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# Meeting Minutes

9/**22/25**

**Call to Order**

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 6:59 pm on September 22, 2025, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

**Roll call**

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Montgomery Raesz, Daniel Knippa, Amanda Drummond, John Faske, Blake Henderson, Paul Boff, Richard Sells, BJ Simpson, Dustin Davidson, Lance Hunter, Patrick Phillips

Guests: Heather Faske, Shelley Franklin, Victoria Saldaña, Michael Juranek

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| **Financial Report:** | **R Bank Money Market -** | **$82,138.36** |
| | **R Bank Savings -** | **$41,859.15** |
| | **R Bank Checking-** | **$3,871.04** |
| | **R Bank Scholarship Money Market -** | **$3,814.26** |
| | **Eagle Bank Checking -** | **$756.68** |
| | **Eagle Bank Money Market** | **$16,101.63** |

**Committee Reports:**

**A) Scholarship -** Committee Chairman – Paul Boff

- Scholarship Funding:
  - 2024-2025 Scholarships
  - 12 scholarships awarded. 1 Doug Vrabel Memorial $2500, 1 - $2000, 4 - $1750, 6 - $1500 for total of $20,500.00 worth of scholarships. 12 have submitted for them with required info.

**B) Livestock -**

- Superintendents:
  - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
  - Poultry - Montgomery Raesz
  - Rabbit – Patrick Phillips
  - Goat - Richard Sells
  - Lamb – John Faske
  - Swine – Amanda Drummond

    - Cattle - Dustin Davidson
    - Media - Paul Boff
    - Award - Blake Henderson
    - Facility - Brad Adams
    - Fundraising - Donnie Smith
    - Scholarship – Paul Boff
    - Jr. Steering – Brad Adams
- Judges:
    - Rabbit – Mary Jo Terry
    - Lamb – Colby Redifer
    - Breeding Lamb/Goat – John Romero
    - Goat – John Romero
    - Poultry – Keith Staggs
    - Steers – Gunner/Chad Coburn
    - Heifers – Gunner/Chad Coburn
    - Swine – Seth Swenson
    - Breeding Swine – Seth Swenson

**C) Validation -**

- DNA Testing – Animal ID -
    - All champions & reserve champions
        - Pull hair at conclusion of champion drive
    - Pull random test from showmanship classes
    - Retags (all) shall have DNA hair pulled
    - Any protest that is brought to the committee will be tested. Samples will be pulled after protest fee paid.
    - DNA Samples matched prior to checks being issued. All samples matched for 2024 show.
- Validation operations:
    - 2025 Steer Validation DNA samples will be pulled at state validation time that the county extension office sets. Need Rules Acknowledgment Forms filled out at same time. Alternate Housing Requests, if applicable, must be submitted minimum of two weeks prior to state validation for approval. Heifers will need to be state validated.

- 2025 WCLA Show Market rabbit tattoo date to be major show entry night or last day of regular entry for WCLA. November 5, 2025.

**D) Facility -**

- Show Schedule details
  - Saturday, December 6th through Sunday December 14th, 2025
  - Placing panels on Friday December 5th for barn setup Saturday December 6th.
  - Friday December 12, 2025 barn teardown, prep for sale / auction on Saturday.
- Expo and review layout - Factor in extra panels.
  - Will we allow any vendors
    - Vendor Fee - Fundraiser donation
    - Supply Trailer – Sullivan's confirmed
- Need PA System - **TBD**
- Announcer - Scooter Dubec
- Scales - Rusty Morgan

**E) Awards -**

- Need to review awards and order new buckles to at fundraiser for buckle sponsors.
- New Herdsman Award for FFA Chapter or 4H Club from 2024 show. **Vista Ridge**

**F) Youth Fair -**

- **No Report**

**G) Social Media -** Committee Chairman - Paul Boff

- **S**haring of other groups fundraising efforts on WCLA social media page(s). If they support 4H/FFA youth at the WCLA sale, we will support them and share their information.

**H) Auctions -**

- **No Report**

**I) Junior Steering Committee -** Committee Chairman – Brad Adams

- Discuss Junior Directors and possible Top Hand Award(s).

**J) Legal**

- **No Report**

**K) ShoWorks**

- New 2024 ShoWorks program with online auction capabilities.

**L) Fundraising / Sponsor / Auction -** Committee Chairmen - Daniel Knippa/Donnie Smith

- 2025 Spring Fundraiser/Sponsor Appreciation Event complete. Made about $16k.

