



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA WEBEX

AGENDA

Meeting

Attendance: Wes Jacobs, Tim Hallmark, Shawn McWhorter, Pat Candelaria, Sarah Fischer, Sarah Faaborg, Phil Riesselman, Patti Russell, Pam Spradlin, Nick Candelaria, Luanne Lee, Michelle Bartlett, Ben Alderton, John Woodrick.

Phil informed the committee that the objective of this meeting is to discuss alternative options for the Livestock Sale amid the COVID-19 crisis. There is a good chance that there is not going to be a full Fair this year. Meaning that the auction will probably not be in person, but virtual instead.

Michelle explained that the Fair Planning Committee was put together by the Fair Board to give recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on alternatives for Fair. She gave an update on where things stand and what the situation looks like moving forward. The committee will be looking at different options for a virtual Fair and a socially distanced Fair. The Board of County Commissioners are looking diligently to the Fair Planning Committee for guidance on where to go with planning the Fair.

ShoWorks: Phil gave an update that the committee has decided to stick with the ShoWorks software for this year out of the three options presented; ShoWorks, Fair Entry and Show Circuit. The committee is familiar with the way ShoWorks works and would have less to learn than with other software options.

Commission: The committee discussed the current commission rate and whether they should change it this year. No decision was made, but a point that was brought up was that if the committee went with an online service for the auction, this would most likely cost the committee more than they spend in a normal year.

Sponsor Options: The committee has been working on attaining sponsors for this year. Most of the normal sponsors for the Livestock Sale are still interested, but this may change

depending on how COVID affects their businesses. Phil is working with Potestio Brothers to discuss their normal sponsorship as well as different giveaway options.

Weigh-In: The committee discussed options for weigh-in of the animals because it is a vital part for not only the 4-H record books, but for the sale as well. At the very least, each exhibitor would need to come down to the Fairgrounds to weigh-in their animal for the market classes.

Other Considerations: The committee asked if there was a possibility of the Fair getting a variance. Luanne clarified that yes, that is an option that we are looking into.

Phil discussed the possibility of not having add-ons, a buy back (scholarship) sale, or sending animals to market. This could have to happen depending on the restrictions of the sale.

Phil informed the committee that Jensen Blue Ribbon packing plant had backed out for 2020 and that he would be looking for others that would be available to take animals. If the committee had any other ideas to let him know.

Next Meeting:

June 10, 2020

Comments: