

**Fremont County Fair Board
Minutes
June 13, 2024**

The Fremont County Fair Board met June 13, 2024 at the Fremont Center Boardroom, in Riverton, Wyoming. Board members present were Scott Walters, Nikki Horton(phone), Trevor Bekken, Megan Sims, Alex Eckhardt. Rob Dolcater and Kourtney Hanger were absent. Fair Staff present were, Fair Manager Pat Hart and Laura Harrington, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Scott Walters

President Scott Walters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pat Hart gave the board prayer

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Megan Sims moved to approve the June 13, 2024 agenda; Alex Eckhardt seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. PATRONS

- None

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes from the May 9,2024 Fremont County Fair Board Meeting.
- Current Bills and financial report for May 2024
- Alcohol Permits

Nikki Horton moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Kourtney Hanger; motion passed unanimously.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you card from Royalty
- Letter received 6/6/2024

V. EX-OFFICIO BOARD REPORTS

- **Commissioner Liaison** – Commissioner Allen reported that they have been working on budgets. 5.9 million will need to be cut from the budget. All departments have been asked to reduce their budget requests.
- **County Extension** –not present
- **Wind River Extension** – not present

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Royalty Committee** –Pam Rivers reported that Shaylee Ferral has resigned as president but will remain on committee. Piper Loomis will be the new president. The Royalty held a barrel race fund raiser on Tuesday. They raised \$585. Pam thanked Megan Sims for all of her help with the event. The girls will have photos done on June 18; they will also be assisting at the rodeo in Thermopolis on June 22-23 as well as participated in upcoming paraded.
- **Youth Ambassadors**- Holly Putnum reported that the Ambassadors assisted with Spring Fair. They will have a booth at Hudson Days encouraging people to enter in the Fair. The group will be participating in the 4th of July parades in Lander and Dubois.
- **Junior Livestock Sale Board** – Mark and Liz from Campbell County will be here tomorrow to do a Showworks training with the Sale Board. The Board has decided not to change the way they handle resale animals this year. Tagging went well.
Junior Show Advisory Committee – No report. Next scheduled meeting is July 18, 2024 at 6p.
- **Friends of the Fremont County Fair** – Tanya Santee reported that they had 150 exhibitors and 700 entries in the Spring Jackpot. She added that they need to find more help for the event. There were five of them who managed the event with 10 helpers. She said they were very thankful to the FFA for running a concession stand sin a lot of the other food vendors on ground were not open. She thanked the Royalty and ambassadors for all of their help. Tanya asked where they need to send people who enquire about the parade. Pat stated that the Ranger has only agreed to MC the event. Registrations will be taken at the fair office while a coordinator is sought. Tanya inquired if signs need to be purchased for the grounds and about where to place their photo backdrop during fair. Floors in the Little Wind will be replaced after fair.

VII. FAIR MANAGERS REPORT

- Pat Hart thanked everyone for their help with tagging.
- Pat thanked Friends of Fair for the great job on the jackpot shows. She reported that \$19995.00 was made from the carnival. That figure is down approximately \$1100.00 from the previous year due to lower presales. She reported that the night shows netted approximately \$30,000.
- Figure 8 races will start and 6:30PM instead of 7:00PM
- Entries and ticket sale open on Monday June 17
- Campground Contracts are due Friday June 14 and Laura will be assigning spots immediately.
- Laura Harrington will be out of the office June 24-July 8. Pat will be gone June 26-28. Laurie Hirasawa will begin her summer hours on June 24. Pat requested that the office be closed on July 5th. Nikki Horton moved that the office be closed July 5, seconded by Megan Sims; motion passed.
- Fair Board work session will be held July 9, 2024 at 6:00PM
- Wyoming Department of Audit training needs to be completed by June 30.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Capital Revolving ARPA, LATC funds- approved projects are being worked on
- Fremont Center Project- Scheduled completion date is July 19, 2024
- Barns- tabled for now

- New Arena- The property has been signed on and will be a top priority following fair. Anticipated opening in the fall.
- Shade for Beef Barn- Trevor Bekken shared a video with the board that uses cables and carabiners to support the shade cloth. Tanya Santee said the FOF would purchase carabiners for project. Jeremy Hill found covering for the wash rack.
- **Counting down....44 days until 2024 Fremont County Fair “Whatever Floats your Goat!”**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Larry Allen reported that budgets need to be cut by 3% across the board and the commission has asked departments not to fill vacant positions. The county will take over accounting for the fair and Susan Cooper will not be replaced. He said the fair budget looks good.
- Larry stated he received a call from someone who was upset that the barrels were hand raked for the Royalty Barrel race. The fair office was never approached about tractor or raking services for this event.
- Pat Hart will contact the Arena Committee to let them know that things will be on hold until after fair.
- Larry Allen reported that the county wellness coordinator will be holding safety meetings to try to help cut insurance costs.

IX. Executive Session

None

Trevor Bekken moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03PM, seconded by Nikki Horton; motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The **July meeting** will be held on **Thursday, July 11, at 6:00 p.m.**, in Riverton, in the Classroom, Fremont Center, at the fairgrounds.

Scott Walters, Fair Board President

Megan Sims, Fair Board Secretary