**M)Audit**

- **No Report**

**N) 4-H Report**

- **No Report**

**O) Show - No Report**

- Trailers with Ramps can unload from the North area.
- Covered Breezeway will unload from East to West for trailers without ramps.
- Livestock species and tack will not be able to move in until time and date set on schedule.
- Poultry to unload in Covered Breezeway from East to West.
- Photography backdrop setup and operation: Chairman: Donnie Smith
- Sponsor Signs:
    - Current
    - New
    - Show Ring
    - Setup, tear down and storage
- Opening Ceremonies: Junior Steering Committee:
    - Flags, Anthem, Pledges, Mottos, Prayer
- No Peewee class for 2025 breeding showmanship shows. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 (or 8 and in the third grade) and 19 years of age as of September 1, 2025 and have a quality counts number.
- We will have a future feeder's showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.
- Photographer for 2025 - **MD Creations**.
- Animals need to be sheared / clipped prior to arriving, touch up is ok.
    - Steer heads needs to be clipped, specifically polled breeds.
    - British Breeds need to designate breed showing under.
- No Wire Halters of any kind on any species.
- Drug Testing: Look into hiring outside entity to administer, monitor and test. Set up teleconference or tour to research. Need to review guidelines and set rules.

**Old Business**

1) All scholarships have been sent out.
2) Will pay the Lone Star Cattlemen Club $250 toward fundraiser..

3) Discussed getting an additional cattle scale at the cost of $600 for the week.
4) Shelley is doing the DACEU event Thursday during the show.
5) Exhibitors should notify a WCLA Director if they believe a tag should be cut out, or if it has fallen out ASAP according to the rulebook.
6) Discussed judges, who needs rooms and what dates. Discussed potential classifiers and rabbit sift.
7) Broiler deadline to order was Friday, August 29, 2025.
8) Discussion on tag orders. Orders closed September 19th. Late tag orders are open until Oct 4th. Those with late tag orders must come to validation with their animal on Oct 4th. All validated animals must have the proper ear tag in the ear of their animal project. Entries will open at noon on Oct 4th at the conclusion of WCLA validation timeline.
9) Reviewed 8 completed alternate housing requests.
    a. Amanda Drummond motioned to accept 3 alternate housing requests for 3 different exhibitors. Blake Henderson seconded, the motion passed.
    b. BJ Simpson motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor. Montgomery Raesz seconded, the motion passed.
    c. BJ Simpson motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor. Lance Hunter seconded, the motion passed.
    d. Blake Henderson motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor. Montgomery Raesz seconded, the motion passed.
    e. Paul Boff motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor. BJ Simpson seconded, the motion passed.
    f. BJ Simpson motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor. Montgomery Raesz seconded, the motion passed.
10) Reviewed 4 potential alternate housing requests, pending completed forms.
    a. Patrick Phillips motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor pending completed forms. Lance Hunter seconded, the motion passed.
    b. BJ Simpson motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor pending completed forms. Paul Boff seconded, the motion passed.
    c. Blake Henderson motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor pending completed forms as a 4H exhibitor. Montgomery Raesz seconded, the motion passed.
    d. Amanda Drummond motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor pending completed forms. Montgomery Raesz seconded, the motion passed.
11) Request for junior director monitors during show week.
12) October 24, 2025 Agrilife Extension is sponsoring a farm-to-fork event for kids in the county. So far 501 kids are signed up. Will need help from some junior directors.
13) Daniel Knippa motioned that the exhibitor's gifts for 2025 be small towels with grommets. Montgomery Raesz seconded, the motion passed.
14) Montgomery Raesz motioned to donate $500 to the Holiday Classic on November 1st and 2nd, 2025. Lance Hunter seconded, the motion passed.

**New Business**

15) Paid the Lone Star Cattlemen Club $250 as sponsor for their fundraiser.
16) Paid AgriLife for D8 sponsorship for Holiday Classic this weekend.
17) Discuss issues after validation and some tags being torn out or cut out. Discuss change to tags next year possibly
18) Follow up with who needs rooms and what dates.
19) Entries are open and close at 7 pm on Nov 5, 2025. Rabbit tattoo will occur at CEO from 5-7 pm. Will also validate breeding rabbits by documenting their breed, sex and existing tattoo. Discuss tattoo ink.
20) October 24, 2025 Agrilife Extension sponsored a farm-to-fork event for kids in the county. 501 kids signed up. Had pop up goat show Saturday. Discuss new facility.
21) Shelley is doing the D8 CEU event Thursday during the show. Discuss listing Agrilife as additional insured for the week of the show.
22) Discussion on Conex boxes for panels and possibly timeline of events leading up to show and conclusion.
23) Discuss Sponsorships.

Motion to adjourn made by Montgomery Raesz. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz