

Monday, October 18, 2021

**6:30 PM CONVENE**

**Present: Alyse Webber, Chairman; Wendy Wagner, Vice Chairman; Matt Plaisted, Eddie Coulter and Karrol Williams, Board Members; Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager**  
**Guest: Mark Kirschten, Fair Barn Superintendent**

**6:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Alyse called the meeting to order.

**6:30 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Eddie Coulter made a motion to approve the October 18, 2021, Fair Board Agenda. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**6:31 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Karrol Williams made a motion to approve the September 13, 2021, Fair Board Minutes. Eddie Coulter seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**6:32 PM Manager's Report**

Shyla presented her manager's report for review. She also presented the finalized Fairgrounds Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

**6:36pm Mark Kirschten entered the meeting.**

**Extension Report**

Shyla gave the Livestock Committee Meeting review. Mark said there are too many intact animals going through the event and then the sale. He proposes we have an on-site vet cover the barn as well. That way there is not discrepancy. Eddie thought that'd be fine since she's already here for the Rodeo.

**Wendy Wagner made a motion to pay our on-call vet to cover the Livestock Barn as well. Specifically requesting her presence at weigh-ins and as needed. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mark also requested that we add some cleating onto the pig ramp. It's very difficult to load the pigs since it's so slippery. Shyla will talk to Floyd about that.

**6:42pm Mark left the meeting.**

**6:42 PM PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one appeared for public comment.

**6:42 PM OLD BUSINESS**

**Rodeo Committee By-Laws**

Shyla updated the by-laws to appoint two more Board Members. Beyond that, she needs the Board's preference on the rest of it. Matt thinks they should be required to come to all meetings. Shyla re-confirmed that two of those members would be designated for rodeo but would have to attend and sign off on all other requirements the current Board members follow. Eddie doesn't think anyone would apply if we do that. Alyse asked how we go forward with the by-laws. Karrol thought it'd be simpler, but it's gotten really complicated. Shyla agreed they would just have to decide if they want to add more people to the Board or not, because there's no way to have a separate committee. The Board agreed to table the conversation.

**Drive In Movie**

Shyla said no one was available for our Halloween date. Eddie said he'd prefer the dueling pianos. Alyse said to wait for the spring/summer for another drive-in.

**7:15 PM NEW BUSINESS**

**Convention**

RMAF—Billings, MT November 10-12, 2021—Matt and Shyla

IAFE—San Antonio, TX November 28-December 1, 2021—Wendy and Shyla

PRCA—Las Vegas, NV November 29-December 2, 2021—Eddie and Karrol

### **2022 Fallon County Fair**

Eddie said the PRCA got rid of the tour rodeos, so NFR qualifiers are determined strictly based on their yearly earnings without any “tour” rodeo requirements. The tour rodeos helped us get the best in the world. Eddie plans on learning more about this at the PRCA Convention. Shyla said our only two current hired vendors are Slammas Bamma, Pippi and the Honey Bears. She is still waiting on addendums from Darcy Wassman, County Attorney for both. Wendy thinks we ask back the Bubble Tower for 2022.

**Eddie Coulter made the motion hire the Bubble Tower. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

Shyla asked how we wanted to format the upcoming Fair. Wendy said the Thursday night rodeo was really popular. Eddie said Thursday was packed but Friday not so much, due to weather. Shyla asked for a tentative schedule so we could plan accordingly for Convention. Alyse thinks we add something else either Friday or Thursday to break up the rodeos. Karrol agreed. There was discussion on this. Eddie thought we keep Saturday for sure. Karrol asked how it lines up best for the contestants. Eddie thought they'd be more likely to attend Thursday and Saturday. The Board agreed to add something different on Friday night. Shyla said she's reached out to all the Food Vendors the Board asked her to but only a couple have responded. Prairie Fire is already. Bully's Burgers won't commit. Wendy is going to talk to Otto's Hideout. Shyla asked for the Board's top three Night Show contenders. The Board provided her a list to start the bidding process. Eddie talked about potentially covering the arena. How much it would add to our year-round use and prevent us from having to cancel like we have had to do so many times in the past. Karrol said it's worth exploring.

### **Dinner Party Event**

Shyla's ideas are to have it catered, have a bar, and have dueling pianos that also provide DJ services for after the dinner. The board wants to shoot for February. Eddie thought that was great, in between seasons. Karrol said specifically February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Shyla will shoot for that and come back with quotes for the next meeting.

### **Fair Board Elections**

Chairman—Eddie elected Alyse. Alyse declined the nomination. Matt elected Wendy. Wendy declined the nomination. Wendy elected Eddie. Eddie accepted the nomination.

**Wendy Wagner made a motion to have Eddie Coulter as the Fallon County Fair Board Chairman. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

Vice Chair—Wendy elected Matt. Matt accepted the nomination.

**Wendy Wagner made a motion to have Matt Plaisted as the Fallon County Fair Board Vice-Chairman. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Fair Board will not have a meeting in November due to traveling for conventions. The next meeting will take place in December.

### **8:04 PM ADJOURN**

**Karrol Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

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**ADJOURN:**  
**s/Alyse Webber, Chairman**

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**ATTEST:**  
**s/Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager**