

The Cedar County Fair
Minutes
June 10, 2026

June 10, 2026 Meeting was called to Order by Doug Schroeder (President) at 7:00 PM at the fair office.

Board Members Present

Kevin Licht	Lance Schiele	Craig Smith
Doug Schroeder	Macy Wiese	Dean Doerscher
Molly Haub	Dave Shinker	Edward Ketelsen
Josh Kessler	Duston Anderson	Dana Pruess
Melissa Anderson	Ashley Poduska	Evan McCleary

Board Members Absent:

Jenny Jackson Brian Neuberger Pattie Edge

Guest Recognition: Jake Ketelsen, Andrew Lorenzen, Brad Gaul, Noah Coppess

Noah Coppess with Farm Bureau: presenting checks for building pledge & Sunday gate sponsorship. Need to have discussion regarding scheduling conflicts. Would like to update branding as Cedar County Farm Bureau Ag Center.

Fair queens were going to come but with weather were allowed to skip.

Brad Gaul - rock has been hauled. Looking forward to fair.

Correspondence:

Approval of Previous Month Minutes:

Lance Shiele motioned to approve, Ed Ketelson seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: As of June 10, 2026

General Account Balance: \$11,072.34
Mathews Account Balance: \$13,088.91
Liberty (Ag Building) Savings Account Balance: \$38,189.20
Liabilities Grounds Improvement Project: \$29,921.65
Overall Total: \$ 32,428.80

Duston motioned to approve. Josh seconded. Motion carried.

Financial, Bylaws, Insurance & Grants Committee Report:

Dave and Doug met with Brian Boedeker and reviewed values for buildings around the grounds. Premium will run around 30,400. Initial start date is 7/1/26, will ask upper powers that be to adjust policy date in the future to October or something similar to not be right ahead of fair.

Kevin motions to start with Community Insurance on 7/1/26. Lance seconded. Motion carried

Recycling grant: Can Shed will work with us to complete a grant that bring in one shipping container full of recycling containers for cans.

Dana motions to proceed with grant application. Molly seconded. Motion carried.

Partnerships Committee Report:

Currently 48,373.96, long way from 65,000. Sponsorships 28,500. If you are a board member and also a partner, you might not have received a renewal in the mail so please complete the form at your earliest convenience.

For work night: install cable on back of south grandstand for banners

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

Dave has been in contact with carnival. Reviewed safety equipment. Car show trophies are purchased and paid for. Check for concert has been sent to Nashville.

Concessions & Beer Garden Committee:

Party Patio - rather than additional beer garden, recommendation to just do spools.

Pavillion/Free Stage Committee Report:

In progress. More activities than just contests.

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

Molly has talked to most people for volunteers.

On the 4th of July - Lance and Dean agreed to Bartend, Lance to determine start time.

Trucks for 4th of July: Ashley, Dave, Hopefully Jenny Jackson

Ticket sales are down about 300 - conversation with Leon, this is common across all fairs and events this year.

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

Southside of stalling barn, update eave spouts; Dana motioned to update eave spouts, Dave seconded, motion carried.

Rock south of pavilion, build up first then $\frac{3}{8}$ base on top. Dana motioned to install rock prior to fair. Evan seconded. Motion carried.

Lock updates coming on Mathews.

New extension building showers, change from card keys locks to deadbolt. Kevin motions to change lock, Ashley Second

Rentals, Vendors and Camping Committee Report:

Molly motions free rental for Christmas Festival, Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Randy Milliman - Molly motions he is allowed to return to Mathews Building this year, if another incident occurs, he will be banned from Fairgrounds during fair indefinitely. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Race Committee:

Lights are updated and working, guardrail for staging area has been extended. Race pit entrance building door has a new combo lock. Old ticket shack has been moved to south entrance.

Next Wednesday work night to set up fencing and other to prep for Sh!tBox Nationals next week.

Livestock, Livestock Buildings and Open Shows Committee Report:

Goat Clinic going on this weekend. Gates to be installed 6/24 by 4-H councils. Molly motions to buy pizza for volunteers during install. Mel seconded.

4-H and Extension Center Report:

2 work nights 6/24 & 6/28. 5:30 - 8 both nights. Craig suggested brooms/leaf blowers to clean out other barns. If other suggestions of needs, let Macy know.

FFA Report:

Kiddie barn will be presented at next board meeting as available for sale.

This will be Evan's last Cedar County Fair. Megan has taken a new position in Danville and will be moving.

Other Business:

Tom Wegener memorial ideas:

- Plaque near stage pavilion
- Annual Award to 4H-er or FFA-er (belt buckle)
 - Suggestion: Leaders nominate one of their seniors, board votes; could be neat if they didn't know who were nominated
 - Josh, Macy, Ashley & Kevin will spearhead a committee
- Concrete Bench
- Name Gravel Road: Wegener Way

Duston motions to name internal grounds road along pavilion and office to Tom Wegener Way pending. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Committee to meet regarding plan for award buckle - to be presented during auction. Dana motions to create a committee. Evan seconded. Motion carried.

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Farm Credit will hang banners in the afternoon on 7/1.

County Fair Day at State Fair August 14th. Picnic near Fair Managers House. Parking pass and gate entrance.

- Dave and Bobette
- Kevin and Cindy
- Doug and Glenda

Selling tickets in the office daily starting next week until fair. If you're available to volunteer some time to sit in here, contact Mel or Molly.

7/1 - Work night 5:30 - 7, meeting to follow.

Adjournment:

Duston motioned to adjourn. Ed seconded. Motion carried.