Minutes of Wednesday, March 16, 2022

El Paso County Fair Board Meeting

Board Members: Mel Trafton, Kate Watson, Don Watts

Associate Members: Amanda Sorrell, Grant Harris, Ed Dills, Michael Miller, Michael Publicker, Jimmy

Cochran, Jason Tepool

Staff: Theresa Odello, Adam Baker, Dayna Buffington, Andschana Aljets

Guests: Patty Woodard, Bill Spurlock, John Hill, Donie Miller, Amanda Hensen,

Carolyn Hall,

Excused Absence:

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mel Trafton at 6:37p.m. Everyone was welcomed and introduced. This meeting was held in Swink Hall. Grant Harris and Amanda Sorrell were moved up to create a quorum.

Meeting Minutes

February Meeting Minutes were corrected to reflect a small spelling error. Kate made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes, 2nd by Amanda, the motion and corrected minutes carried with approval.

Public Comments

Patty Woodard expressed appreciation for the team effort at Boots in the Park.

Mel Trafton spoke on the passing of Board Chair Gary Paul, acknowledged his move into the position of Chair, and committed to doing well. He then asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Gary.

Action Items

- **A.** Theresa explained the 4H Community Service & Volunteer Service awards. Amanda made a motion to endorse the awards, 2nd by Kate, carried with approval.
- **B.** Theresa announced new committee appointments for each committee.

Fair Board Committee Reports

- a. Dayna gave an update on the Fair programming and thanked Jimmy for his commitment to the Demolition Derby programming. Jimmy provided the update that the limited weld category will be changed to full weld this year.
- b. Andschana gave an update on the 2022 Vendor action items and a current committed Vendor status, we are on track to meeting or exceeding all goals.

- c. Dayna gave an update on the Sponsorship goals for 2022. We have already reached the sponsorship goals for 2022. We are still actively looking for Military Day T-shirt sponsors and a Title Sponsor.
- d. Dayna gave an update on the Marketing Committee and suggested inviting new Fair Queen, Makenna Norton, to the April or May meeting
- e. Theresa presented the update for CSU Extension.
- f. Theresa presented Todd's Executive Director Report to include a thank you to Gary Paul for his years of service, updated contact information for board members, and a reminder of sunshine law meeting requirements.

Miscellaneous Reports

None

Next Meeting: Fair Advisory Board meeting, March 16, 2022 – EPC Fairgrounds

Mel Trafton adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.