

Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Cam-Plex, Energy Hall, Coal Conference Room

January 19th, 2021 6:00 pm

Marilyn Christensen
Trena Bauder
Dana Pearce
Joey Leegaard
J.D. Gray
Acacia Elkins
Liz Edwards
Trevor Lynde

Niki Hensley
Celeste Robinson
Ellen Leshar
Jeff Esposito
Heather Kuhrt
Mackenzie Ochs
Charlene Camblin

Jason Gearhart
Pat Thompson
Shellie Hensley
Derek Hensley
Heather Wichert
Sharon Adels
Heidi Vossler

Maureen Percifield
Calvin Schell

Chairman, Marilyn Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Marilyn welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves.

Additions to Agenda / Guest Comments ~

Marilyn asked for additions to the agenda and guest comments.

Additions to agenda ~ Acacia Elkins added in old business employee evaluations.

Guest Comments ~ Ellen Leshar asked the Fair Board again to consider the Fair book rules on parents helping exhibitors during Fair in respect to educational help, not actually completing projects. She also asked about changing the dress code for the 4-H Livestock shows to not require the white shirt, black pants, etc. and have consistency with all areas including Horse and static exhibit dress code. Maureen Percifield is in favor with the dress code consideration to help parents not have additional clothing costs.

Minutes ~

J.D. Gray made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 15th, 2020 meeting. Acacia Elkins seconded. Motion passed.

Reports ~

Extension Office / 4-H ~

Celeste Robinson reported cake decorating, barn quilt, and shooting sports classes have started. The Chili Bingo will be February 13th, 2021. Summer Day Camp received a grant and is moving forward for scheduling. Celeste asked Heidi Vossler to report on the Livestock Committee. Heidi commented the Livestock Committee will have to reschedule their educational project day that was scheduled on February 13th due to conflicting events.

Fair Coordinator ~

Liz Edwards reported the status of scheduled entertainment. Jeff Martin is unable to attend due to previously scheduled events, and the four bands and the comedian have not confirmed availability at this time. Liz has received six contracts and is working with the new Deputy County Attorney for revisions and amendments. The remaining entertainers confirmed for our Fair were scheduled for 2020. Joey asked if Cam-plex has mentioned going together for a Concert and Liz said no, she will check. Liz asked about bringing and researching a Carnival knowing routing may be an issue for availability, and the Board agreed to get information prior to deciding. Andrew Kraycsir contacted Liz for the Red, White, and Blue BBQ requesting a venue during fair and proceeds go to the local veterans. The Kansas City BBQ chose not to have a competition due to COVID. Liz asked for volunteers to be a part of a Fair book rules committee to review dress code, parents helping exhibitors, and other topics. Acacia and Marilyn volunteered. Liz will be updating the Tradeshow and Food vendor applications and working with Crystal on the tradeshow applicants. Liz is preparing a rough draft of the 2021 fair schedule for the February meeting for discussion and revisions. Liz was contacted by Dave Slattery for the Youth Livestock Sale (YLS). He mentioned some processing plants were scheduled out until May and wanted to reserve spots early. He contacted the processing plants reserving spots for the YLS and will be re-confirming them in a few months. Liz said the YLS 1099's will be processed and mailed next week.

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Old Business ~

Scale Program ~ Pat Thompson, from the Durham Ranch, talked about the EID tag software program used with the scale. The program is compatible with the RFID tags used for the Fair's livestock and with scales that will communicate efficiently during the Fair's weigh-ins. This program will easily sort classes to the desired weight classes for the market shows. Pat would offer his knowledge and help train individuals if needed. J.D. proposed a new scale that is compatible with the software. Discussion was held. The Fair Board asked Liz to get additional budget information prior to moving forward.

Born and Raised Contests ~ Liz asked for clarification from the Fair Board and the 4-H Livestock Committee on who will oversee the contest, the Fair Board or 4-H Livestock Committee? Liz presented the original and revised declarations. Discussion was held. J.D. made a motion to use the revised Fair Declaration overseeing the contest, with further rules to follow in the fair book. Acacia seconded. Motion passed.

Carcass Class ~ Liz reported she does not have new information to present at this time.

Panel Inventory ~ Jeff Esposito and Jason reviewed the history of the previous verbal agreements the Fair and Cam-plex have followed with regards to the panel inventory. Discussion was held. Jason and Liz will continue to get a final inventory count.

Beef Tagging ~ Liz informed on the Beef tagging ownership deadline of February 1st, 2021, and exhibitor pictures and information sheets are due at the Fair Office on February 3rd, 2021 by 5:00pm.

