

DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD

July 22, 2021

The Douglas County Fair Board meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on, July 22, 2021 by Dean Elliott - Chairperson. The meeting was held in the Events Center at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

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

Associate Members Present:

Anneliese Phippen
Laura Martin
Scott McHenry
Kyle Moore
Dick Sabulsky
Jean Sabulsky
Rob Tkach
John Holst

Staff Present:

Michelle Bartlett
Kirsten Cowan
Mike Ehmann
Clay Gysin
Tim Hallmark
Luanne Lee
Allison Paul
Nicole Speeding
Laurie Anderson

Board Members Absent:

Monty Anderson
Pat Candelaria
Arlie Gordon Jr.
Shawn McWhorter

Associate Members Absent:

Barry Borges
Nick Candelaria
Matt Coyle
Darlene Craven
Deb Dilley
Chayce Lutz
Patti Russell
Pat Salazar
Jessica Smith
Todd Spencer
John Woodrick
Phillip Woodrick

Staff Absent:

Kyle Christensen

Other Guests:

Tori Checkal
Troy Bahr
Joe Castellano
Atilio Quintanilla

Standing Members Present:

None

Public Meeting

Introduction of Guests- County Staff who will be onsite as supervisors for Fair were introduced.

Public Comment – None

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – John moved to approve the June minutes. Gabe seconded. All approved.

Treasurers Report – Wes summarized recent expenses in the budget. No discussion.

CSU Extension Director- Kirsten reported she is creating pen signs for the public to learn more about the animals. Also creating a scavenger hunt for the 4-H and FFA kids while onsite. Hoping to do something for the whole month in July 2022.

Nicole reported that the Passport to Agriculture is ready, thanks to Pam for printing. There will be stations throughout the Fair to encourage attendees to learn about agriculture.

4-H Youth Council – Tori Checkal served as the 4-H Youth Council representative and reported that they held elections and have a new Executive Board.

4-H Leaders Council- Kirsten reported that 4-H Leader's Council's general projects event is on July 24th.

Fair Management Report – Staff reported that the Carnival is confirmed this year. Presale for unlimited wristbands in the Fair office through August 4th. 4-H exhibitors and family members can pick up/purchase wristbands in the office through July 30th.

Guest Organization Reports

Fair Foundation- Mark reported that the Ghost Town Hoedown will be on Oct. 30th. The Foundation did receive Phillip S Miller funds.

FFA – Sarah Fischer gave the FFA report on behalf of Bailey Fischer. School is still out of session and FAA has a new advisor.

Committee Updates

Admin Committee- Pam reported that they are putting the superintendent books together. Looking for shuttle drivers for the VIP event on Sat., Phil volunteered. Work day lunch will be served by a taco truck. Event planning sheets are still being turned in; we need those as soon as possible.

Guest Services Committee- Gabe reported that Volunteer Orientation was on July 17th and had 12 in person attendees. Video of the training will be posted online for all volunteers.

Marketing Committee- Debbie reported that 150 posters have been hung up already. Everyone who took one today, please take to businesses to hang. Street stickers are

placed around town, please pick them up after Fair if you see them. TV segments start next week.

Entertainment Committee- Lora updated that Mark Moore will be bringing his Chuckwagon. The stilt walker had an emergency and we will have a juggler instead. The blacksmith is looking into insurance requirements.

Livestock Sale Committee- Phil reported the Mock Sale for all Livestock Sale volunteers found glitches for the online auction. Buyers will need to use a new link to register but can still use the old link until Aug. 3rd. Then those buyers will be transferred to the official link. Elizabeth locker plant will not be taking any sheep, working with Simla to take these. Issue is we compete with the Elbert County Fair on the same weekend. We should consider changing dates in 2022.

Rodeo Committee- Craig and John Adams reported the committee will need all hands on deck Friday after bull riding.

Show Management Committee- Ben reported that all judges were announced today. County shoot went well, but the wrong targets were accidentally used, and re-shoots will happen before State. A 4-H Exhibitor with a hearing impairment requires an interpreter, which is being scheduled for her activities.

Executive Committee- Dean reported that there was nothing else for the Executive Committee report that had not been reported on in the other committee reports.

Old Business

Dean requested more support for Fair Foundation activities. October 30th is Ghost Town Hoedown. Fair Board Directors have been attending 4-H meetings. Branding Party is Friday, June 18th. Workday is Friday July 30th.

New Business

Mike reported that ground was leveled out for additional camping spots for Fair. Staff will be onsite to help campers find their spots, they begin to arrive on work day. Luanne reported that Superintendent parking will be reserved spots outside the fence this year. Work day starts at 8:00 am, the food truck is onsite at 11:30 am. The VIP reception on the platform is for sponsors over \$5,000. For lower level sponsors Kirk Hall is the hospitality area.

Dean reminded Fair Board that they are all agents of the County and should not be represented by media, and instead send anyone interested to Luanne.

Director Comments

Thank you to everyone for all you are doing to make this year's event a success.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.