



Meeting Minutes

1/27/26

Call to Order

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 6:59 pm on January 27, 2026 at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Montgomery Raesz, Daniel Knippa, John Faske, Blake Henderson, Dustin Davidson, Lance Hunter, Patrick Phillips

Guests: Heather Faske

Financial Report:	R Bank Money Market -	\$69,820.88
	R Bank Savings -	\$8,125.77
	R Bank Checking-	\$44.20
	R Bank Scholarship Money Market -	\$2,296.64
	Eagle Bank Checking -	\$688,204.84
	Eagle Bank Money Market -	\$16,156.06
	PayPal -	\$76,634.18
	Collected but not deposited -	\$51,750.00

Committee Reports:

A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman – Paul Boff

- Scholarship Funding:
 - 2025-2026 Scholarships
 - Will post application soon.

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 –
 - Lamb –
 - Breeding Lamb/Goat –
 - Goat –
 - Poultry –
 - Steers –
 - Heifers –
 - Swine –
 - Breeding Swine –

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.
- Validation operations:
 - 2026 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.
 - 2026 WCLA Show Market rabbit tattoo date to be major show entry night or last day of regular entry for WCLA. November 4, 2025.

D) Facility -

- 2026 Show Schedule details
 - Saturday, December 5th through Sunday December 13th, 2026
 - Placing panels on Friday December 4th for barn setup Saturday December 5th.
 - Friday December 11, 2026 barn teardown, prep for sale / auction on Saturday.
- Expo and review layout - Factor in extra panels.
 - Will we allow any vendors
 - Vendor Fee - \$250 or Fundraiser donation
 - Supply Trailer –
- 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.

F) Youth Fair -

- **No Report**

G) Social Media - Committee Chairman - Paul Boff

- Sharing 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

- No Report

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

- 2026 Spring Fundraiser Reverse Raffle Giveaway on Friday, April 10, 2026. Will be at Sts.Cyril and Methodius Recreation Center in Granger. 5:30 pm start time.

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 2026 – Confirm **MD Creations**.
- Animals need to be sheared / clipped prior to arriving, touch up is ok.
 - Steer heads need 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) Update on classifiers, all confirmed. Most contracts with judges confirmed. Still waiting for a few.
- 2) Discussion on classifying the day before or day of for sheep and swine. Will keep same procedure this year while taking notes during show to improve for next year.
- 3) Discussed paying someone to check for paint/oils/etc on swine.

- a. Amanda Drummond motioned to pay the swine checker \$175 each day plus mileage. Seconded by Blake Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Discussed issues after validation and some tags being torn out or cut out. Will retag before or at show on a case-by-case basis. Also update on rabbit tattoos needing to be redone.
- 5) Judge's hotels confirmed, need to verify one more for swine checker.
- 6) Update with location for Conex boxes and contract with Expo. Planning to move to show grounds one day during the show. Will store all panels in new Conex boxes after the show. Expo will allot a 70'x70' pad for storing new containers.
- 7) Wilco Agrilife Extension is conducting D8 CEU event Thursday during the show.
- 8) Will keep current backdrop for this year and revisit a new backdrop for next year.
- 9) Follow up on vendors confirmed.
- 10) Discussed keeping pre-registered buyers separate from main crowd at the sale. Could possibly have wrist bands for prepaid drinks/food.
- 11) Discussed possible fundraiser in the spring of 2026.
- 12) Discussed certain eye drops needed for a sheep.

New Business

- 1) Update on WCLA Sale and timeline for issuing checks. Should get checks out within next month. Current 2025 total sale above \$950,000.
- 2) Still waiting on DNA results.
- 3) Update on Conex Containers ordered for storage of WCLA items and equipment.
 - a. Patrick Phillips motioned to ratify previous motion to purchase Conex Boxes to include 1 additional box at \$5,850. Montgomery Raesz seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - b. There are 5 Conex boxes stored at the Wilco Expo facility.
- 4) Update on the contract and schedule for the WCLA Show and Sale for next 4 years. 2026 show is December 5-13, 2026.
- 5) Discuss looking into alternate backdrop for upcoming year and pricing. Discuss backdrop location for cattle for MD pictures.
- 6) Discuss need for new judges on some species.
- 7) Discuss opening up scholarship applications and any need to change the layout of application. Will get applications out soon. Will be due April 15, 2026.
- 8) Update on upcoming WCLA Reverse Raffle Fundraiser April 10, 2026 in Granger.
- 9) Update on the WCLA Commercial Bred Heifer Show for 2026, rules and timeline of events. Rules will be posted soon. Validation will be April 4, 2026 at the Brushy Creek Brahman Center in Coupland. Awards will be given for both age groups for all 3 areas of the show plus 2 overall banners for a total of 8 awards.
 - a. Blake Henderson motioned to accept Commercial Bred Heifer Show Rules with all discussed corrections. Lance Hunter seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - b. Could potentially do fundraiser with a few pens of cattle later in the year.

10) Discussion on 2025 WCLA Show and Sale regarding swine check, general species show tempo, conduct of the Sale, etc.

- a. Few problems with fitters. Discussed ethics for the WCLA.

Motion to adjourn made by Wayne Sanders. Seconded by Montgomery Raesz. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz