



Meeting Agenda

6/23/25

Call to Order

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:00pm on June 23, 2025, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

Roll call

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

Guests: Heather Faske, Shelley Franklin, Victoria Saldaña

Financial Report:	R Bank Money Market -	\$97,637.38
	R Bank Savings -	\$43,865.46
	R Bank Checking-	\$27,203.60
	R Bank Scholarship Money Market -	\$20,538.60
	Eagle Bank Checking -	\$756.68
	Eagle Bank Money Market	\$16,004.60

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.

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 – TBD
 - 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) Update on Judges for 2025 show.
- 2) Discuss turkey orders currently open, close May 30th.
- 3) Discuss community events page on website. We will support all clubs that support us.
- 4) Discussion on few rule updates.

- a. Wayne Sanders motioned to accept all proposed changes to the Market Rabbit rules (Rule 32). Montgomery Raesz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Richard Sells motioned to update rule 38 Commercial Does (Goats). to include “There will be no hair length restrictions on commercial does and blocking will be permitted.” Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Amanda Drummond motioned to remove rule 19J of Unethically Fitted Livestock “Stomach pumping or any other method by esophagus is prohibited.” Seconded by Dustin Davidson. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Spring Steer and Heifer validation will be June 24, 2025 at the Williamson County Expo from 7am-11 am..
 - 6) Discuss Sullivans trailer confirmed for show week.
 - 7) Discussed a Bred Commercial Heifer Show for 2026. Complete rulebook to follow at later date.
 - a. Daniel Knippa motioned to have a Bred Commercial Heifer Show during the 2026 WCLA show based on these following preliminary guidelines:
 - i. (1) A project shall consist of a minimum of 2, maximum of 5 bred heifers, showing only a pen of 2;
 - ii. (2) No cross validation permitted;
 - iii. (3) There will be 3 divisions split by age (Junior, Intermediate, Senior);
 - iv. (4) Project scores will be graded on 4 criteria (Interview, Showing of Animals, Record Book, and Test); and
 - v. (5) Exhibitors must either reside in and/or be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Williamson County by validation date or prior to school district start date, whichever is earlier.

Dustin Davidson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- 1) Update on Judges for 2025 show.
- 2) Discuss turkey orders and invoice to be paid. 350 turkeys ordered for total cost of \$3,500.
- 3) Discuss community events page on website. We will support all clubs that support us.
- 4) Tags and buckles are ordered. Need to be paid. Will also order 1,000 DNA envelopes.
- 5) Discussion on rulebook.
 - a. Montgomery Raesz motioned to finalize and close the rule book for the 2025 WCLA show and sale. Seconded by BJ Simpson. Motion passed unanimously. Rulebook is now closed for the 2025 show and sale.
- 6) Spring Steer and Heifer validation will be June 24, 2025 at the Williamson County Expo from 7am-11 am.
- 7) Discussion on Alternate Housing Request Forms.
- 8) Discussion on sponsorships and need to start reaching out to those who’ve done it before and then offer levels of sponsorships to others. Discussed revamping our fundraising efforts and also how the money should be distributed.

- 9) Texas State AgriLife will now require a Rule 3 form (for state validated animals) to be submitted prior to/in conjunction with every time the animals are expected to be away from direct family care (i.e. vet, vacation, etc.). This will help protect the family if something were to happen to the animals while the family is away even for less than 24 hours. Forms can be submitted directly to Shelley Franklin to start the approval process prior to the time apart. WCLA will need alternate housing request form submitted for validated animals as well.

Motion to adjourn made by BJ Simpson. Seconded by Montgomery Raesz. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz