

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022

PRESENT: Jason Coulter, Chairman; Matt Plaisted, Vice Chairman; Wendy Wagner, Karrol Williams, Fair Board Members; Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager

ABSENT: Alyse Webber, Fair Board Member

GUESTS: Polly Davis, Kenzie Davis and Darrick Gorder; Baker Wrestling Club, Trenton Harbaugh and Nick Eisle; Baker Sheriff's Department, Lenae Bretzel and Patti Brookes; Gamma Betta Sorority

6:32 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Eddie Coulter called the meeting to order.

6:32 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wendy Wagner made a motion to approve the August 8, 2022, Fair Board Agenda. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

6:33 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Karrol Williams made a motion to approve the July 18, 2022, Fair Board Minutes. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

6:34 PM Extension Report

Amanda Williams, Fallon County Extension Agent had not yet joined the meeting to give her report.

6:34 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for public comment.

6:34 PM NEW BUSINESS

2022 Fallon County Fair

Law Enforcement Update—Trent said that they have every day scheduled and covered. He asked if the Board was concerned about anything. Shyla said to connect with her on keys for the night cop. He said that he would do that. Shyla said there was miscommunication about the night show, but we are all with security on that. Trent encouraged the Board to keep communication lines open with him throughout. The Board thanked Trent and Nick for their continued help.

6:38pm Trent and Nick left the meeting.

Beer Booth Update—Patti asked if someone could turn the cooler on because the beer was being delivered this week. Wendy said she would do that. Patti shared the hours they would be open: Thursday after 5:00pm until things die down after the rodeo, Friday after 5pm until 1:00am, Saturday 11:00am until 1:00am. Sunday 12:00pm until after Derby. Shyla asked about Wednesday night. Patti said they aren't licensed for Wednesday because she didn't know there was anything on. Shyla said it was just slack/slot barrel race. Eddie asked about the slack on Thursday and Friday. Patti said they can't open until after 5:00pm on the weekdays because everyone working has to wait until the end of their workday before they can help. Patti asked about the stash for the Rodeo Office. Eddie said he'd be sponsoring \$200 in beer each day for the hospitality tent. Patti told the Board it's been difficult to fill work shifts so they may even have to shut one of the windows and work from two instead of three. She said they would not be working the stage seating either this year due to lack of help. Shyla asked if they had any other concerns. Lenae said that law enforcement has always treated them well and is there when they need. Shyla emphasized that we wanted to be sure vendors were open until people began to clear out after the Derby on Sunday. Patti said they would be and that they were last year. Shyla just wanted to make sure all the vendors were on the same page with that.

6:47pm Lenae and Patti left the meeting and Amanda Williams joined the meeting.

