

**Minutes of Tuesday, December 20, 2023
El Paso County Fair Board Meeting**

Board Members: Kate Johnson, Mike Publicker, Amanda Hensen, Grant Harris, Lou Taylor, Kate Johnson

Associate Members: Michael Miller, Jeff Lapsanski,

Staff: Andschana Aljets, Skye Bogle, AmyJoe Fields

Guests: Harry Volkman, Barbara Volkman, Stacy Canth, Anthony Canth, Kelvin Dean, Annie Miller, Jennifer Taylor

Excused Absence: Mel Tafton, Theresa Odello, Dana Nordstrom, Matt Zeiger, Jennifer Gates

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kate Johnson at 6:31 p.m. Everyone was welcomed and introduced. This meeting was held at the Fair & Events Center in Swink Hall.

Meeting Minutes

Grant Harris made a motion to approve the November 2023 meeting minutes, 2nd by Mike Publicker, the motion carried with approval.

Public Comments

- None

Board and Staff Comments

- None

Action Items:

4.A. Andschana Aljets outlined the Fair Advisory Board Annual Meeting Schedule for 2024. Grant Harris made the motion, 2nd Mike Publicker, motioned carried.

4.B. Andschana Aljets presented the 2024 County Fair Theme days for endorsement. She explained moving AG Day from Friday to Thursday to align better with the offered Entertainment during those days. Friday is now Fair Fun Day. Grant Harris made the motion, 2nd Mike Publicker motioned carried.

4.C. Andschana Aljets presented the 2024 Gate Fee Schedule for endorsement. There was some discussion about camping fees, which was tabled due to there not being enough information yet. There was also discussion about the Septic Tank dump schedule and if it should be more frequent. There was also the question if there needs to be differentiation between grey and black water. It was decided to confer with Adam Baker to discuss possible changes. Mike Publicker made the motion, 2nd Lou Taylor, motioned carried.

4.D. Skye Bogle presented the 2024 Vendor Handbook for endorsement. Lou Taylor made the motion, 2nd Amanda Hensen, motioned carried.

4.E. Andschana Aljets presented the Memorial Plaque for Don Watts for endorsement. Mike Publicker made the motion, 2nd Lou Taylor, motioned carried.

Fair Board Committee Reports

5.A-C. Committees shared quick updates on their current work in process.

Miscellaneous Reports

6.A. Skye Bogle shared the Facility Use/Non-Fair programming report, including the upcoming Fair Queen Clinic. Volunteer help for Fair Queen Clinic was also requested.

6.B. 4H/CSU Ext. was present. Jonathan reported that all open positions have been filled. They are also promoting their January Stock Show with pass giveaways.

Next Meeting: Fair Advisory Board meeting, January 17th, 6:30pm – Swink Hall

Kate Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.