Open Superintendent Positions ~ Liz talked about, suggested names, and asked for references to fill the four open positions including 4-H Dog, 4-H Visual Arts, 4-H Visual Arts Assistant, and Open Art.

Employee Evaluations ~ Acacia stated that Liz's final copy of her annual evaluation is available to view at the County HR Department.

New Business ~

Cattlemen BBQ ~ Charlene Camblin informed the Fair Board that the Cattlemen and Wool Growers annual dinner/dance (Rancher's Roundup), held in January, had been cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Charlene previously visited with Liz with an idea of having their banquet and/or BBQ during Fair with the influence of the agriculture community. Charlene asked if a Ranchers Roundup social event to celebrate a country lifestyle could be held during Fair with their banquet/BBQ. Discussion was held. Acacia made a motion to approve and move forward pending official scheduled date for the banquet/BBQ during Fair. Joey seconded. Motion passed.

2024 Fair Dates ~ Jeff followed up and discussed a large youth group event, which Cam-Plex has been visiting with and possibly scheduling in July 2024. The dates requested by this group are the same week Fair is scheduled in 2024. Jeff asked the Fair Board for their support in adjusting the Fair dates earlier as presented/proposed to them of two options starting on July 12th or July 19th. Discussion was held. J.D. made a motion to proceed and move forward with the support of Cam-Plex scheduling this event. Trena seconded. Motion passed.

Fair Theme and Colors ~ Liz asked for ideas/suggestions for this year's fair. Discussion was held. Acacia suggested putting a post on Facebook asking the community for ideas with a deadline and the Board agreed.

Budget Meeting – Set Date ~ Liz asked when and where to schedule the budget meeting for the upcoming fiscal year. Normally, it is the first week of March and Liz suggested Thursday, March 4th, 2021 at 6:00pm at Rib and Chop House and the Board agreed. Liz reminded the board of the County's 15-25% budget cut and the upcoming budget deadlines will be available later in this week. Liz presented the board with last year's dates as a reference and will send out this year's dates when available. Liz, working with the County, is researching a possibility of applying for a grant for the Fair.

Mandatory Meeting Dates ~ Liz mentioned the mandatory meeting dates are reserved for the Central Pavilion on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021 at 4:30pm and 6:30pm, Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 at 2:30pm, 4:30pm, and 6:30pm, and in Wright on Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Red, White, and Blue BBQ ~ J.D. Gray made a motion to allow the Red, White, and Blue BBQ during Fair. Acacia Elkins seconded. Motion passed.

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Election of New Officers ~ Joey nominated Acacia for Chairman. Liz asked the Fair Board how the elections are usually conducted. Marilyn stated traditionally we use a slate process in which the Vice Chairman moves into Chairman, the Secretary/Treasurer moves into Vice Chairman, and the Board nominates a member into Secretary/Treasurer, unless any member declines the position. J.D. asked Trena, active Vice Chairman, if she was interested in the Chairman position. Trena stated she was ready and anticipated to take on the responsibility. J.D. nominated Trena for Chairman. Marilyn asked for more discussion and with a majority vote of 4-2 Acacia became Chairman. Marilyn opened nominations for Vice Chairman. Acacia nominated Joey and there were no further nominations. It was a unanimous vote for Joey. Marilyn opened nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Trena nominated J.D. Gray and there were no further nominations. It was a unanimous vote for J.D. Marilyn reconfirmed Acacia Elkins as Chairman, Joey Leegaard as Vice Chairman, and J.D. Gray as Secretary/Treasurer. Acacia Elkins made a motion to accept the New Officers. Joey Leegaard seconded. Motion passed.

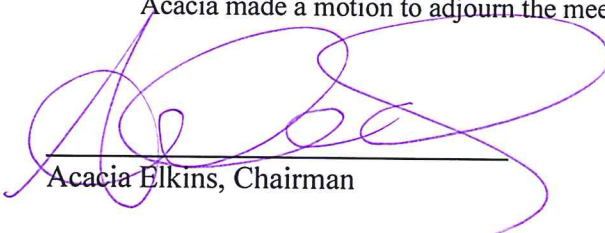
CC Fair By-Laws & Governance Policies ~ Liz asked for volunteers to help put together the Fair Board's By-Laws and Governance policies, Trena and Marilyn volunteered.

Treasurer's Report ~

Liz presented the budget and vouchers. Acacia Elkins made a motion to accept the voucher list. J.D. Gray seconded. Vouchers were approved.

Meeting Adjourned ~

Acacia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.



Acacia Elkins, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



Liz Edwards, Fair Coordinator

Next Meeting – February 16th, 2021
Commissioner's Quarterly Meeting