



**DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022
VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD

The Douglas County Fair Board meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on March 17, 2022 by Dean Elliott - Chairperson. The meeting was held in virtually. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

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

Associate Members Present:

*Kyle Moore
Pat Salazar
Shawn McWhorter
Patti Russell
Laura Martin*

Staff Members Present:

*Michelle Bartlett
Clay Gysin
Tim Hallmark
Coral Miller
Luanne Lee
Allison Paul
Mike Ehmann*

Other Guests Present:

*Tori Checkal
Gary Turner
Lisa Turner
Bailey Fischer
Robin Vogel*

Board Members Absent:

*Craig Sloan
Arlie Gordon*

Associate Members Absent:

*Monty Anderson
Barry Borges
Matt Coyle
Deb Dilley
Chayce Lutz
Scott McHenry
Anneliese Phippen
Jessica Smith
Todd Spencer
John Woodrick
Philip Woodrick
Jean Sabulsky
Dick Sabulsky
John Holst
Nick Candelaria*

Staff Members Absent:

*Sonia Ormsbee
Laurie Anderson
John Murgel*

6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**Public Meeting****Public Comment**

No public in attendance.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Phil moved to approve the meeting minutes. Sarah seconded. All approved.

Consent Agenda

Phil gave an update to consent agenda. One of the packing plant can now take 7 beef instead of 5. He also has been in contact with a new packing plant, Innovative, which is set to opens in June 2023 and has our name on the list to take animals when they open. Scott moved to approve the consent agenda. Phil seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Wes reviewed 2022 Fair budget and gave specifics to each committee budget.

Reports from other groups

4-H Youth Council – Tori Checkal stated the Meet & Greet on March 7th went well. Planning has start for June Show on June 4th and 5th. Dean Elliott thanked Directors who helped at the Meet & Greet.

FFA – Bailey Fischer announced there will be a Oyster Fry and auction on March 25th in Kirk Hall at 6:00pm to benefit FFA. At the auction, bidders can purchase time for students to volunteer their time helping the individual.

Regular Agenda**Staff Report**

Luanne announced that Mike Ehmann is retiring and his last day will be April 1st.

Concert and Food Vendors, Feast at the Fair, and First Weekend open items

Luanne stated that Scott Durland is no longer in partnership with the County for the concert. The County will now be putting on the concert itself. Currently in negotiations with a new group will assist in finding talent for the concert on July 29th.

Coral stated that the Farm to Table event is coming along. She has received three quotes from local farms who can help put on the meal. She is also receiving quotes for the tent, tables, flowers, etc. It is still be planned as a brunch for July 31st at 11am.

Old Business

Sponsorship update

Debbie stated there has been a good response in sponsorship. Children's Hospital and Douglas County Library are new this year. Debbie also requests if anyone know someone interested in sponsorship to share her contact information.

Judge Contracts

Hayden and Ben stated that judge contracts have been set out. They are still trying to nail some down a few judges but otherwise is going well.

New Business**New Food Vendor**

A discussion was had about concessions in Kirk Hall for the fair. A local concessionaire, W&M Dawgs LLC, has agreed to do concessions for the length of fair as well as having a cart at the Pavilions. He comes highly recommended and hires staff who uses funding to pay for education. The Knights of Columbus group has also requested to come back. Some concerns were raised with the previous concessionaire. The Board discussed both options. Hayden moved to approve the new vendor. Sarah seconded. The decision was to move forward with the new vendor.

Mutton Bustin

High transportation costs have made recent quotes for the Hometown Rodeo stock higher than usual. John Adams is working to get additional quotes, including local vendors to supply sheep for Mutton Bustin. The discussion was had at Executive of whether to have Mutton Bustin at Hometown Rodeo as a cost saver. Wes moved to approve having Mutton Bustin at Hometown Rodeo, Scott seconded. It was approved that Mutton Bustin should be a part of Hometown Rodeo.

Competition Rule Changes

Hayden stated the Rules Committee is waiting updates from State Fair on the 2022 Dog Program rules. Hayden reviewed the current changes to the Competition Rules including grammatical corrections and updates to State Fair General Project rules as well as updates to the Royalty Contest rules. Wes made a motion to approve all changes to Competition Rules. Pat seconded.

Director Comments

Pam reminded everyone to get mark their calendars for the upcoming Cowboy Ball put on by the Fair Foundation. Tickets are \$60.00 which includes dinner and

entertainment. Debbie is asking for whiskey donations for the whiskey pull fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Next Meeting: April 21, 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.

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.