



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD
JANUARY 27, 2022

The Douglas County Fair Board meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on January 27, 2022 by Dean Elliott - Chairperson. The meeting was held in the Events Center Conference Room at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

*John Adams
Ben Alderton
Pat Candelaria
Scott Candelaria
Dean Elliott
Sarah Fischer
Jennifer Foss
Arlie Gordon Jr.
Wesley Jacobs
Tom Harris
Debbie Mills
Shawn McWhorter
Gabriel Ryan
Hayden Schmidt
Craig Sloan
Pam Spradlin
Lora Talbert
Phil Riesselman
Rob Tkach*

Associate Members Present:

*Nick Candelaria
John Holst
Laura Martin
Scott McHenry
Dick Sabulsky
Jean Sabulsky
Anneliese Phippen
Rob Tkach*

Staff Members Present:

*Michelle Bartlett
Michael Ehmann
Clay Gysin
Luanne Lee
John Murgel
Laurie Anderson
Allison Paul*

Other Guests Present:

*Tori Checkal
Cindy Duckworth
Mark Moore
Bert Tanin
Gary Turner
Lisa Turner*

Board Members Absent:

None

Associate Members Absent:

*Monty Anderson
Barry Borges
Matt Coyle
Deb Dilley
Chayce Lutz
Kyle Moore
Patti Russell
Jessica Smith
Todd Spencer
John Woodrick
Philip Woodrick
Pat Salazar*

Staff Members Absent:

*Tim Hallmark
Coral Miller*



**DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022
EVENTS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

Public Meeting

Called to Order at 6:30 PM

Public Comment - None

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – Hayden Schmidt moved to approve the last meeting minutes, Phil Riesselman seconded. All approved.

Fair Board Shirt Order- A form was passed around for orders, virtual option to be sent as well.

Consent Agenda- John asked that the Rodeo committee be removed from the consent agenda. Pat Candelaria moved, Hayden Schmidt seconded.

Treasurer's Report – Wes Jacobs gave an update on the budget.

Regular Agenda

Staff Report – Carnival will be here for both weekends thanks to Coral's efforts.

Old Business

Commissioner Meetings Update- The budget was approved. The Commissioners would like to have a big concert. Dean thanked staff for all their work to get the budget approved.

Competition Rules Approval- Hayden explained the changes being made to this year's Competition Rules.

General Livestock Division Rules II. Competition Rules Z. Coaching:

1. Coaching of the Junior Division Exhibitor that is distracting or disturbing during the animal show is not allowed or acceptable and is subject to discipline as defined in Section 1, VII of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo General Competition Rules.

Wes & Phil asked how the coaching rule will be enforced. Hayden explained that it will be enforced exactly how it has been before. Any Fair Board or staff at the shows should be watching for this.

Junior Division Livestock Swine II. Eligibility B. Family Animal

B. Family Animal

1. Each family may only declare one “family” animal per species at the respective tag in.

a. A Family Animal is an animal that can be tagged in under more than one member’s name. Example: The Brown Family has three kids that are all participating in the market swine project. Each kid, at spring tag in, tags one market swine under their own name and then the Family tags in a 4th market swine and labels it the Family Animal. This gives the Family a backup animal in case something happens to one of their kid’s market swine.

b. The Family Animal will need to be ID’d to each member of the family in Fair Entry who might show the animal at fair.

c. At fair during weigh-in, prior to when the Family Animal is on the scale, the Family will need to designate who will be showing the Family Animal at fair and change the name on the Family Animal to a member’s name.

d. Family animal shall not be used to exceed an exhibitors 4 hog limit.

Fair board was concerned there could be issues with the animal health if an animal was left at home. Hayden clarified that families can still bring as many animals as each department allows.

Shawn expressed his concern that he is not supportive of this. Shawn suggested that the Fair Board reach out to State Fair to discuss this rule because they had a rule like this in place and no longer do. Michelle will reach out to State Fair to ask about the rule.

Pat requested to change species to hogs. Create a form that the family needs to fill out if they need to put in a family hog.

Wes requested to change section 2B – Ownership to match this rule now. Add in for the swine department, please see Swine II. Eligibility B. Family Animal in the swine department rules.

All awards struck from Competition Rules

Fair Board decided to leave the Carcass Contest and Supreme Contest in the Competition Rules for 2022.

Hayden moved to approve Open Class Competition Rules, John seconded. All Approved.

Hayden moved to approve Hometown Rodeo; John seconded. All Approved.

Hayden moved to approve Junior Division Competition Rules, with amendments above. Scott Seconded. All Approved, Wes and Shawn opposed.

Discussion was had to add first weekend activities, carnival and concert to the schedule. Scott spoke on behalf of the Foundation asking about Farm to Table

being on the first weekend. Would like to publish as tentative schedule with the caveat that it will change moving forward. Hayden - add in all things that could be tentative, i.e. concert, first weekend, etc. Wes moved to approve. Pat seconded. All approved.

New Business

Additional Money for Rodeo- John thanked the County & Commissioners for the added money to move our rodeo to a large rodeo after winning best medium rodeo in 2021. Committee would like to change Xtreme Bulls on Thursday night to a rough stock event in the outdoor arena. Would like to take that and make the total purse \$80,000. Making each of the 8 events have a purse of \$10,000 for each event. Dean stated that this decision would need to go to the Commissioners.

Pam mentioned the need to do lots of Marketing to invite those who came to Bulls and attract others.

Hayden added that Rough Stock events are becoming increasingly popular, so a lot of people would want to come.

John motioned to change the Thursday night event to a rough stock event. Hayden seconded. All Approved. Staff will take to Commissioners.

Town Hall Meeting Will be February 3, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

Director Comments

Pat Candelaria stated the Awards Committee met with Superintendents to discuss the standardization of 4-H awards. Pat moved to approve the awards. Wesley Jacobs seconded. All approved.

Pam Spradlin asked about the MOU between the County and the Fair Foundation, staff clarified the MOU had been approved.

Adjournment 7:56 pm

Next Meeting: January 27, 2022

Rules for Citizen Engagement at Fair Board Meeting

In order to have orderly, efficient, civil, and productive board meetings, the following rules apply to all citizens that have a desire to address the Board:

1. Citizen comments will be heard during the public comment section at the board meeting.
 2. All citizen comments must be addressed to the Board. Directing comments to staff or other members of the public is not permitted during Board meetings.
 3. Public comment section is limited to ten minutes collectively.
 4. Citizens are asked not to repeat comments made by others; merely indicate their concurrence.
 5. Citizens will be asked to use a microphone so that Board members and the audience can hear their comments.
 6. Clapping, cheering, booing and the like are not permitted at Board meetings.
 7. Failure to abide by the aforementioned rules of engagement is considered disruptive to the public process and will result in a warning to the violation citizen(s) by the Board Chair. If after that warning the citizen(s) continues to violate these rules, they will be asked to leave the meeting. If the citizen does not leave the meeting when asked, the appropriate steps will be taken by the Board Chair to have them removed from the meeting.
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Mission Statement: The Douglas County Fair and Rodeo is the premier annual community event in Douglas County bringing together the best of Rural Heritage, Agriculture, Western Sports, Youth and Adult Exhibits and quality Entertainment.