

**Minutes of Wednesday, January 15th, 2025
El Paso County Fair Board Meeting**

Board Members: Kate Johnson, Michael Publicker, Michael Miller, Jeff Lapsansky, Amanda Hensen, Grant Harris, Ed Dills,
Associate Members: Felicia Publicker, Wade Canaday,
Staff: Andschana Aljets, Jennifer Loewen, Emily Green
Guests: Patty Woodward, Sheila Canaday, Patty Woodard,
Commissioner Geitner
Excused Absence: Mel Trafton, Matt Zeiger

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kate Johnson at 6:32p.m. We welcomed everyone and introduced ourselves.

Agenda Items & Meeting Minutes

Michael Publicker made a motion to approve the December 2024 Meeting Minutes, 2nd by Grant Harris, the motion carried with approval.

Public Comments

- N/A

Board and Staff Comments

- None

Action Items:

4.A. Andschana Aljets presented the Sunshine Law Memorandum to be endorsed by the Fair Advisory Board Annually. Motion to approve by Mike Miller, 2nd by Mike Publicker, motion carried.

4.B. Andschana Aljets presented the proposed Fair Pin as recommended by the Marketing Committee. After discussion, Mike Publicker made a motion to approve, 2nd by Jeff Lapsansky, motion carried.

4.C. Andschana Aljets presented the 2025 Partner Agreements for Calhan Fire, UC Health, Lion's Club, Colorado Equine, and Livestock Sale Committee. Recommendation by Mike Publicker to add the Cutting Horse event to the Calhan Fire Agreement. Grant Harris made the motion to approve the amended agreement, 2nd by Mike Publicker, motion carried.

4.D. Emily Green presented the 2025 4-H Premium Books and Fair Schedule. Dog Show time adjustment made after the printing of the schedule was discussed. Amanda Hensen made a motion to approve the amended Fair Schedule, 2nd by Grant Harris, motion carried.

4.E. Andschana Aljets presented the 2025 committee descriptions for endorsement. Motion to approve by Amanda Hensen, 2nd by Jeff Lapsansky, motion carried.

Committee Reports

5.A. Facilities & Grounds – Mike Publicker presented the grounds committee update, including all action items are in progress, but no January meeting was held due to holidays and vacations.

5.B. Programming Committee – Andschana presented the updates from the Programming Committee, including the successful Holiday Sale of Golden tickets. Additionally, Board members were asked to consider “hosting” a day of Fair by representing a particular time period. Follow up with Andschana.

5.C. Vendor Committee – Mike Publicker reported on the Vendor committee progress. Total committed to date of \$28106 with only \$6894 remaining to goal. Action items are all in process.

5.D. Marketing & Queen – Kate Johnson presented the Marketing and Queen update, including all action items are in progress and reported on a successful Fair Queen Clinic in January. We already have 2 or 3 girls interested in competing for Fair Queen during the 2025 El Paso County Fair.

5.E. Kate Johnson presented updates from the Executive committee, including the completion of committee re-writes and 4-H/FFA award update.

Miscellaneous Reports

6.A. Andschana Aljets shared the Facility Use/Non-Fair programming report, highlighting the recent Fair Queen Clinic and the continuing use of Whittemore by both wrestling & basketball. The Boots in the Park Fundraiser idea was discussed and questions answered.

6.C. 4H/CSU Ext. report was represented by Emily Green and Jennifer Loewen. Action items are in process and upcoming Ag Fest will bring the opportunity for several schools to bring out kids to learn about Ag.

Next Meeting: Fair Advisory Board meeting, February 19th, 6:30pm – Swink Hall
Kate Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.