



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022
KIRK HALL
MINUTES

The Douglas County Fair Board meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on August 18, 2022, by Dean Elliott -Chairperson. The meeting was held in Kirk Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

John Adams
Pat Candelaria
Scott Candelaria
Dean Elliott
Sarah Fischer
Jennifer Foss
Tom Harris
Wesley Jacobs
Debbie Mills
Phil Riesselman
Gabriel Ryan
Pat Salazar
Craig Sloan
Pam Spradlin
Lora Talbert
Rob Tkach

Associate Members Present:

Gary Turner
Lisa Turner
Jean Sabulsky
Dick Sabulsky

Staff Members Present:

Laurie Anderson
Michelle Bartlett
Clay Gysin
Tim Hallmark
Stefanie Hawkins
Luanne Lee
Guinevere Nelson
Sonia Ormsbee
Allison Paul

Other Guests Present:

Tori Checkal
Job Knight
Mark Moore
James Jamison
Karlina Tanin
Brenda Tanin
Leigh-Ann Coggins

Board Members Absent:

Ben Alderton
Arlie Gordon
Hayden Schmidt

Associate Members Absent:

Anneliese Phippen
Monty Anderson
Barry Borges
Matt Coyle
Deb Dilley
John Holst
Chayce Lutz
Laura Martin
Scott McHenry
Shawn McWhorter
Kyle Moore
Patti Russell
Jessica Smith
Todd Spencer
John Woodrick
Philip Woodrick

Staff Members Absent:

John Murgel



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6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Meeting

Public Comment

Commissioner Thomas- Expressed her appreciation of everyone who helped make the Fair a success. She was here most days and enjoyed talking to attendees and hearing their positive feedback.

Commissioner Teal- Echoed all the positive comments and thanked everyone for all the work this year. The rib competition was a favorite, and he would like it to be bigger next year.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Craig moved to approve the last meeting minutes, Scot C. second. No Discussion and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Wes covered a high-level report. Some sponsor payments are still being processed.

Reports from other groups

4-H Youth/Leader's Council- No report this month.

FFA- Job reported the crawfish boil they had a was a success, and that they attended back to school night to pass out information. They will attend convention later this year.

CSU Extension- Guinevere reported that interviews for the Livestock Agent have concluded and they expect to make an announcement shortly.

Fair Foundation- The 10th Anniversary party scheduled for August has been postponed. Ghost Town Hoedown is scheduled for October 22nd.

Regular Agenda

Staff Report

Michelle- There are preliminary numbers for attendance and revenues.

Old Business

None

New Business

Fair review -- This is an overview of the 2022 Fair and Rodeo, we will conduct a formal debrief in September

Dean Elliott- The first weekend didn't seem to take away from attendance from the second weekend. The activities first weekend went well. The car show and BBQ folks expressed interest in returning. All rodeos were sold out, and the Livestock show had \$576k in revenue, which is a great number.

Mark Moore- Went to Farm to Table, which was spectacularly received. Car show had great reviews. Chuck wagon was popular, and he enjoyed talking to people. Addition of the door in Kirk Hall was amazing. Thank you to Dean for all you did.

Tom Harris- Everyone had a great time; attendance numbers will help us secure larger sponsors next year.

Craig- Everyone had a great time, no negative comments.

Phil- County staff was amazing setting up and breaking down the Sale, helping folks in the clerking area. We couldn't do it without them. Sale committee works hard, late nights, late sale night; all the little things that make our sale one of the best in the State.

Wes- Heard good feedback on the concert Friday night.

Nick- The County help was amazing.

Laurie- The superintendents all worked together to take of each other's barns, and the kids had a great time.

Clay- This was the smoothest Fair with teamwork between Fair Board and staff, helping is the key to success.

Debbie- Everyone worked together, and sponsors are wanting to return already. We won first in the parade.

Lisa- It's incredible what is accomplished in the small staff office. So happy to be a part of this. The grounds were great, and signage was amazing.

Gary- Wonderful how well prepared we were, and that there was time to take a breath. We were on top of things, and ready for so much that happened.

Sonia- From a Guest Services standpoint things went well, thanks Fair Board for helping the whole committee and the volunteers, jumping into wrist banding or scanning tickets.

Gabe- Heard a lot of compliments on how prepared we were. It was amazing to see how quickly and efficiently we moved people.

John- Rodeo has been sold out for 8 performances in a row. All parts from trash to commissioners are a part of it.

Rob- There were more exhibitors than the past for most divisions. The County helping clean up the sale was a huge change this year. Judges who spend lots of time traveling and seeing Fairgrounds were impressed with us. It's so nice for 4-H kids to have a spot for their dance.

Guinevere- It was my first fair and heard really great things, I appreciate the staff, and teamwork.

Pat C.- I was out part of Fair, but the County did a great job. Specifically IT, they were responsive, and brought extra equipment which made the sale so great. Fair Entry was a great asset. Extension office from the awards committee was helpful.

Scott C.- Overall the Fair was super, the first weekend fell together nicely, and the changes were all great. Changing from bulls in the Indoor was helpful for staff and volunteers; we should continue that. Hope the PRCA Camp is continued, BBQ and Car show all positive. Cooling vest for the steer costume was needed.

Sarah- Entertainment was well received.

Luanne- It was my 11th Fair. So many things are traditional and the same each year, but so nice to look at what's new, and it all worked out so well. Our relationship has grown so much between County and Fair Board.

Jennifer- Social media campaigns were a success. 21,000 people reached and engagements, likes, comments were up.

Dick- Thanks Sonia and Lisa for doing spreadsheets of volunteer shifts. Green shirts were everywhere totaling more than 2,000 man hours. 48 volunteers and 78 county staff.

Jean- Everything operated like a well-oiled machine, and we had a sense of mutual cooperation

Pat S. - Creative Arts was a great. Biggest complaint on the first weekend was no funnel cake.

Pam- This is my 15th year and I've seen a lot of changes over the years. It was a great experience. A lot of happy people.

Lora- No complaints about food, they liked the variety and people enjoyed inside Kirk Hall. Farm to Table was good.

Tim- We had a great Fair, maybe one of our best yet, not best ever because we still have next year. This is a team, not FB or staff. Very evident we worked together. Things went smoother. Very proud of what we accomplished. It was very fun without the drama or the stress. Guest Services touched 60,000 people as they came in, had questions, left each day which is a huge accomplishment.

Stefanie-I wanted to be here during Fair and see it. Excited to be a part of this group.

Michelle- It takes a village, and I'm thankful you are my village. It really shows how great we all did in the compliments we've received. Can't wait to see what's to come. Show Management support from the committee was amazing. You allowed me to see the Fair.

Allison- Echoing what Michelle said Guest Services and Livestock Sale committee members did so much before, during and after Fair that they made my job easy. Thankful to have time to see the Fair this year.

Date for September meeting

Dean requested that each person/committee provides a list to him by September 10th of suggestions on how to improve Fair in 2023.

The September date is early and would make it so many committees cannot meet before Executive. Moved to September 22nd.

Other Business- None

Adjourned 7:39 pm

Next Meeting: September 22, 2022