

**Minutes of Wednesday, May 15th, 2024
El Paso County Fair Board Meeting**

- Board Members:** Kate Johnson, Grant Harris, Michael Miller, Jeff Lapsansky, Ed Dills, Amanda Hensen, Mel Trafton
- Associate Members:** Leasha Labruzzo
- Staff:** Theresa Odello, Andschana Aljets, Dana Nordstrom, AmyJo Fields, Skye Bogle, Janice Brewer
- Guests:** Stacy Cantu, Patty Woodward, Peggy Woodward, Doug Watts, Linnea Frates, John Hill, Carolyn Hall, Mr. Geitner, Terry Snuggs
- Excused Absence:** Adam Baker, Michael Publicker, Felicia Publicker, Wade Canaday, Matt Zeiger, Amanda Sorrell, Jimmy Cochran, Jonathan Vrabec, Emily Green, Jen Lowen

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kate Johnson at 6:33p.m. We welcomed everyone and introduced ourselves.

Meeting Minutes

Grant Harris made a motion to approve the March 2024 meeting minutes and Agenda, 2nd by Michael Miller, the motion carried with approval.

Public Comments

- Doug Watts presented this year's dates for the Wagon Train. It will be July 27th and 28th and invited everyone to come out and participate. He also confirmed they will be present on July 14th for the Car Show during the Fair.

Board and Staff Comments

- Commissioner Geitner was present and expressed her gratitude for all the work the team is putting in for this year's Fair.

Action Items:

4.A. Theresa Odello presented the 2024 Jr. Livestock Sale Partner Agreement for endorsement. Ed Dills made the motion to endorse the 2024 Partner Agreements, Grant Harris 2nd the motion.

4.B. Theresa Odello presented the Volunteer Service Award and the 4-H/FFA Award. Grant Harris made the motion to endorse Cheyenne Ettleman as the 2024 4-H/FFA Award recipient, Jeff Lapsansky 2nd the motion.

Kate Johnson made the motion to endorse Grant Harris as the 2024 Volunteer Service Award of excellence recipient, Mel Trafton 2nd the motion.

4.C. Andschana Aljets presented information on the 2024 Volunteer needs for Fair.

4.D. Kate Johnson presented Maddie Norton, our 2024 Fair Queen and read her bio. Maddy Norton gave her 2024 Fair Queen Speech.

4.E. Andschana Aljets presented information on the 'Boots in the Park – Casino Night' Fundraiser.

Fair Board Committee Reports

5.A-E. Staff shared updates on their committee's progress.

Miscellaneous Reports

6.A. Skye Bogle shared the Facility Use/Non-Fair programming report, and thanked volunteer and staff for coming out for the Boots in the Park event.

6.B. 4H/CSU Ext. was not present.

Next Meeting: Fair Advisory Board meeting, June 19th, 6:30pm – Swink Hall
Kate Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.

