

**Minutes of Tuesday, January 17, 2024
El Paso County Fair Board Meeting**

- Board Members:** Mel Tafton, Kate Johnson, Mike Publicker, Grant Harris, Lou Taylor,
- Associate Members:** Michael Miller, Amanda Sorrell, Matt Zeiger
- Staff:** Theresa Odello, Andschana Aljets, Adam Baker, Dana Nordstrom, Skye Bogle, Emily Green, Jen Loewen
- Guests:** Janice Brewer, Linnea Frates, Stacy Canth, Patty Woodward, Felicia Publicker
- Excused Absence:** AmyJo Fields, Amanda Hensen, Ed Dills, Jeff, Lapsansky

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mel Tafton at 6:34 p.m. Everyone was welcomed and introduced. This meeting was held at the Fair & Events Center in Swink Hall.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes had an incorrect date and was amended, Mike Publicker made a motion to approve the December 2023 meeting minutes, 2nd by Grant Harris, the motion carried with approval.

The Agenda was amended to exclude Action item 4.B. which was postponed to February's meeting. Mike Publicker made a motion to approve the amended Agenda, 2nd by Grant Harris, the motion carried with approval.

Public Comments

- None

Board and Staff Comments

- Kate Johnson thanked all the volunteers for their help at the Fair Queen Clinic on January 6th.
- Grant Harris reminded all Fair Board members to let him know about their 2024 Fair camping space needs since there is limited availability.

Action Items:

- 4.A.** Theresa Odello outlined the 2024 Sunshine Act Memorandum and it's endorsement. Grant Harris made the motion, 2nd Mike Publicker, motioned carried.
- 4.B.** Postponed to February's meeting.
- 4.C.** Theresa Odello presented information about the current committees. It was stated that each Board Member should think about the Committee they would like to be a part of and they will be appointed in February's meeting.
- 4.D.** Andschana Aljets presented two 2024 Fair pins for the Fair Advisory Board to vote on. Pin option #2 won unanimously. Lou Taylor made the motion to approve the second option as the design for the 2024 El Paso County Fair Pin, 2nd Grant Harris, motion carried.
- 4.E.** Emily Green presented the 4-H premium book changes and the 2024 El Paso County Fair 4-H schedule for endorsement. The changes to the premium books were discussed at an open meeting on Oct. 17th where 4-H families, Superintendents, and the public were invited. This allowed them to discuss and get feedback before bringing the premium book changes to the Fair Advisory Board Members for approval. Kate Watson made the motion, 2nd Mike Publicker, motioned carried.
- 4.F.** Theresa Odello presented the updated 2024 Fairgrounds Corporation Fund Balance for endorsement. The only change made was moving \$6000 from the Entertainment Support Budget (now \$32,000) towards Non-Fair Programming to help support the 'Boots in the Park' fundraiser. Grant Harris made the motion, 2nd Kate Watson, motioned carried.

Fair Board Committee Reports

- 5.A-D.** Committees shared quick updates on their current work in process.

Miscellaneous Reports

- 6.A.** Skye Bogle shared the Facility Use/Non-Fair programming report, including the upcoming Game Expo. Volunteer help for the Game Expo was also requested.
- 6.B.** 4H/CSU Ext. was present. Emily Green reported on their Action items and Programming updates.

Next Meeting: Fair Advisory Board meeting, February 21st, 6:30pm – Swink Hall

Mel Tafton adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.