

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

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

ABSENT: Derrick DeHaan Fair Board Member

GUESTS: Tammy Witcher and Mike Witcher, Fallon County Fairgrounds Stallers; Darcy Wassaman, Fallon County Attorney

6:31 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Matt Plaisted called the meeting to order.

6:30 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Karrol Williams motioned to approve the December 19, 2022 Fair Board Agenda. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.

6:30 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wendy Wagner motioned to approve the October 17, 2022 Fair Board Minutes. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.

6:30 PM Extension Report

Amanda said beef weigh ins for Fallon County are December 28, December 27 for Carter County. She will let the Board know if there are fair book revisions at the next meeting. Cloverbuds are January 3rd and 5th for Fallon County and 2nd and 4th for Carter County. Livestock meeting is January 9 and Council is January 16. Fruit sales are due the first of February. Winter Ag Series is coming up with lunch provided. 4-H Clubs voted not to limit the number of animals at the livestock sale. She said most of them take 3 or less. She asked about a wedding wire rep calling, Shyla said that she's told them no several times so if they call again to please have them take us off their list. Another person called about stalls, Amanda will call her back with the information. Amanda said another county was wondering about the name of our carnival, Shyla said Midway West Amusements.

6:31 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Tammy Witcher asked about a rumor that the indoor barn stalls were potentially getting torn out. Matt confirmed it is true, but that it is 100% brought up by Commission and being looked into by Commission. She asked why. Matt said that they want to pour concrete to make it a multi-use facility. Mike said he doesn't see it being feasible cost wise just like the daycare. Darcy said they won't have a bond issue here. Karrol said the ability to have more events is the main reason. Darcy asked if the Board thinks it will be for the better. Shyla said they've been trying to get an events center built for a while but she always wanted it to replace the two vendor buildings. This would allow indoor concerts, larger wedding capacity, sport capabilities, etc. Mike said you can't have an indoor concert in the barn during Fair. Karrol said any further questions would have to be run by Commission. Tammy just wanted to clear things up.

6:48 PM OLD BUSINESS

Stall Rental Agreement/Darcy Wassmann

Darcy said she is in the process of re-doing the stalling agreement and has questions.

6:51pm Eddie Coulter joined the meeting

Darcy asked about the fee. Wendy said it's currently \$50 per month for rent and \$50 per stall deposit. Darcy asked about a late payment fee. The board agreed to a \$25 fee. Darcy asked about the \$50 deposit how that's re-evaluated. Shyla said it currently gets rolled over but should probably be taken yearly. Matt wants it re-evaluated yearly and per damages. Darcy asked about a late window. Matt said after 60 days they'd be evicted. Darcy asked about events. Shyla described high school rodeo situation where they need to be able to ask stallers to leave to accommodate. Matt thinks we make a pro-rate option for months like that. Darcy said she will write in that people can be evicted at any time. The Board agreed. Darcy asked about more minor infractions. Karrol said dogs and smoking. There was discussion about the safety of this. Darcy asked about vaccinations. Tammy asked if that would include the overnight/temporary stallers. Shyla said it's very difficult to manage especially if you aren't a horse person. Matt thinks we collect them. Mike talked

about the different vaccines and the difficulties. Karrol thinks we specify for long term boarders. There was discussion on this. Eddie suggested just following the state requirements. The Board agreed. Darcy asked if there's a requirement for bedding. Shyla said sawdust, any sawdust. Darcy asked about a guideline for cleanliness. The board agreed that's subjective but could become an issue. Darcy will find language to write it in. Darcy asked about parking. Shyla said she's always allowed parking trailers out there and hasn't charged. They have to be out of the way and not block any roads or entrances. The Board is good with that. Darcy asked about rules. Shyla said there is a separate sheet for those. Darcy asked about a cleaning fee. Karrol thought take out of the deposit. Darcy suggested a fee, easier to track. The board decided \$50 cleaning fee. Darcy asked about neglect. Shyla suggested they call in the sheriff's, vet or brand inspector. In the past that's been the most common public comment. There was discussion on a strike system. The board agrees a strike system is too messy to keep track of. Matt wants to address people using their own equipment. Shyla described situations where using your own equipment is necessary, although there should be accountability on damages. Darcy agreed. The Board thanked Darcy for her help.

7:33pm Darcy, Tammy, and Mike left the meeting.

