

Lewis County Fair Board Minutes

July 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Quin Wemhoff in the Conference room at 6:55 p.m. Present were Jerrad Hellickson, Bryce Ingram, Chad Knowlton Sarah Zenner, Kaci Ralstin, fair board members, and Michelle Koepl, administrator. Klæe O'Brien, Extension Educator was also present. Ally Kuther, Livestock Sale Clerk was also present.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved with a motion from Bryce and seconded by Chad. Finances were approved with a motion from Kaci and a second from Sarah.

Royalty report was a mention of the bill at Jacobs Lumber that was billed to the court but apparently was promised as a donation. Michelle will clarify.

Premium book is currently at \$1475 with more ads yet to collect.

Camper report has ten campers currently. In 2025 we had a total of 23 campers

Vendors are currently at six.

No public comment.

Old business:

Swine weigh-in went well. The automatic ear tagger is perhaps causing ear infections though.

Cole Riggers worked the arena and panels are up and trail is set up.

Quin has not heard back from Crow Electric on the power source as of yet.

The 5th Street sidewalk project was tabled.

The bleachers on Pine St. will be removed because they are a liability. Bryce has agreed to do this.

Changes to the livestock sale as previously moved stand. However, in addition it was moved by Sarah and seconded by Chad to have the quality champion of each specie sell at the start of the auction and then random selling by ribbon color awarded to follow.

Michelle asked for clarification on the record books profit/loss report, daily weight gain and the re-sale buyers in regards to the overweight animals and shrink weight. Ally Kuther, livestock sales clerk was present to clarify and it should be no problem.

Michelle requested that the agenda be amended by adding back into discussion the buyer meal tickets and rescinding the previous motion of a certain number of tickets from the 2025 sale corresponding to the number of animals sold and given with the buyer numbers at the beginning of the sale. Discussion followed with the new information of Destiny Jennings catering the buyer dinner at the fair. It will be an action item for the August agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting is August 11 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Michelle Koepl