

Catron County Fair Association Minutes

March 2, 2026

Catron County Fairgrounds

- 1. Call to Order 5:09 pm**
- 2. Opening Prayer-** Andy Werkman
- 3. Attendance-** Andy Werkman, Misty Werkman, Tasha Donaldson, Arden Ward,
Shawn Menges
- 4. Introduction of Guests:** See attached Sign in Sheet
- 5. Announcements:** Misty explained a little of how the meeting was going to run and how things may not make complete sense but as we transition, things would make sense.
- 6. Approval of March 2, 2026 Agenda** Misty made a motion amend the agenda by moving Item 10. Unfinished business to 13. (f). Items iii, iv and v. AND move item 11. (b) to New Business 13. new line item (g). Second by Andy-
Pass by unanimous
- 7. Approval of Minutes**

a) February 2, 2026- Motion to approve minutes made by Tasha,
Second by Misty.- Pass by unanimous

8. **Treasurer's Report-** Checking account \$63,414.25 Savings \$1,522.92
CD- \$5,997.67

9. Public Comment:

- Hayden Forward- Commissioners have requested the change in fair board direction. The board is a separate entity. The Commissioners do not have power over the board to dictate what we decide. He is disappointed in the number of resignations. Mass exodus is concerning.
- Katie Lee- Also disappointed in the resignations. But has faith in the rebuilding.
- Eugene Hutton: Stay motivated. We are after all, here for the kids. So just keep moving forward and do it for the kids!
- Margie McKeen- Not a day has gone by since all this started that she hasn't thought about this. Extension office wants these kids...So does she. Tracy has worked all the details out. They are legal to be here. This affects if she even wants to continue to being a leader.

- Hugh McKeen- Board is honorable. We have done an honorable job.
We should welcome the competition. A few people want to eliminate competition, have put the board in chaos, involved commissioners and made people pick sides. 11 kids in Margie's club are in jeopardy.
May as well ban any out of county buyers too.
- Arden- Also disappointed in the blow up. She has hope we can move forward. We have less than 6 months til fair. We need to just buckle down and put on a fair.

10. New Business

a) Discussion regarding County Commission Formal Request

Financial and EIN Compliance, Bylaw Revision-Board

Composition, and Residential requirements.- Hayden spoke up

and reminded that we are our own separate entity and that the

Commission only requested this change. Because we have our

own EIN we are our own separate entity. Misty explained what

the request entailed. Shawn asked if we could have more

board members than 7. feels like 9 would be more appropriate.

Hayden said the commission would listen and we can write our bylaws to reflect as needed. Hayden was going to check into the location of the county lease agreement and told us we do not have to follow the open meetings act. Arden mentioned the board had been in trouble before over the open meetings act. Misty mentioned that because we make public policy that usually falls under the open meetings act. Hayden was going to check into that. Hugh McKeen asked if we representation from all over the county. Also was asked where we advertise meetings and agendas.

b) ~~Action Item: Formally Request resignation letters from previous Board members per bylaws. Formally request return of any County or Fair Board property or documents within a reasonable timeframe.~~

c) **Action Item:** Election of new Fair Board-- Motion to open the floor for nominations:

- Arden Ward nominated by Shawn Menges.- Nomination accepted
- Katie Lee nominated by Arden Ward- Nomination accepted

- Shawn Menges was nominated by Misty Werkman- Nomination accepted
- David Silva- nominated by Misty Werkman- Nomination accepted via text message to Misty.
- Misty Werkman nominated by Arden Ward- Nomination accepted
- Cindy Waldron nominated by Misty Werkman by recommendation of Gina C.- Nomination accepted via text message to Misty.
- Eugene Hutton nominated by Misty Werkman by recommendation of Kelci Hutton- Nomination accepted
- Shelby Saulsberry nominated by Misty Werkman by recommendation of Lee Saulsberry- Nomination accepted
- Nancy Wolf nominated by Misty Werkman- Nomination accepted via text message to Misty.
- Tasha Donaldson nominated by Misty Werkman by recommendation of Ashtyn Donaldson- Nomination Accepted.
- Amy Parnell nominated by Misty Werkman by recommendation of Jessica Becker- Nomination accepted via email to Misty.

Motion to close Nominations made by Misty. Second by Andy.

Unanimous Pass.

Motion to elect Members by roll call vote individually made by Misty.

Second by Andy. Unanimous pass.

Arden Ward- Pass

Aye- Andy, Misty, Tasha, Shawn-

Nay- none-

Abstain- Arden

Katie Lee- Pass

Aye- Andy, Misty, Arden, Tasha, Shawn

Nay- None

Shawn Menges- Pass

Aye- Andy, Misty, Arden, Tasha,

Nay- None

Abstain- Shawn

David Silva- Pass

Aye- Andy, Misty, Arden, Tasha, Shawn

Nay- None

Misty Werkman- Pass

Aye- Andy, Arden, Tasha, Shawn

Nay- None

Abstain- Misty

Cindy Waldron- Pass

Aye- Andy, Misty, Arden, Tasha, Shawn

Nay- None

Eugene Hutton- Pass

Aye- Andy, Misty, Arden, Tasha, Shawn

Nay- None

Shelby Saulsberry- Pass

Aye- Andy, Misty, Arden, Tasha, Shawn

Nay- None

Nancy Wolf- Pass

Aye- Andy, Misty, Arden, Tasha, Shawn

Nay- None

Tasha Donaldson-Fail

Aye- None

Nay- Andy, Misty, Arden, Shawn

Abstain- Tasha

Amy Parnell-Fail

Aye- Arden, Tasha

Nay- Andy, Misty, Shawn

Motion to close election made by Misty. Second by Shawn- Unanimous pass.

