

The Cedar County Fair
Minutes
May 13, 2026

May 13, 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	Craig Smith
Doug Schroeder	Pattie Edge	Dean Doerscher
Molly Haub	Brian Neuberger	Edward Ketelsen
Josh Kessler	Macy Wiese	Evan McCleary
Dana Pruess	Dave Shinker	Lance Schiele

Board Members Absent:

Jenny Jackson	Duston Anderson	Ashley Poduska
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Guest Recognition: Lynn Ketelsen, Andrew Lorenzen

Correspondence: Thank you's from 4-H councils for passes.

Approval of Previous Month Minutes:

Lance Schiele approved, Ed Ketelsen seconded

Financial Report: As of May 13, 2026

General Account Balance: \$25,695.94
Mathews Account Balance: \$9,592.81
Liberty (Ag Building) Savings Account Balance: \$14,189.20
Liabilities Grounds Improvement Project: \$29,921.65
Overall Total: \$ 19,556.30

Lance Schiele motioned to approve the financial report. Ed Ketelsen seconded.
Motion carried.

Financial, Bylaws, Insurance & Grants Committee Report:

Insurance quotes from K&K (Community Insurance - Brian Boedeker) - \$29,252.00

- ICAP Quote roughly \$34K

Patti Edge Motioned to switch Community Insurance/Brian Boedeker. Molly Haub seconded. Motion carried.

Carshow budget was \$250. Patti Edge motioned to increase car show budget to \$750. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Farm Credit application for grant - Doug has completed and will review with Crystal.

Partnerships Committee Report:

\$38,874.46 currently, last year \$47,000
Sponsors currently \$4825, last year \$19,000

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

Inflatables agreed to 1 year contract to start

Concert, down 1 sponsor.

Met with Security - VIP guests may take final drink with them after concert

Contestants: 4 queens, 5 princesses, 9 little miss

Concessions & Beer Garden Committee:

Dave Shinker motions mixed drinks stays in Mathews for Races. Patti Edge seconded. Motion carried.

Dana/Lance will take alcohol course/cert

All hands on deck requested for tearing down post concert and working beer garden.

Regular liquor license will be suspended for 2 weeks around fair - this allows us to return all unused fair alcohol.

Pavillion/Free Stage Committee Report:

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

BOGO week: 150 tickets sold. Radio ads start Memorial Day. Total tickets sold 266, last year 500.

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

Hail on Floral Hall - Quote \$4,140 from Turkey River (2 sides, trim around windows, corners). Waiting on Insurance Adjuster quote for further damage/coverage.

Discussions continue for area south of pavilion - rain flooding issues

6 Cameras are installed. Additional cameras \$400 each. Additional Wifi extenders \$250.

Rentals, Vendors and Camping Committee Report:

Goodmakers Market next weekend. Work night Wednesday to set up fencing and tables. Doug bringing skidsteer with forks and post pounder.

Fair camping is full.

Race Committee:

\$3000 donation from Sander Family - requesting stadium light. Kevin motions to approve purchase of light, Josh seconded. Motion Carried.

Water truck and signs are completed, east fence completed, ticket shack donated.

To be completed: Announcer stand, additional lighting, staging area, verify speakers, redivert road, etc as funding is available.

Livestock, Livestock Buildings and Open Shows Committee Report:

Pens are ordered/coming.

4-H and Extension Center Report:

Youth committee does olympics at end of fair. Requesting move to south of swine barns.

Dana Pruess motions to move location. Patti Edge seconded. Motion carried.

Savannah Minert to photograph 4-H Livestock events. Dana Pruess motioned. Patti Edge seconded. Motion carried.

FFA Report:

Mike Clemmens - will not have large horse, will have 1 or 2 mini horses. Working with chapters to get Kiddy Barn itinerary finalized. Animals and activities. Mike will have signage for safety protection.

Molly Haub motions FB to pay June electrical bill for due Goodmakers utility usage (one vendor approved to use it). Dana Pruess seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Begin thinking of ways to memorialize Tom Wegener.

Sometime this summer, Farm Bureau and Fair Board would like a dinner/

May 21st Rib Fest - More info to come from Doug.

Tent from Big Ten now 20 x 40, will be out of way of beer garden. \$800 rental, \$3000 sponsor already acquired. Mel Anderson motions to move forward tent rental. Lance Schiele seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Molly Haub motioned. Dana Pruess seconded.