Demolition Derby Update—Eddie asked if Darrick wanted to start the conversation. Darrick said that he was hearing that moving the sand was getting shut down. Eddie said that he just doesn't think it's going to work. Kevin expressed that the Commission met about it and all agreed that they will not allow it to be done. Darrick asked about the thousand-dollar cars that are now going to be beat up. Kevin said the commission is very concerned about the million-dollar arena. A lot of time and money has gone into getting that arena where it's at. Darrick said he's only asking to go 6 inches deep. Matt said the last meeting sounded like they were going all the way to the gumbo, about a foot down. Kevin added 6 inches wouldn't be enough for brims all the way around. Darrick asked what he's supposed to do when the arena is as deep and as sloppy as last year? He asked what he's supposed to say to the drivers and sponsors. Eddie said we can't go off last year, no one was happy last year. Shyla added last year was stressful for everyone. Darrick asked why not try it once and see how it goes, even try moving a little between the night show and rodeo. Matt said that was not going to work. Darrick said that was something we'd talked about. Shyla said it was her idea to try that but after talking through it, there's no way there'd be enough time. Eddie said it's not possible to get done what they wanted to get done in such a short time frame. Kevin emphasized that it's not happening per Commission, he said Darrick would have to get on the Commissioners agenda if he wants to talk about it further. Darrick asked to put him on the agenda, he wants to explain why they are asking for this. He added that it's getting pricy for Baker Metal to get pipe. Kevin said they already have the pipe cut. Darrick said they are just trying to make it easier for everyone and we haven't been able to come up with a plan. He wants us all to find a way to make it work, he wants all sides to get along. He's not trying to make a big issue. He just wants to grow the Derby. Kevin said we are all passionate about this place but that the Commission has to think about everyone involved, they want to protect the things taxpayer money has funded. Everyone agreed on that. Shyla didn't think anyone was mad, it's just been difficult to find a solution. Matt said he didn't like the way it was presented at the last meeting. Darrick said he meant to be at the last one and was sorry he missed it. Kevin asked what the Board thought. Eddie said they can pack the arena for them for this year, see if that helps any. Darrick asked if it could be packed between heats. Matt thinks we could work that out. Darrick said we need some way to take care of the cars, that would help. Kevin didn't think the commission would have an issue with packing it. Shyla said it gets packed for the night show anyway. Darrick thought that was a good place to start if they can't move any dirt. Shyla added that it's too upsetting to try and mess with Cowboy Church. The Fair's job was to try and pack as many events in for as many different demographics as possible, in a four-day time span. Darrick understands that he just wanted a minor time adjustment. Eddie asked why check-in at the gazebo didn't work. Darrick said that it just takes too much time, and he needs to be two places at once. Wendy said maybe if the wrestling approached them about next year a little earlier in the year, they may be willing to move it to 9:00am instead of 10:00am. Darrick thought Don would be willing to work with them. Eddie said that next year during the spring when he starts working it up, they could meet up out in the arena and look into it further. Darrick asked if we even know what's under the sand. Kevin said clay and scoria. Darrick said working together is the only goal.

7:51pm Darrick, Polly, Kenzie left the meeting.

Eddie asked if Amanda wanted to give her Extension Report. Amanda asked about getting the electric eye for the horse show since they are doing speed events. Eddie said that was doable. Shyla asked about the grand champion announcement. Eddie asked about getting iPhone pictures of the grand champions for the jumbotron. Amanda said it's hard to track them all down but that she could try for that. Shyla asked Eddie how he wanted it done. Eddie said they'd be called out in the beginning and step out for their introduction. Then hold the flag for the national anthem. Amanda didn't have any other updates.

Shyla presented the Board with what the t-shirts costed us and asked them what they wanted to charge. There was discussion on this.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to charge \$20 for an adult shirt and \$15 for youth. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

Eddie said he is going to ask about generators for the Carnival. Eddie said he'd talk to Mitchells about lighting on the midway and in the parking lot. Eddie said he ordered all the food and Reynolds is donating all of it. Wendy said she's all good on help for that. Shyla asked when they want to do banner set-up. Matt and Eddie got the high banners done yesterday. Eddie said Monday night at 6:30pm for the others. Shyla asked about the Jordan Davis meet and greet passes. We have 30 to giveaway but she wanted to make it fair for everyone, she thought the only way to do that was to sell them. Matt thought they'd have to be more than the seats. Wendy thought \$50. The Board agreed. Shyla said that Madison and Audrey were going to sing the national anthem. Kevin talked about the crow's nest internet connection and Shyla said Clint is all good to go on that and is going to be here for us through Fair. Shyla said that she couldn't find an available face painter but that she was trying to get some music. The Board was good with that. Wendy said Monica Stark was good to go with the ATM. Eddie said he was concerned about the beer booth based on what they just reported. Shyla agreed, especially with the projected influx of people, she thought maybe the golf course would want to do the stage. Wendy thought we should reach out to some people. The Board agreed.

Next Meeting: August 29, 2022, 6:30pm at the Fair Office

8:43 PM ADJOURN

Karrol Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:
s/Jason Coulter, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager