

**Minutes of Wednesday, July 12, 2023  
El Paso County Fair Board Meeting**

- Board Members:** Mel Trafton, Grant Harris, Lou Taylor, Ed Dills, Don Watts, Mike Publicker, Amanda Hensen,
- Associate Members:** Jeff Lapsansky, Michael Miller, Amanda Sorrell
- Staff:** Theresa Odello, Andschana Aljets, Seth Taylor, Adam Baker, Amy Jo Fields, Madyson Buhring
- Guests:** Patty Woodard, Harry Volkmann, Linnea Frates, Rick Smith, Amanda Meldrum, Joshua Seiter, Regee Harris
- Excused Absence:** Matt Zeiger, Jimmy Cochran, Jennifer Gates, Kate Watson, Dan Fields

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mel Trafton at 6:32 p.m. Everyone was welcomed and introduced. This meeting was held at Swink Hall at the El Paso County Fair and Events Center.

**Meeting Minutes**

Mike Publicker made a motion to approve the May 2023 meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grant Harris, the motion carried with approval.

**Public Comments**

No comments.

**Board and Staff Comments**

- Grant Harris encouraged everyone to keep hydrated during the fair.
- Mel Trafton presented the fair gnome.
- Andschana Aljets announced that there would be a quick programming meeting after the FAB meeting.

**Action Items:**

**5.A.** Theresa Odello and Andschana Aljets lead the conversation on Volunteer Requests for the 2023 fair. They highlighted the need for VIP parking attendants and helping set up sponsor materials on Friday. Sign-up sheets were provided for members to sign up.

**5.B.** Theresa Odello provided information on Emergency Procedures for Fair. This included walking through the Emergency Operations Plan, assigning volunteers to the Emergency Plan Zone Map, and going over the Shelter in Place Locations Map. The Sheriff's Office provided comments and approval of the plan.

**5.C.** Adam Baker and Andschana Aljets provided information on notable Final Fair Items. Adam informed the board on cart use and sign up, refueling times from 2:30-3:00pm each day, and radio etiquette during fair. Andschana discussed fair office hours and information on ticket event practices highlighting the use of pit passes.

### **Fair Board Committee Reports**

**No fair board reports were presented at this meeting.**

### **Miscellaneous Reports**

**No miscellaneous reports were presented at this meeting.**

Next Meeting: Fair Advisory Board meeting, August 16, 2023 @ 6:30pm – Swink Hall

Mel Trafton adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.