



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

Financial Report:	R Bank Money Market -	\$82,091.12
	R Bank Savings -	\$46,837.40
	R Bank Checking-	\$450.45
	R Bank Scholarship Money Market -	\$3,812.22
	Eagle Bank Checking -	\$756.68
	Eagle Bank Money Market	\$16,077.39

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

- 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

- 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) Discussed scholarships being sent out. 2 are pending.
- 2) Discussed judges. Discussed potential classifiers.

- 3) Turkey pick up 8/28/25 at county extension training room from 11a-2p. Broiler deadline to order is Friday, August 29, 2025.
- 4) Rabbit breeding date is August 29, 2025.
- 5) DNA envelopes are in.
- 6) Discussion on tag orders being open and closing September 19th. Late tag orders will open after that up until October 3rd. Those with late tag orders must come to validation on Oct 4th. Exhibitor tag/validation packages will be put together Sunday Sept 21st. Entries will open at noon on Oct 4th at the conclusion of WCLA validation timeline.
- 7) The AgriLife Extension Office is not a place to drop off WCLA information. Should get in touch with a WCLA board member.
- 8) Board of Directors can determine appropriate tagging techniques on a case-by-case basis when extenuating circumstances may arise.
- 9) Discussion on sponsorships. We need to start reaching out to those who've done it before and then offer other levels of sponsorships to more people. Also discussed ways to get money to more exhibitors that make the sale. Will advertise that the money donated will go to each specific sponsorship level and then later we will determine appropriate way(s) to let the money trickle down from the overall grand and reserve champions. Will create more sponsorship opportunities for species, announcer stand, and general banners.
- 10) Reviewed 5 completed alternate housing requests.
 - a. Daniel Knippa motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor. Montgomery Raesz seconded, the motion passed.
 - b. Dustin Davidson motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor. Brad Adams seconded, the motion passed.
 - c. Amanda Drummond motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor. Dustin Davidson seconded, the motion passed.
 - d. Richard Sells motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor. BJ Simpson seconded, the motion passed.
 - e. Blake Henderson motioned to accept an alternate housing request for an exhibitor. Montgomery Raesz seconded, the motion passed.
- 11) Montgomery Raesz motioned to donate \$250 for the fundraiser sponsored by the Lone Star Cattlemen Club. Lance Hunter seconded and the motion passed.
- 12) Shelley discussed possible new event during show week.

New 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.

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

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz