

Cheyenne County Fair Board Meeting

September 28, 2026

The Cheyenne County Fair Board held a meeting on September 28, 2026 in the Cheyenne County Fair Board Office at 10995 Highway 30, Sidney, Nebraska. A notice of the meeting was published at the Sidney Sun Telegraph, the Cheyenne County website and Cheyenne County bulletin board. Copies of the agenda were submitted to each Fairboard member. Minutes are kept current and made available to the public at the Cheyenne County Clerk's Office.

President Troy Kurz called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following fair board members present: Troy Kurz, Kip Miller, Ryan Filsinger, Pat Finney, Travis Sprenger. Alternate members present: Shelby Roelle, J.D. Kogel, Heather Shaw, Marvin Filsinger and Todd Thomas. Guests present: Tom Payne

President Kurz announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the fair board office.

The minutes from the July 13, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Miller seconded by Sprenger to accept the minutes. Roll call: Aye-Miller, Filsinger, Finney, Sprenger, Kurz. Naye – none.

Treasurer's report: Miller reviewed the treasurer's report. Motion made to approve the treasurer's report by Finney, seconded by Sprenger. Roll call: Aye - Filsinger, Finney, Sprenger, Kurz. Naye – none. Abstain – Miller.

Correspondence none.

Order of business:

President Kurz discussed the fair dates for the 2027 Cheyenne County Fair and Rodeo. The week of July 18 – 24 was discussed as the date, keeping it the same week as before. Motion was made to set the week as July 18-24th by Miller, seconded by Sprenger. Roll call: Aye-Miller, Filsinger, Finney, Sprenger, Kurz. Naye – none.

Shelby Roelle discussed the possibility of the fair board members riding the Oktoberfest parade float with the FFA. Chrissy Befus is the contact person, if any fair board members were available, they would allow us to ride with them.

Sprenger discussed the sponsorship packages and after discussion from many board members, it was determined to leave it as it was, as it falls in line with other fair packages in the

area. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Finney to leave the sponsorship packages as they were. Roll call: Aye-Miller, Filsinger, Finney, Sprenger, Kurz. Naye – none.

Shaw discussed the ticketing platform. She identified a few other companies that maybe a better fit for the fair. The board discussed getting some bid option to be able to compare. Shaw stated she would get bids and bring them when received.

The board discussed the upcoming fair convention. Miller stated that he had reserved rooms to make sure we had them, but we could cancel if needed. Convention dates are January 22-24, 2027 in Kearney.

Filsinger discussed fundraising events, including, but not limited to donkey basketball and micro wrestling. The board talked about dates, and it was tabled until later to identify the best possible dates to hold an event.

Filsinger discussed the monster truck event. He explained that the promoter wanted us to do it again so he could try to get a route for his show. The board discussed the possibility of putting him into a rotation, so as to not have the same event every year.

Tom Payne discussed the possibility of adding ADA compliant wheel chair ramps and spots in the grandstand. Payne discussed the ideas he has incorporated into plan of the grounds in order to make it more compliant. Payne also indicated he would like to add a battery backup light system in the event we lost power in the grandstands.

Executive session:

Motion by Miller seconded by Finney to go into executive session. Roll call: Aye- Miller, Filsinger, Finney, Oliverius, Sprenger, Kurz. Naye – none.

Rodeo Committee:

Miller talked about the rodeo contracts and recent conversation he has had with multiple rodeo companies. While the bids vary in price, each company provided slightly different bids for the event. The board talked about our current provider, Cervi Championship Rodeo, and it was determined that maybe their representative could come to the meeting to discuss our options.

Miller discussed the option of bringing back the carnival as she has contacted him and would like to return to the fair. Thomas stated that he had another contact that he would reach out to, in order to see if they would be interested in coming to the fair. No decisions were made.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by Kurz at 8:32 P.M.

