

Garfield County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Garfield County Fairgrounds, South Hall, 1001 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO 81650

Date and time: Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting: Join at

<https://zoom.us/j/91717354227?pwd=d4C6aaP4TXHvPrZC1i3wcv50Bq6VyD.1>. Meeting ID: 917 1735 4227. Passcode: 070265.

Mission

The purpose of the Fair Board is, in collaboration with Garfield County Administration, to ensure the successful promotion, production, and execution of the Fair each year.

The Fair Board shall ensure Fair programming is high quality and improves annually, as needed.

Fair programming shall:

- Shall embrace all ages, persons, cultures, and entities within Garfield County.
- Shall foster a spirit of community values.
- Shall promote the Western and agricultural heritage and history of Garfield County.

Roll Call

Roll call began at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Kaitlyn Snyder, Oliviya Daugherty, Dean Perkins, and Scott Schilt.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Public Comments from Citizens Not on the Agenda

Public comments began at 6:05 p.m. Individuals may be limited to five minutes each.

Approval of Minutes

Kaitlyn made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2026, regular meeting with a correction to change “cal” to “call.” Scott seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion.

Reports

Fair Partners, Programs, and Committees

Royalty

- The last practice is scheduled for Monday.
- The girls volunteered at the Farmers Market with Journey Home.
- Royalty will attend the dog show and Eagle rodeo this week.
- On Tuesday, the girls will attend the Family Rodeo and barbecue at 5:00 p.m. The barbecue begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by introductions, Hall of Fame recognition, and Royalty crowning.
- PRCA and Bulls Royalty will be warmed up by 6:30 p.m.
- Royalty will meet with the stock contractor to get a schedule of events.
- Eagle County Fair Royalty was invited to help with Military Thursday.
- Royalty can attend the Sale Day Buyers Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

4-H, FFA, and CSU Extension

- Carla reported that the horse show finished on Saturday.
- The dog show begins at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday.
- Pen and cage setup is scheduled for Thursday.
- On parade day, Park Avenue and Howard Avenue will be open for 4-H access to the Fairgrounds.
- Fair Board members should go to 4-H at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday for introductions.

Open Exhibits

- Carla reported that open exhibit entries are coming in.
- The Heritage Museum will attend with Apple Pie history.
- Participants are encouraged to bring in apple pies.

Livestock Marketing Committee

Carla reported that a meeting for 4-H families is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. tonight.

Car Show

The tent will be set up Friday by DOC.

Colorado River Valley Chamber of Commerce

- Ashley reported that Railroad Avenue will close at 9:45 a.m. for the parade.
- Fair Board members will ride with Diamond M Carriages.
- Ashley needs biographies from Fair Board members and Royalty.
- More than 54 floats are signed up.
- Grand Marshals have been chosen.

- Columbine is lending golf carts to the Chamber for voting.

Subcommittee Updates

- **Kickoff Events:** Look for the Fair Board banner in the Connex. Fair Board biographies are needed for the parade.
- **Midway:** Decorate the free stage Monday night. Fair Board members should attend the Cookie Jar contest at 12:30 p.m. Thursday and the Apple Pie contest at 1:00 p.m. Thursday. The midway opens Wednesday. The food contest for vendors is at 3:00 p.m. Thursday.
- **VIP:** Pepsi will sponsor drinks for the VIP tent.
- **Sponsorship:** A few more packets remain to be delivered.
- **Family Rodeo, PRCA, and Demo Derby Events:** Family Rodeo insurance is still pending. Dean will drop off hay Monday.
- **Safety, Security, and Risk Management:** A Thursday meeting with Rifle Police Department is scheduled after the morning meeting.
- **Parade:** Lineup begins at 9:30 a.m. near Jean's Printing.
- **Concert:** Four RVs are being confirmed. Chairs will be set up Friday and broken down afterward.
- **Volunteers:** Volunteers should complete the volunteer form. The biggest needs are someone to direct people and check-in help on concert night. Board members need to sign 4x4 waivers.

County Staff

- **County Administration:** No report was provided.
- **Fairgrounds and Events Administration:** Staff will try to stretch banners around the corner in the parking lot.

Board Comments

Scott thanked everyone.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.