



**DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021 AT 6:30 PM**

**EVENTS CENTER**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting started at 6:30pm**

**Attendance:** Scott Candelaria, John Adams, Dean Elliott, Wes Jacobs, Phil Riesselman, Hayden Schmidt, Craig Sloan, Sonia Ormsbee, Michelle Bartlett, Coral Miller, Allison Paul, Tim Hallmark.

**2022 Activities**

**Review Work Plans for 2022 activities**

- Dean Elliot would like to know what committees are working on to identify where the gaps are so he can help. The work plans are a great tool for him to identify those gaps. Scott Candelaria stated that the way the work plans form is written does not apply to all committees. Scott suggested a more tailored work plan to each individual committee.

**Discuss extended Fair Week next steps**

- A long discussion was had by executive members for a timeline of 2022 fair. Working backwards a suggested schedule was created:
  - August 7<sup>th</sup> – Rodeo & mutton bustin
  - August 6<sup>th</sup> – Rodeo & barn dance
  - August 5<sup>th</sup> – Rodeo & livestock sale
  - August 4<sup>th</sup> – Livestock shows & extreme bulls
  - August 1<sup>st</sup> – Judging & horse shows
  - July 31<sup>st</sup> – Horse shows with possible new events car/tractor show and farm to table
  - July 30<sup>th</sup> – Dog & llama shows with possible new events after the parade – Brewfest and BBQ competition
  - July 29<sup>th</sup> – Concert – Fair Kick off

Hayden Schmidt had some concerns about being stretched too thin having activities over 2 weekends. Tim Hallmark stated that new events could be contracted out as it is with carnival making no addition work on Fair Board.

Wes Jacobs and Phil Riesselman are still hoping to get remote control cars on the schedule.

**Staff review of**

**Carnival** – Staff is working on the carnival vendor for 2022. Last year’s vendor might be able to provide a carnival for one weekend or possibly both weekends. Coral Miller has contacted over 50 carnivals statewide most have committed elsewhere or not on route. Carnival companies are in high demand as many have closed due to covid and staffing issues.

**Concert** – Tim Hallmark talked about discussions he is having with concert promotor and commissioners. Currently, promotor is taking all the risk, but commissioners are discussing adding additional funds to step up the concert. Negotiations are still on going. Looking to have concert on Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> due to large concert at Empower Stadium on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Customer Town Hall** – There will be a Town Hall meeting for all Fair customers in January. It will be an open forum for people to speak. No answers or decision will be made. Dean Elliott was requesting other members of the Executive board to join him.

**Other** – Sarah Fischer has volunteered to chair the Entertainment committee. Needs to be confirmed by Fair Board at next meeting. Next Fair Board meeting will be short due to holiday event following the meeting.

**Meeting ended at 7:55pm**

**Next Meeting:**

January 13, 2022