving Buchanan House Wine rather than the boxed wine we've been using.

**Pavillion/Free Stage Committee Report:****Promotions (Advertising, Website, Social Media), Recruitment, and Volunteers Committee Report:**

Fair Survey

Let Molly know who needs a specific thank you.

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

Met Wednesday: Cattlemen are requesting (at own expense) to install more fans in show arena. Dana Pruess motioned to approve fan installation, Molly Haub seconded. Motion Carried

Arlan Mohr is donating steel for fence wall - work day 8/30.

Lowden Plumbing & Heating - inspection of AC & Furnace in Mathews. Doug or Mel will schedule.

Floral Hall repairs as discussed previously

Cattle Barn: PVC Pipe T'd into Southside gutters to divert water, date TBD

Discussed getting Electrician on site to review all grounds.

Gates in Old Sheep Barn - need to get out of dirt before getting rotted

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

Good Makers Market - would like to park vendors inside track fencing. Not adding an additional entrance at this point so other fencing should remain the same. Discussing increased fee for increased dumpster and utility costs.

Ashley Poduska motions to increase Fall Rent to \$4,000. Molly Haub seconded. Motion Carried (one Neh)

**Race Committee:**

Reinhart Memorial Moved to Thursday before Kathy Dolouhy Memorial - makes it a 2 day race.

Molly Haub motions ½ camping for the Memorial race weekend goes to race fundraising ½ goes back to fair board for bills. Mel Anderson seconded. Motion Carried.

Camping registration for Fall Bash has started.

Looking to add a "Power Wheels" race during Kathy's race

**Livestock, Livestock Buildings and Open Shows Committee Report:****4-H and Extension Center Report:**

Fair Recap meeting is 8/25 - 6pm

**FFA Report:****Other Business:**

South East District Meeting 9/19 - 5pm Social, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

- Meal will be provided by Cattleman
- Sheet cakes for desert by Mel
- Beer must be free per Extension Rules
- Need 20 - 30 raffle items
  - Holiday 29 pack?
  - Good Makers Market Purchases
- Doug, Dave, Craig, Molly as committee
- Would like as many board members attending as possible

**Adjournment:**

Molly Haub motioned to adjourn. Josh Kessler seconded. Motion carried.