



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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022 AT 6:30 PM**

**KIRK HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Lora Talbert, Pam Spradlin, Dean Elliot, Coral Miller, Michelle Bartlett, Craig Sloan, Hayden Schmidt, Sonia Ormsbee, Gabe Ryan, Phil Riesselman, Wes Jacobs, Guinevere Nelson, John Murgel, and Luanne Lee.

**Meeting**

**Introduction of new CSU Staff** – The new Director for the CSU 4-H Extension office, Guinevere Nelson, introduced herself to the Committee. Her prior experience comes from Custer County where she was a 4-H Agent. The Committee discussed their working relationship and stressed the importance of good communication.

**Discuss 2023 budget** – Dean reminded the Committees to have their budget requests ready at the June Fair Board meeting.

**Poultry update and discussion of plan B** - Guinevere Nelson of 4-H, shared there will most *likely* be another 90 days restriction with poultry. Currently, there are 85 4-H students enrolled in poultry. The Committee discussed four alternatives so students could complete their projects. Those alternatives included a poster presentation, online judging, clinics with Judges, and a donation of a single flock for showing. Hayden expressed his concern with online judging and the big workload this would cause. The flock option would require the poultry to go to the packing plant. Phil was unsure if the packing plant could accept the poultry. Hayden requested more time to have the conversation and that no decision be made tonight. Dean would like to have a plan in place by Friday, June 17.

**Officer nominations** – Election for Officers will occur at the June Fair Board meeting. Pam Spradlin will not be returning as Secretary. Dean has not heard from anyone on her replacement.

**Other –**

- Kirk Hall's new door was well liked.
- Pam is working on the Souvenir program.

- At the time of this meeting, there is 581 livestock entries and 185 special project entries.
- Lora shared shirts are in and will be handed out at June Fair Board.
- Gabe reported that there are over 260 volunteer shifts currently available. He is concerned about getting these positions filled and requests that everyone gets the word out.
- Craig, representing Rodeo Committee, is requesting an increase to Hometown Rodeo stock fees. The recommendation is to raise cattle stock fee from \$29 to \$35; goat from \$8 to \$15 and non-animal fee from \$4 to \$5. He also recommended an increase for Mutton Bustin from \$20 to \$25. The increase is requested as a result of increased freight charges and inflation. Phil had concerns with the increase and worried there could be less entries. The Committee requested that the Rodeo Committee bring more information to the June Fair Board meeting to better review the increase.

Meeting ended at 7:47pm

**Next Meeting:**

July 14, 2022

**Comments:**