



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

EVENTS CENTER

MINUTES

Attendance: Scott Candelaria, Pat Candelaria, Craig Sloan, John Adams, Dean Elliott, Pam Spradlin, Lora Talbert, Wes Jacobs, Phil Riesselman, Hayden Schmidt, Sonia Ormsbee, Allison Paul, Coral Miller, Luanne Lee & Tim Hallmark. Online Attendees: Sarah Fischer, Debbie Mills, Jennifer Foss & Ben Alderton.

Meeting

Review of 2021 Commissioner Activities

Budget – Additional Budget requests for 2022 were successful.

Entertainment, Livestock Sale, Show Management, Guest Services, and Rodeo will receive larger budgets for 2022. The budget is still being adjusted and should be finalized by next month's Executive Meeting.

Rodeo – With the success of last year's Rodeo and award of best Medium Rodeo, Rodeo will move into a large Rodeo for 2022. John Adams thanked the County for the additional funds for the larger purse.

Concert – Luanne Lee stated the commissioners agreed to add additional funds to get a bigger name for this year's concert. She is currently working with a promoter and should have an answer soon on who it will be. Dean Elliott commented on how this will be a great way to kick off this year's fair.

Staff review of

Carnival - Vendor from 2021 fair stated he would return for 2022. However, an email from Dec 29, 2021 stated that he signed 3-year contracts with other counties over our weekend dates and therefore would not be able to return for 2022. Coral Miller has been working on locating a new carnival. A new carnival based out of California drove up on Tuesday to view the grounds and would have an answer on Friday, January 21, 2022, if they will do our Fair.

Tentative 2022 Schedule – A tentative schedule for 2022 Fair has been created. Dean Elliott asked from Committee any immediate concerns. John

Adams is concerned about concert on Midway on 8/7/ 22 at 1:45pm. Phil Riesselman has concerns of 9pm concert on 8/5/22. Scott Candelaria mentioned IREA needs to be changed to CORE. Hayden Schmidt requested more time to review livestock schedule. Wes & Hayden requested Fair Board approve the tentative schedule before posting online. Scott would like carnival dates and times added as well as the concert. Pat Candelaria requested that “tentative” replace the date as the watermark before posting schedule.

Competition Rules Approval – Hayden Schmidt stated Open Class, Hometown Rodeo & Junior Division Exhibitor rules are ready for approval by Fair Board. Dogs should be ready next meeting. He also stated there will be an awards meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022.

Customer Town Hall - There will be a Town Hall meeting on February 3, 2022 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. The County will publicize the event. The forum is a place for people to provide feedback for the fair. The intent is for all questions to be answered but may not be answered that evening. A request to wear white fair shirt was made by those who attend.

Other

The Livestock Sale Committee stated they will be purchasing a TV rather than renting a video board this year. Also, the hat color this year is red.

Admin Committee is working on shirt orders.

Guest Services Committee is working on a volunteer schedule for events and how the first weekend will factor in.

Show Management Committee is having individual meetings with superintendents the next two months. Phil suggested voting on a “best superintendent” of the year by their peers.

Entertainment Committee is working on finding a band for the barn dance and waiting on answer from the carnival.

Marketing is hosting a dinner for contestants at the National Western Stock Show on Saturday at 5:30pm behind the chutes. They are requesting Fair Board members to be present. Sponsor packet should be ready next month.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2022