

Fremont County Fair Board Minutes December 11, 2024

The Fremont County Fair Board met December 11, 2024 at the Fremont Center Boardroom, in Riverton, Wyoming. Board members present were Scott Walters, Nikki Horton, Trevor Bekken, Kourtney Hanger, Megan Sims, Alex Eckhardt and Rob Dolcater. Staff present were, Fair Manager Pat Hart and Laura Harrington, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Scott Walters

President Scott Walters led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Moment of Silence in honor of Charlene VonKrosigk
Pat Hart gave the board prayer

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kourtney Hanger moved to approve the December 11, 2024 agenda; Nikki Horton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. PATRONS

- Kyle Butterfield from the City of Riverton is requesting a transfer of land parcels to the City of Riverton that are connected to the Riverwalk. This would create contiguous ownership of all land associated with the Riverwalk to the City of Riverton. The Depot Foundation had previous conversations with the Fair Board in regard to a land transfer. Kyle will send display maps to Pat Hart for the Fair Board. The Fair Board can give their recommendation to the County Commissioners. A quick claim deed could be issued if the County Commissioners desire. Mr. Butterfield took questions from the Fair Board. Nikki Horton checked and reported that there is a easement in place for the property.
- Jeremy & Jess Schooner came on behalf of the Figure 8 Races. They are requesting that there be two races during County Fair. One on the first Saturday and one on the final Saturday of fair. They would like to hold another race August 16 rather than going to State Fair. He would like to work with the Fair and have the fair get some revenue rather than renting the facility. Jeremey is working with the Powell promoter to make this race a culmination of the Figure 8 season. He knows he has the driver interest. Jeremy feels that that would be the latest date that would work due to school starting and people being busy with sports and other activities. A decision will be made next month so promotion can begin. Kourtney Hanger moved to table the discussion until January, seconded by Trevor Bekken; motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes from the November 7 ,2024 Fremont County Fair Board Meeting.
- Financial Review: Approval of current bills and financial report.
- Alcohol Permits: Gold Buckle Ball, Cedar Bar

Alex Eckhart moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Nikki Horton; motion carried.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. EX-OFFICIO BOARD REPORTS

- **Commissioner Liaison** – Commissioner Allen reported that the Commissioners are working on SOC’s and evaluations. All departments have been turned in except for the Fair and the Treasurer’s office. Deadline for evaluations is December 13. Fair Board members expressed that they were not aware that there was a deadline. Mr. Allen apologized for missing meetings his has been ill.
- **County Extension** –No agent was present.
- **Wind River Extension** – Johnathan Despain has resigned

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Royalty Committee** –Pam Rivers reported that invitations will be going out for the Gold Buckle Ball soon. It will be held on January 18, 2024. Pam said there is a crunch for the girls with the Event being moved up to January.
- **Youth Ambassadors**- Alex Eckhardt sent Pat Hart some edits for the application. They are still waiting to hear from Holly Putnam. Pat stated she would like applications to go out so they could be returned by January 20th.
- **Junior Livestock Sale Board** – Rob Dolcater presented the names of Laura McGuffey and Brooke Bekken for approval from the Fair Board to serve as committee members. Nikki Horton moved to approve Laura McGuffey and Brooke Bekken for membership to the Junior Livestock Sale Board, seconded by Rob Dolcater; motion passed unanimously. Beef tagging will take place on February 1, 2024 at the Riverton Livestock Auction. The JLSB is working on updating their By-Laws.
- **Junior Show Advisory Committee** – no report
- **Friends of the Fremont County Fair** -Had committee meetings with no regular monthly meeting. The Friends of Fair would like to have a Fair Board member sit on their scholarship committee.

VII. FAIR MANAGERS REPORT

- Annex Employee-Pat Hart introduced new Annex employee Steve Skelton to the Fair Board. Steve has been working on cleaning up the facility to have it ready for an open house. Steve has a lot of great ideas to keep the facility busy. The Honor Farm will be assisting in clean up.
- Night Events-Pat met with Jerney Schooner to discuss Figure 8 races. He is planning on doing a race for Spring Fair on June 7, 2025. He would like to hold two Figure 8 races again during Fair and is asking for one to be the first Saturday and the other to be on the last Saturday. Pat said Hog and Mud is available the Friday before fair or Sunday which would be difficult with animals coming in. Nikki Horton suggested some sort of Red Neck Relay event would be good because it has local involvement. Trevor Bekken mentioned the bubble and bull fights. Pat stated that in the past people didn’t sign up to participate. Nikki said it needs to be promoted better and people need to be informed of what it is. Kourtney Hanger suggested an iron horse rodeo. Wednesday and Thursday events need to be decided on. Pat said Ninja Nation is available for approx. \$9000.00. Knights of Valor is also an option. Decisions need to be made soon.

- Free Entertainment- Pat is checking on Ninja Nation, a wood carver that donates 4 carvings per day to the fair for auction or fund raising. She is checking into barnyard races.
- 2024 Fair Logo won second place at RMAF
- Pat will email sponsorship packet when she receives it from the printer.
- Charlene VonKrosigk's funeral will be on Dec 21 at 2p at the Fremont Center
- Holiday closure- Pat requested that the office be closed the week of Dec 23-27. Alex Eckhardt moved to allow the fair staff to take the week of December 23-27, 2024 off, seconded by Trevor Bekken; motion carried.
- Pat thanked to board for allowing her to attend RMAF and IAFE.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Capital Revolving ARPA, LATC funds- Saffire and EventPro payments have been sent for updates.
- Fremont Center Project- Water pressure issue, panel for men's room needs replaced. Still need door handle for exterior of classroom door.
- Fremont Center Roof- No new bids have been received. Patch is in place to hopefully get through the winter.
- Barns- Friends of Fair has agreed to help fund an engineer.
- Fair Annex update- MOVE money- approx.\$6900 remaining. Card locks have been ordered. New computer will be ordered. Wedge will remote in the computer to the office server. A gas tank is needed(Rob Dolcater will provide one). MOVE money needs to be spent in one year.
- Auto flush toilets for grandstands -tabled
- By-Laws update-tabled
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- **Counting down....227 days until 2025 Fremont County Fair**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 2025 Fair Board Meeting schedule was presented to the Fair Board. Work session February, May, July and Vison Session.
- Annex bids for windows and ceiling tiles. Bids were presented to the Board from Overhead Door and Yeates construction. Nikki Horton moved to approve the bid from Overhead Door for \$3729.98 for window replacement at the Fair Annex, seconded by Megan Sims; motion carried. Ceiling tiles can be purchase from a lumber or hardware store and be easily replaced. Pat said she would like to see a door put into the classroom area that leads to the bathroom. Larry Allen stated that there are grants available for window replacement.
- Interviews are being conducted with two individuals for the Fair Board seat opening with the end of Scott Walters term. Pat thanked Scott Walters for his years of service.
- Pat is working on a number to present to High Plains Power for the naming rights to the Fremont Center.

IX. Executive Session

Alex Eckhardt called for Executive session for personnel, seconded by Kourtney Hanger; motion carried

Entered Executive Session at 7:28PM out of Executive Session at 8:33PM

Nikki Horton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kourtney Hanger; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM

Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 9, at 6:00 p.m.**, in Riverton, in the Classroom, Fremont Center, at the fairgrounds.

Scott Walters, Fair Board President

Megan Sims, Fair Board Secretary