New Board members take place at directors table. Tasha and Andy step down.

d) **Action Item:** Election of new Officers of the Fair Board as

follows:

i. President- Motion to open nominations for President by Shawn. Second by Eugene.

- Arden Ward nominated by Shawn. Nomination accepted.

Motion to close nominations and vote to elect Arden Ward as president seeing as there are no other nominations made by Misty. Second by Eugene. Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Katie, Shelby, Eugene, Misty, Shawn

Nay: None

Abstain: Arden

ii. Vice President- Motion to open nominations for Vice President by Shawn. Second by Eugene.

- Katie Lee nominated by Arden. Nomination declined
- Cindy Waldron nominated by Misty. Nomination accepted via text message to Misty.
- Misty Werkman nominated by Shelby. Nomination declined.

Motion to close nominations and vote to elect Cindy Walkdron as Vice President seeing as there are no other nominations made by Katie. Second by Shawn. Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Katie, Shelby, Eugene, Misty, Arden, Shawn

Nay: None

iii. Secretary- Motion to open nominations for Secretary by
Katie. Second by Eugene.

- Misty Werkman nominated by Shelby. Nomination
accepted.

- Shelby Saulsberry nominated by Misty. Nomination
declined.

Motion to close nominations and vote to elect Misty Werkman
as Secretary seeing as there are no other nominations made
by Eugene. Second by Shelby. Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Katie, Shelby, Eugene, Arden, Shawn

Nay: None

Abstain: Misty

iv. Treasurer- Motion to open nominations for Treasurer by
Katie. Second by Eugene.

- Shelby Saulsberry nominated by Arden. Nomination
accepted.

Motion to close nominations and vote to elect Shelby
Saulsberry as Treasurer seeing as there are no other
nominations made by Misty. Second by Eugene. Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Katie, Eugene, Misty, Arden, Shawn

Nay: None

Abstain: Shelby

11. Executive Session

a) Motion and vote to recess regular session and go into executive
session in which the following matter will be discussed in
closed session: Motion made by Eugene. Second by Katie.

Unanimous- Pass

i. 2026 Catron County Fair Rules and Regulations

b) Motion and vote to re-convene regular session- motion by
Shelby. Second by Eugene. Unanimous Pass

c) Motion and vote that matters discussed in closed session had
no action taken during the executive session- Motion by
Shawn. Second by Eugene. Unanimous Pass.

12. New Business (continued)

a) Discussion, Direction and/or Action regarding 2026 Catron County Fair Rules and Regulations.

Motion by Misty to include out of state and out of county exhibitors whom have participated in the Catron County Fair in 2025 or years before. Second by Eugene. Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Katie, Shelby, Eugene, Misty, Arden, Shawn

Nay: None

b) Discussion, Direction and Action regarding:

- i. Amending Catron County Fair Association Bylaws
- ii. Developing Conflict of Interest Policy
- iii. Developing Board Member Duties & Fiduciary Responsibilities Policy.

Motion by Misty Werkman to table 12. (B) I., ii, iii. To discuss, write and/or amend at a later date. Second by Shawn.

Unanimous Pass.

c) Discussion, Direction, and/or Action regarding adding advisors and ex-officio members of the Catron County Fair Association

Discussion included adding Superintendents, Volunteers, and FFA advisors to Ex-officio, advisory and non-voting member roles.

d) Authorization to update and/or obtain EIN and State Registration Shelby given authorization to update and speak with state to update names and registration.

e) Authorization to move forward with 501(c)3 compliancy requirements and applications.

i. Discussion, Direction and/or Action on Narrative

Description of Activities

Motion made by Misty to table to discussion /action that will take place when we sit down and go over bylaws other documentation needed to complete the 501(c)3. Second by Katie. Unanimous Pass

f) Discussion of Rollover items from previous board to new board for consideration and direction of the following:

i. Pickup Party presented by Denny Carver- Motion by Misty to put aside until Denny is available to present. Second by Shawn. Unanimous Pass

- ii. Volunteer Positions available- Kelci Hutton would like to take over the Royalty program. Will present idea and plan at next meeting. Katie will take over vendor organization. Kelci will be the announcer if needed as well. Tasha would like remain the Rabbit and Poultry Superintendent. We are still identifying needs and will reach out when we know all the vacancies.
 - iii. New Weigh In Scale- Misty will go to the County Commission meeting and request from the County possible funding to purchase a new scale.
 - iv. Out of State Participants-no action needed as it was covered by the motion above.
 - v. Rule Book Changes- Motion made by Misty to table this for discussion/action at a later meeting. Second by Shelby.
- Unanimous Pass.

g) **Action Item:** Formally Request resignation letters from previous Board members per bylaws. Formally request return of any County or Fair Board property or documents within a

reasonable timeframe. Misty will send an email formally requesting resignation letters from any members of the board that have not sent theirs in. Motion to formally request letters may by Misty. Second by Eugene. Unanimous Pass.

13. Announcements / Other / Misc. – Royalty Program issues

presented by Tasha. The pageant rules were not followed.

Queen/Princess age were not as stated in the rules issued.

Queen has not done the required appearances suggested revoking title. Board may review.

Need to address the building and fair ground rental as the extension office do not want to do so anymore.

Church services at the rodeo arena for Easter. Arden will call Deb and coordinate the maintenance man to get that prepared.

14. Next Regular Fair Board Meeting- Motion made by Misty for the

next Regular Fair Board Meeting be April 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm at

the Catron County Fairgrounds. Second by Eugene. Unanimous

Pass

Next Fair Board Meeting Agenda additions:Shelby suggested that maybe we should pick a theme for the fair and involve the youth of Catron County to design the fair book images.- No action taken.

15. Adjournment Motion to adjourn made by Shelby. Second by Misty.

Unanimous Pass @ 7:24 PM.