



## **DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 AT 6:30 PM**

**KIRK HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Lora Talbert, Scott Candelaria, Gabriel Ryan, Michelle Bartlett.

**Review 2021 Fair** – The committee reviewed the 2021 Fair and agreed that a carnival is needed. The committee would like to pin down a location for the Old West Town so that it is in a more visible area. Once a plan is created, the committee can secure more sponsors and individual attractions such as the blacksmith. Scott is in contact with a guy named “Trapper Jerry” and the blacksmith from last year.

**2022 Fair** – The committee would like to reevaluate how real estate is used on the Fairgrounds and if there are tweaks that can be made to make more room on the grounds.

**Carnival** – Staff has been trying to reach out to both carnival vendors for their availability. The committee agreed that for future years, the carnival needs to be the same size or bigger, it can't go back to a smaller carnival now.

**Get Connected Events** – Staff is working on scheduling a wrap-up meeting with Gina of Get Connected Events. Gina still would like to have the circus if the carnival does not come. The Committee would like to continue using Get Connected Events. The Committee would also like to request a higher budget in the future to secure more/better entertainment.

**Concert** – The Commissioners would like to see a large concert again in 2022. The Committee discussed different options for a concert promoter. Lora reminded everyone that if there was a concert, there would be no time in the schedule for a barn dance.

**Barn Dance** – The Committee agreed that they would like to investigate securing a bigger name for the barn dance.

**Old West Town** – The Committee agreed that a location for the Old West Town needs to be determined before planning can happen. They would like to see other attractions added such as an old timey candy shop or blacksmith. In 2021, the only open spot was between the Events Center and the Fairgrounds, other than the road behind Kirk Hall. The Committee would like to look at having the Old West Town out on the first weekend with all

the attractions as it would be something for people to do after the parade and during the Hometown Rodeo.

Lora would like to ask Keifer Hitch to come back again next year, especially if the Hall of Fame comes back.

**Next Meeting:** October 12, 2021