

Lewis County Fair Board Minutes

August 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Kaci Ralstin in the Conference room at 6:56 p.m. Present were Jerrad Hellickson, Bryce Ingram, Chad Knowlton Sarah Zenner, DeeDee Osburn, fair board members, and Michelle Koepl, administrator. Klæe O'Brien, Extension Educator and Emma Jepsen, program manager were also present.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved with a motion from Sarah and seconded by DeeDee. Motion passed. Finances were approved with a motion from DeeDee and a second from Sarah. Motion passed

Royalty report shows two candidates for 2027 Royalty, Sheridan Ousnamer and Reagan Walker. 2026 Royalty has submitted their photos and bios for the Premium book.

Premium book is currently at \$1650 with more ads yet to collect.

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

Vendors are currently at seven with two being non-food.

No public comment.

Old business:

Sheep and goat weigh-in went well. Market rabbit was held August 1st with Klæe present.

The Lewis County horse show went well. Thank you cards for Cole and Roger Riggers were signed.

Quin was not present for the update on the power source on 5th street. However, in a text message it is still being processed by Crow Electric and Avista working out the details.

The Lewis County Commissioners are paying for the sidewalk and ramp to the barn. They asked the board if we would go half on asphalt on the north side of the pavilion. DeeDee moved to pay fifty percent of the bill up to \$13,000. Chad seconded it. Motion passed.

Demolition of the bleachers on Pine St. was completed by Bryce Ingram. The bleachers were deemed unsafe and posed an emergency situation to have them removed. Bryce donated his time. The board will pay for equipment rental.

The auction changes were reviewed with hand-outs. The information will be made known public by the buyer letters, newspapers, 4-H newsletter and other media means.

B & D Services will be catering the livestock buyer dinner this year in the pavilion. DeeDee moved to set a \$15 limit to a meal ticket. Sarah seconded that. Motion carried. Michelle will contact Destiny and confirm hours of serving starting at 5 p.m. and going until after the sale is over. The buyer ticket discussion about previous year buyers was dropped.

Michelle encouraged the board to shop Cedar Creek Creations for clothes.

Tough Trucks competition is confirmed for Sunday, October 4th at the Cecil Hill arena.

The fair schedule was reviewed with only minor changes and not adding barn open and closure times.

Michelle asked if the Livestock Sales committee could have funds to buy shirts or hoodies. DeeDee moved to spend up \$200 and let the committee decide what they want. Sarah seconded. Motion passed. Michelle will contact Ally Kuther, sale clerk.

The railing by the steps on the hillside is in of repair. It will be looked at when a landscape bid is obtained. Klæe will contact Greenacres in Grangeville.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Next meeting is September 16th at 6 p.m.

Fair workday is September 12th at 9 a.m.

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 Koepf