



Grand County Fair Board Meeting
Thursday, July 31 · 5:30 – 6:30pm

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Attendees: Nicolle Gadiis-Wyatt, Rachel Wootton, Trish Hedin, Isabel Lindsey, Angie Book and Mackenzie Daniels

- Call the meeting to order: **Nicollee called the meeting to order at 5:33pm**
- Welcome introductions for new individuals as necessary: **Isabel is joining us for her first meeting as the new 4-H Programs Director**
- Meeting breakdown and courtesy reminders:
 - These are recorded public meetings.
 - Follow the Agenda.
 - Be respectful of everyone's time, keep side conversations and chit chatting to a minimum, or until after the meeting has concluded.
 - Do not interrupt others while they are speaking.
 - Note your questions and hold them until the end of each section.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes: 5/5, 5/12, 5/22, 6/6, 6/17, 6/23 and 7/8 of 2025
 - **Nicollee motioned to approve all the previous meeting minutes presented in this meeting. Rachel 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Board Member Report:
 - Angie (Arena Director) –
 - Heidi (Entertainment) –
 - Nicolle (Exhibits & Vendors) –
 - Rachel (Marketing) –
 - Greg (Security/Risk Management) –
 - Trisha (Commissioner) –
 - Isabel (4-H/USU) –
- Review old business:
 - Walker Drug water invoice - Did we get confirmation the water is donated? Angie has not heard anything. **No formal invoice has been received, but this could take some time. Rachel is going to follow up with Wade to confirm the water has been donated.**

- Thank you cards for sponsors – need volunteers to fill them out and get them delivered. Rachel and Nicolle are going to help with Thank you cards. Mackenzie will send out list of sponsors. **Angie has already delivered thank you cookies and shirts to the Sheriff's Dept., EMS and MVFD.**
- America 250 – need to apply for the grant. **Rachel is going to review what work has been done on the proposal and get the final draft ready for submission.**
- Discuss 2026 schedule.
 - **2026 4th of July is on a Saturday**
 - **Need to decide what days and how the event will be structured for 2026 so that we can start contacting entertainment acts and vendors to secure contracts.**
 - **Once we know what we want to do and how much it will cost, we need to contact sponsors directly to see if they want to sponsor entertainment/vendor contracts.**
- Keep recruiting for new board members. There are still 2 general seats open.
- New business:
 - **2025 IAFE registration**
 - There is a 4th slot open. Nicolle is available to attend. Rachel made a motion to send Nicolle as the 4th registrant to the 2025 IAFE convention in Denver. Nicolle 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - There is \$3,000 left over in the budget because 4-H did not participate this year in the county fair. This money can be reallocated for different things. Nicolle made a motion to spend the money on a 5th registration to 2025 IAFE. Rachel 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The person to attend is pending who will be available.
 - Nicolle requested a review of board positions:
 - Nicolle would like to relinquish the vendor coordinator role, but take the volunteer coordinator role.
 - **County Fair Webpage/Social Media**
 - Nicolle inquired about developing a webpage and social media pages specifically for the Grand County Fair.
 - We need to check with PIO and Legal to see what we can or cannot do, and who can have access.
 - **Safety Trainings** - Angie has identified two online safety training classes she feels the board members would benefit from.
 - August 13th at 11:30am – Conflict Resolution
 - August 14th at 10:00am – Active Shooter Preparedness
 - Mackenzie will email registration links for the classes to board members.
 - **Isabel – 4-H participation in future Grand County Fairs**
 - Cory sent an email (see attachment to meeting minutes for a copy of what Mackenzie received)
 - Cory wanted to discuss current barriers and challenges 4-H faces with participating in the county fair

- Livestock is a difficult category to encourage participation in.
 - Kids need housing for animals – OSTA is working on options to help with this need.
 - Future fairs need temperature controlled space to house animals for multiple days/nights.
 - There need to be volunteers on “barn duty” to check animals.
 - There needs to be a set pick up date/time.
- Produce is not yet ready in July. Possible fall events/programs for 4-H to showcase produce:
 - Partner with other fall events
 - YGP (Youth Garden Project)
 - City Farm and Feed market
 - Brief discussion by the board focused on promoting 4-H involvement. Scheduling different 4-H focused fair related events at different times of the year and recruiting community and other organizational partnerships to help encourage 4-H focused agriculture events.
- Trish reported a current reported 6% decrease in TRT funding which will most likely affect the county fair budget. Angie is working with the new county Public Information Officer, Melisa, on funding avenues. This is incentive to work on sponsorships sooner.
- Next Meeting's Agenda Items:
 - Continue discussion on 2026 schedule
 - Walker Drug water invoice final update
 - America 250 grant application update and submission
- Next Meeting: **August 28th at 5:30pm**
- Adjourn: **Nicollee adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm**

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