

Needville Youth Fair

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2026

The Needville Youth Fair Board of Directors held a meeting on **May 13, 2026**.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:01 p.m.**

II. Registration of Members, Guests, and Correspondence

Members Present

Kimberly Blezinger, Cassidy Smith, Hayley Patton, Scotty Wieghat, Ashley Soape, Amy Schnacky, Cris Meyer, Nikki Meyer, Heath Breedlove, Rush Pitts, Bryce Meuth, Brian Meuth, Donna Svetka, Mark Weber, Shelly Schmidt, Jeremy Simmions, Matt Bryson, Taryne Teykl, Brittney Alvarez, Julie Kveton, Tricia Kaminski, Traci Gregory, Michelle West, Johnny West, Marc Heckstedt, and Trey Sawyer.

Guests Present

Lauren Colunga and Lindsay Wied.

III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed.

Brittney Alvarez made a motion to approve the minutes. Nikki Meyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

It was reported that invoices were mailed on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026**, and are due by **May 25, 2026**. The Treasurer is currently working on the profit and loss statements for each division.

V. Committee Reports

A. Archery

The Archery Committee reported that a curtain needs to be purchased.

B. Awards

The Awards Committee reported that they are still working to collect a few small outstanding checks.

C. BBQ Cook-Off

The BBQ Committee reported that several teams registered during the final week of registration. The committee discussed ordering portable restrooms earlier next year and adding one large dumpster to the back area. One additional trophy had to be ordered for the Reserve Grand Champion.

Team captains voted to place the port-o-potty funds back into the cash prizes. A total of **\$875 was donated back to NYF** from winning teams. The committee also discussed the possibility of adding a gate across the road to the BBQ area on the side road.

D. Concession Stand

The Concession Stand Committee discussed making changes to the work contract schedule. The Crawfish event worked well. The committee also discussed possibly finishing the concrete area in the back with a ramp and adding additional slots to the parent work contract.

Rush suggested selling tables as premium tables, possibly including a certain number of pounds of crawfish with the purchase.

E. Crawfish

The Crawfish Committee reported that additional tables are needed for next year. Beer sales totaled **\$1,875**, and the vendor is donating **\$1,293 back to NYF**. The committee also discussed having more High Noons available for next year.

F. Creative Arts

The Creative Arts Committee reported approximately **1,000 items** were entered. The Creative Arts Auction brought in approximately **\$104,000**.

The committee requested a row of chairs be placed toward the front for the auction. It was also noted that board members need to be present to help during the auction, with cleanup, and with moving items back to the building.

G. Education

The committee discussed the need for additional signage and providing more information to the schools. The elementary school has created 2 liaisons for their campus, it is Ashley Koeppen and Jenny Fajkus. It has been noted that the elementary school will be revamping the project criteria moving forward.

H. Arena Games

The Arena Games Committee reported that there was too much rain but all went well.

I. Facilities and Maintenance

The Facilities and Maintenance Committee reported that a plug had to be added to the back corner, and a plug inside the concession stand needs to be repaired. The AC unit in the old building was checked and will need Freon added.

A leak was reported in the canopy to the left of the stage, as well as another leak near the bathrooms. Jarod Stasney will look at those areas.

J. Rentals

The Rental Committee reported the following upcoming rentals and inquiries:

- Booster Club rental on **May 20**
- Bluejay Fueling Future needs to provide dates
- Fall Festival scheduled for October

K. Fair Dinner

The Fair Dinner Committee reported that **660 plates** were prepared, including **60 plates sold to Wounded Warriors**. No plates were left over.

A donation to the Catholic Daughters was discussed. **Scotty Wieghat made a motion to donate \$500 to the Catholic Daughters. Marc Heckstedt seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

A donation to Boy Scout Troop 129 was also discussed. **Heath Breedlove made a motion to donate \$500 to Boy Scout Troop 129 . Rush Pitts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

L. Jr. Livestock Committee

Brittney reported that several changes are being made to the Jr. Livestock Committee. The committee will undergo a total revamp. It was noted that every board member needs to have a vote.

The Top Hand discussion will be brought to the next board meeting, and winners will be selected within the first 15 minutes of the meeting following the fair.

M. Jr. Leadership Council

The Jr. Leadership Council is also being revised. Interviews will be held at the end of July, with applications opening in June, so members are ready for school open houses.

N. Livestock

The Livestock Committee reported that the livestock portion of the fair went smoothly overall, but there are some rule changes and adjustments to discuss at the upcoming rules meetings.

The committee discussed finding a better time to bring heifers back up instead of Friday during Arena Games.

O. Livestock Auction

The Livestock Auction Committee reported that more help will be needed next year, including more runners and possibly a rotation schedule. The committee also discussed buyer gifts, improved communication, creating a checklist, picture plaques, and gifts.

The Auction Committee needs to meet and create a detailed list for next year.

A concern was raised regarding cattle crossing the new platform, as there is not enough room to turn a calf around. The concerned parent would like to see the platform widened.

Colt Adams is willing to return next year. **Brittney Alvarez made a motion to have Colt Adams return for the 2027 fair. Cassidy Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

P. Long Range Planning

The Long Range Planning Committee will meet next week.

Q. Parade

The Parade Committee reported that the parade was held. It was noted that old cars should be placed before the horses next year.

R. Queens

The Queens Committee reported there were **37 contestants**. Ticket sales totaled **\$22,710**, and **\$3,010** was given in scholarships. Additional information may be brought forward at the next meeting.

S. Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee reported that there were **nine first-year scholarships** and **two second-year scholarships** awarded.

NYF paid **\$8,500 out of pocket**. Memorial scholarships were also awarded, and NYF added **\$250 to each memorial scholarship**. The total amount awarded in scholarships was **\$11,500**.

At the end of the Creative Arts Auction, four items were sold/brought for a total of **\$11,100** that will go towards the scholarship fund.

T. Sponsorships

Kimberly created a spreadsheet to track incoming funds and awards.

VI. Old Business

A. 2026 Fair Cleanup

VII. New Business

A. Work Day

One additional work day/cleanup day is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

B. Chairman Meeting

A Chairman Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

C. Livestock Judging Contest

The Board discussed the possibility of bringing back the Livestock Judging Contest. Sponsorship opportunities for the contest will need to be considered.

D. Board Volunteers

The Board discussed the need for more board members to step up and assist during the fair, including setup and cleanup. Board members were reminded to hold themselves to a higher standard and help where needed.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next monthly board meeting/annual meeting will be held on **June 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **8:26 p.m.**

Brittney Alvarez made a motion to adjourn. Mark Weber seconded the motion. The motion carried.