

Verde Valley Fair Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2025
5:30 p.m. - Regular meeting

In attendance: President Beth Canedy, Vice President Steve Drake, Secretary Ginny Rench, Treasurer Lewis Rice, Board member Brian Bolton and Director Coleen Gilboy in addition, public Dan Sullivan, Eric Banuelos, Trenton Castro, Joe Bleak, Rose Sperry, Evelyn Hudnall and Steve Rench.

Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Canedy
- II. **Call to Public:** None
- III. **Consent agenda** – Mr. Rice moved to approve the Minutes from September 16, 2025 Regular meeting with once correction. Mrs. Rench 2nd the motion. No discussion – all in favor

Item IXB moved to the top of the agenda.

IX (B) – Republican Booth at the Fair- Ms. Rose Sperry from the Verde Valley Republican Party addressed the board regarding their booth at the 2025 fair. Ms. Sperry stated she did not read the contract and was not aware of the Fair starting on Wednesday and that her volunteers needed to know all the rules as well.

Discussion between the board and the vendors about why we have rules that everyone needs to stay on the same page, including all volunteers need to stay within the booth, a suggestion that they need to set up their booth so that people can walk in the booth to get information and then the volunteers will be within the booth space and not in the walkways. Board did not realize they can “report” vendors who are coming out of their booths to talk to public. All rules have to be followed by all vendors. Mr. Drake moved to allow the vendor back with the understanding of the rules for vendors is followed and that the people who volunteer in the booth know the rules as well. Mr. Rice 2nd the motion. Discussion – Mrs. Rench stated that if you are approached contact the office so we can be consistent with all vendors. Mr. Bolton there is a suggestion to move the table to the back of the booth so people can come in and fill out forms and the volunteers are in the booth. All in Favor.

IV. Chairman’s Report - *Everything is below

V. Administration Report - *Governors Fund Request is submitted. * Property Tax form came in and was sent to MRI, * We had a fair’s economic study done for the state and we will have one done individually that the AFA (Arizona Fair Association) is paying for. * We have a few mice around, but feel we have caught them all. * AC duct in the boardroom came down with the last rain, as far as we can tell it came in the AC vent and ran down the duct work and broke it away from the unit. We have replace the ceiling tiles. * November meeting is during the AFA conference, we can move the date or cancel. Discuss was to cancel the November meeting at this time, but we can call a special meeting if needed.

VI. Financials -Discussion was had on the monthly reports. Mr. Bolton made a motion to accept the Financials, Mr. Drake 2nd the Motion. All in Favor

VII. Committee Report –

A) Livestock: * Junior Livestock committee has been seated – there are 5 new members. * There was discussion on Thank you Letter Guidelines, but mostly the parents will need to get ahold of the Livestock committee if there needs to be an accommodation. * Steer entries there are 29 steers at this time with 24 exhibitors.

B) Arena Report: *Youth Rodeo will be during our Fall Festival was cancelled due to only 5 participants * The Barrel Race series is going and more and more are coming. * CVGA has set the dates for the next year.

C) Rentals – No update

D) Master Plan – ALTA survey is the next step which costs \$35 to \$45,000 - and we would need to go out to bid for Engineers – At this time we are going to hold off and work with locals who have the experience.

E) Small Stock barn update – We have met with the City and we will need to have an entrance and an egress, Frog eye lights in case of emergency. Next step the City will reach out.

F) Grant Updates - *We did not receive the grant for rainwater run off from the Friends of the Verde River.

G) .5 K – Beer Fest – October 11th - was cancelled due to weather.

VIII Old Business

A) **Water Truck update** – Coming next week

B) **7th Street Ownership** – When Ms. Mulcaire gets back we will write a letter to the property owners and then to the city if we have buy in from the business owners.

C) **Bleachers in Yuma** – Mr. Drake and Mr. Rezzonico will go down and dismantle the bleachers when it gets cooler

IX New Business

A) **Security at the fair** - There were complaints during the fair that security was rude and did not follow the smoking rule. At the Rodeo the security there was using profanity and smoking pot. volunteers.

B) **Republican Booth at Fair** -Moved to top of agenda.

C) **Camera in Parking Lot** – We would like to push adding new cameras around including some that show the parking lot area.

D) **Insurance Bid** – April is our renewal date – we will contact Jonna Murdock to bid the plan and Haas Wilkerson who does a lot of fairgrounds around the nation.

E) **Election Timeline** – The date for the annual meeting is the 1st Tuesday of December – which will be December 2nd this year. When calling people to be on the ballot that have been nominated if they do not return the call they will not be put on the ballot.

F) **Fingerprint Background Checks for committee members and Leaders** -Staff is directed to work with the Attorney to create a form that volunteers, leaders have to sign for the 2027 fair. For the 2026 fair we will check the online free service for issues.

G) **Shade “Flags” in front of Commercial** – We would like to have shade in front of commercial with the new picnic area we will see how we can shade the area.

XI. Executive Session – None

X. Future Agenda Items- VACTE – do they have students working on electricity, Solor, Donor Packet, Donor Bricks, Donor Program, VV Wine Consortium do they want a new event, Donations on Website, Disconnect to Gyberg, 7th Street Road/Ingress, Kids park – maintain the parking lot, Bleachers in Yuma, Better air handling and HVAC (collapsible duck work)

:::XII. Adjournment –7:18 pm Mr. Drave moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Bolton seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.