2022 Conventions Overview

IAFE—

Wendy said we are on the monster truck and motorcycle freestyle show's book for Friday night. Matt got the photobooth guy booked. Shyla said they are looking for an available interactive dinosaur. Wendy said we want street beat but they weren't at convention. Shyla will reach out to them. Matt said they got the divas booked. Wendy went through the divas contract. Shyla suggested an air brush tattoo/face painting/balloon making person. Eddie said someone contacted him about their petting zoo.

Matt Plaisted made a motion to hire Nitro Tours for the Friday night show at \$30,950. Karrol William seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Amanda mentioned Royce Moore is a face painter out of Ekalaka. Shyla talked about a fireworks vendor show interested in being the "Grand Finale" placed at the very end so all the 4-H and rodeo animals will be gone. It might incentivize people to stick around after the derby. Plus if people do go home they can still watch them if they live in town. Amanda asked about a drought situation. Shyla said it'd have to be taken into consideration but the fire department would definitely be included. Eddie thought it was a good idea. Wendy wants to hire Polka Dot for 2024. Matt said we also hired the Bear Hollow Wood carvers. Shyla thought it'd be good to have a commemorative "100 years" carving made.

Karrol Williams made a motion to hire the Divas Through the Decades, Bear Hollow Wood Carvers, Street Beat and The World's Funnest Photo Booth. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Matt Plaisted made a motion to hire the Polka Dot Entertainment and Jurassic Kingdom Lockdown for the 2024 Fallon County Fair. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

PRCA—

Karrol was there to receive our award from the WPRA. Sylvan asked if we could look into getting new jerseys for the bull riders. Eddie thought we could do that. Karrol presented a trick rider that is available during our Fair at \$1,500 for both performances. The Board agreed it's something new. Eddie said Lisa with Montex is good to go.

Karrol Williams made a motion to hire Matt Merritt Entertainment, LLC and Bella Da Costa for the 2023 Fallon County Fair. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Shyla reminded the Board to reach out to the two 4-H gals to sing the national anthem again. Amanda said they weren't in 4-H this year but are in FFA and enjoyed doing it last year. Eddie thought we should decide on the purse, he would like to go back to featuring three events, like we used to. We changed it to become a playoff rodeo, but the PRCA requires 3 perfs and we only do 2, plus our purse payout has to be \$150,000 or more which isn't something we can do. Karrol said there are only 36 right now playoff rodeos

right now. She is good with featuring three, but asked which three. Eddie said it could change every year but he thinks breakaway, saddle bronc, and bareback. The board agreed. Eddie asked the Board to consider joining the Cinch series. We would get \$1,000 per perf, it requires 4 pa announcements, 2 banners, jumbotron spot, chinch flag, 4 premier seats.

Karrol Williams made a motion to enter into the PRCA Cinch Rodeo Series. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Other Events

Eddie asked if the Board wanted to do another Xtreme Bronc Ride. There was discussion on dates. Eddie suggested going the day before Jordan's Father's Day one so Saturday, June 17. Shyla asked about purse and Montex. Eddie said he was good with the same purse as last year: \$25,000.

Matt Plaisted motioned to keep the purse the same at \$25,000 for the 2023 Xtreme Bronc Ride. Karrol Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Karrol talked to Julie about the volunteers, she said the waiver we have them sign doesn't really cover them. She said there is an insurance available to cover them, mutton busters, all personnel. She thinks it'd be around \$5,000 but the county would look into it. Eddie thinks it's a good idea, would be like us purchasing the rain insurance for the night show.

Matt wants to do another dueling pianos event. The Board agreed. There was discussion on dates but decided on February 25. Wendy wants the people that reached out but weren't able to do last year.

Wendy Wagner made a motion to book a dueling pianos gig for February 25, 2023. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Eddie said Turbivilles want to host 3 high school rodeos in the indoor arena the first 3 weekends in March. Karrol asked who will be helping. All the Board members will be unable to help. Shyla asked about the stallers. Matt thinks we can't ask them to move out for it. Eddie is going to clarify those things.

9:10 PM NEW BUSINESS

2023 Fallon County Fair Plans

Karrol Williams motioned to hire Montex for Fair at \$10,300 and the Xtreme Bronc Ride at \$4,500. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Shyla mentioned that Walt may be wanting to phase out. Amanda said that the sound system in the barn needs covered, per one of their announcers. Wendy said that the sound system needs cleaned, she will call Devon Banister. Eddie asked about the rodeo purse.

Matt Plaisted motioned to make our purse \$10,000 for 7 events and \$20,000 for 3 for a total of \$130,000. Wendy Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2022

9:21 PM ADJOURN

Karrol Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Plaisted seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

ADJOURN:
s/ Jason Coulter, Chairman

ATTEST:
s/ Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager