

Garfield County Fair Board

Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Location: Garfield County Administration Building
108 8th Street
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Virtual Attendance

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99098987954?pwd=TVX11YLufOxAcuX5K0blsLO2gLEqaR.1>

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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 of high quality and improves annually as needed.

Fair Programming Goals

Fair programming:

- Embraces all ages, persons, cultures, and entities within Garfield County
 - Fosters a spirit of community values
 - Promotes the Western and agricultural heritage and history of Garfield County
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Roll Call – 6:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- Donna Marye
 - Leah Bergener
 - Scott Schilt
 - Dean Perkins
 - Oliviya Daugherty
 - Brackett Pollard
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Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments – 6:05 PM

Public comments from citizens not listed on the agenda.
Individuals may be limited to **5 minutes each**.

Approval of Minutes

February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion by **Leah Bergener** to approve the February 3, 2026 meeting minutes with the addition of Rob's comment:
"Sponsorships for the Fair are tax deductible."

Seconded by **Scott Schilt**.
Motion carried.

Reports

1. Fair Partners, Programs, and Committees

Royalty

Presenter: Gentry Velazquez, Royalty Princess

- Gentry presented to the Board regarding a request to use her horse, Chapo, who is a stud, during her reign as Royalty Princess.
- Current Royalty bylaws prohibit the use of stud horses.
- The Board, Gentry, her parents, Rob, and the Royalty Coordinator discussed safety considerations and the origin of the bylaw.
- Ashley supported Gentry's request.

Motion:

Oliviya Daugherty moved to allow Gentry Velazquez to use her horse Chapo, a stud, during her reign as Royalty Princess while the County reviews the history of the bylaw.

Seconded by **Brackett Pollard**.

Motion carried.

Additional Royalty updates:

- Media Day has not yet been scheduled due to timing constraints.
- Sponsorship packets were distributed to local businesses.
- Ashley presented the Royalty budget.

4-H / FFA / CSU Extension

Presenter: Carla

Updates:

- 4-H General Projects enrollment open until **April 1**.
- A new **cake decorating leader** has joined the program.
- Western Slope Shooters leader training scheduled for the end of March.

Open Exhibits

Presenter: Carla

Proposed updates to the Open Class book:

- New category: **“Found and Finished”**
 - Projects started by family members but completed by entrants.
- Recognition of the **110th year of Apple Pie Days**.
- New **Horticulture category** to include ranchers exhibiting hay or grain.
- Goal to publish the book by **May**.

Motion:

Leah Bergener moved to approve the Open Class book with highlighted corrections.
Seconded by **Brackett Pollard**.

Motion carried.

Livestock Marketing Committee

Presenter: Justin

Updates:

- Committee reviewed bylaws at the last meeting.
 - **Beef weigh-in** scheduled for the upcoming weekend.
 - **RFPs** have been released.
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Car Show

Summer of Thunder Car Show Project Scope Review

Two options discussed:

1. The Fair Board hosts and manages the car show directly.
2. Hire a consultant to manage the car show as a turnkey event.

Next Steps:

- Kelsy and Rob will research options.
 - Final plan expected in **April**.
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Colorado River Valley Chamber of Commerce

Updates:

- **State of the Community** event held last week.
- **Awards Banquet:** April 11.
- Parade flyer currently being created.

Grand Marshal criteria:

- Individual significant to and respected within the community.

City of Rifle

Alcohol Vendor

The **Elks Lodge** requested to move forward with the alcohol vendor contract and asked that the Fair purchase wristbands.

Motion:

Brackett Pollard moved to approve the Elks as the Alcohol Vendor for the 2026 Fair.

Seconded by **Scott Schilt**.

Motion carried.

2. Subcommittee Updates

Kickoff Events

- Saturday band confirmed.
- Food vendor still needed.

Midway

Board to consider:

- Mechanical bull
- Woodworker vendor
- Mini golf
- Non-profit corner

Free stage music lineup nearing completion.

VIP

- Tents ordered.
 - Committee deciding between **covered or clear wall panels**.
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Sponsorship

- Sponsorship commitments are coming in.
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Family Rodeo / PRCA / Demo Derby

- Brackett will follow up with Tyler regarding rodeo contractor.
 - Board supports Tyler serving as the Rodeo contractor.
 - **PRCA “Tough Enough to Wear Pink”** approved.
 - Discussion regarding Cowboy Hospitality.
 - **Demo Derby confirmed.**
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Safety, Security, and Risk Management

- Meetings begin in **June**.
 - Rifle Chief of Police retiring.
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Parade

- Board requested to bring **Grand Marshal nominations**.
 - Recommendation: **Wayne Pollard**.
 - Board encouraged to think about float ideas.
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Concert

No update.

Volunteers

Volunteer application expected to be **live on the website by May 1**.

3. In Memoriam & Hall of Fame Nominations

In Memoriam Recommendations

- Bob Young
- Terry Broughton
- Ernie Ginetti

Hall of Fame Recommendation

- Levy Burriss
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4. County Staff Updates

County Administration – Rob

Updates:

- Request to move Rifle meetings to the **Rifle Annex**.
- County Commissioners approved the **next three Fair dates**.
- **Stage RFP responses** expected next week.

Agenda Requests:

- Send agenda items and supporting materials to **Kelsy** and **cc Rob**.
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Fair & Events Coordinator – Kelsy

- Congratulations to Kelsy on her promotion to **Fair and Events Coordinator**.

Agenda Deadlines:

- Agenda additions due **Friday before the meeting at noon**.

Concert Update:

- Headliner contract has been redlined and returned.
- Opening act committed but paperwork pending.

Royalty Scholarship

- Up to **\$2,500 per recipient.**
- Royalty Committee will develop an application.
- Applicants must present to the Board.
- One-time scholarship award.

Vendors and Sponsorships

- **Vendor applications and sponsorship applications are live on the website.**

Board Comments

Scott Schilt:

Thanked Gentry for her courage in presenting to the Board.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.