

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes March 21st 2022 @Fellowship Hall

Present:

Tammi Schneider Matt Summers Kali Benson Troy Kelty Dan Carpenter Dave Rook
Trevor Smith Garrett Miller Ralph Hinton Will White Vicki Whitman Chris Carnahan
Sheri Trehal Rod Sigmon Bobby Chevarria

Excused:

Ben Duke -Scott Maranville -Aaron Theiman

Meeting was called to order by President Tammi Schneider @7:07 pm

Agenda- moved by Trevor Smith and seconded by Vicki Whitman to approve agenda. Motion passed

Minutes- moved by Trevor Smith and seconded by Will White to approve minutes. Motion passed

Guests:

Lee Benjamin, EDCLA- to represent EDCLA with regards to BBQ at the Fair. Lee wanted to come on behalf of EDCLA to get feedback from fair board regarding food, how to increase ticket sales etc. Lee discussed the option of serving hamburgers instead of the roast beef, a few sides, ice cream cups. EDCLA would like to see more youth show up to the BBQ and wonders how this can happen. Matt Summers discussed that as a parent of a 4-H member, he didn't know they were allowed to attend. Will White suggested promoting the BBQ within the 4-H clubs to advertise more and bring more awareness to the EDCLA BBQ. Kali Benson discussed the option of EDCLA feeding the judges and extension paying for this. Trevor Smith commented on the time frame of the BBQ in regards to the 4-H kids that are selling. He gave the option of possibly creating a window before the BBQ starts to allow these 4-H kids to come and eat. It was also mentioned that the kids could sign up to help for a small amount of time to chat with buyers. This will continue to be discussed on how 4-H kids that are selling can attend the BBQ as well as advertising and bringing more awareness to the BBQ within the 4-H Clubs so that attendance for this event would increase. Discussion on pricing for the meal single vs. double burger to help bring the cost down and hopefully bring more 4-H'ers and 4-H families as well as the community out to the BBQ.

Bobby Chevarria- Fairgrounds report- Bobby discussed the purchase of new sound systems including cordless mics. Also, there are two new sets of portable bleachers (120 seats/bleacher) that are coming. Reported on the repairs in regards to the campground area- there is going to be dirt work done, at minimum electrical on the west fence will be completed including 30 amp hook up with septic and water. They are unable to do septic at each site at the county charges per site, per month for this. There will be some improvements to the dump station area to help with convenience for people. Total spaces- 80 for fairground area. Kali Benson mentioned a request from horse leaders to have a schedule during fair from the fairgrounds staff to drag the arena.

Terry Mills- Cowboy up- Not present to discuss

Kali Benson- Extension/4-H Report-

-Beef weigh in on February 20th saw 79 steers for the weigh in. Overall went well.

- Pig/Lamb/Goat tags all have been ordered

- Add/Drop day is approaching- Deadline April 1st

- Beef/Horse/Dog IDs are due to be put into 4H-Online by May 1st

- There were 8 kids nominated for state fair

- 1) We discussed information on start times for all shows so that all judges can be confirmed. All judges have been contracted per Kali. Right now Tues- Sheep showmanship, market lamb, and pee-wee lamb with a start 6pm Wed- Market swine with a start time of 6pm Thursday 4 pm start time for market goat,

goat showmanship with swine showmanship at 7 pm Friday- 10 am breeding beef, 1130 Dairy, 3 pm beef showmanship

- a. *** Discussion regarding changing the beef showmanship start time from 3pm to 4pm with small fry going first. Motion from Trevor Smith to change the beef showmanship start time from 3pm to 4pm on Friday of fair, seconded by Vicki Whitman. Motion passed.
- 2) Request for announcing of judges for 2022 fair. Kali approves this and will send to postmaster to be announced

OLD BUSINESS:

- 3) Continued discussion on the animal scale placement and use. Discussed that the scale will be mobilized in different places for fair weigh ins. Discussed that hog weigh in could be done as they are coming off trailers or having hogs settle and then bring to weigh. Scale can be brought in the hog barn for that to be done. Lamb/goat weigh in would work where the sheep wash rack is on the concrete. Turkey weigh in at the lamb wash rack as well. The new scale will not stay on the grounds and will be stored off site. It will also be certified by friends of fair. Further discussion on time frames for weigh ins as follows; Mon-lambs 4-6pm at the wash rack Tues-Hogs 7am-11am (continued conversation on weight right off trailers or after being settled, will confer with Jeff Aleman) Goats- Wed- market turkeys
- 4) Beer vendor. Trevor Smith was working with Elizabeth Chamber to discuss them possibly being responsible for the liquor license and managing the beer/liquor vending for the fair. Discussed benefits of Elizabeth Chamber vs. Cowboy up. Concerns of supply last year. Cowboy up representative Terry Mills not here today to discuss. Trevor unable to get information from Elizabeth Chamber to discuss further at this meeting. Tammi requests Trevor to connect with Elizabeth Chamber and report at next meeting. Previous year set up with Cowboy up- hours of operation set by the board, beer and alcohol purchased by Cowboy up, profits split 50/50 at end of fair. Some discussion of using Elizabeth Brewing Co. however they won't obtain liquor license and they would only serve EBC beer. Hours requested to be Tues-Thurs 4p-8p, Fri/Sun 11-3 and Sat 11am-12 am due to concert being on Saturday. Tabled for further discussion until next meeting to allow for Trevor to bring information from Elizabeth Chamber and for Cowboy up representative to come and discuss with the board.
- 5) Sheri discussed that Core Energy wants to do the sponsorship however it needs to be presented for conformation. Presenting a "Family Day at Elbert County Fair" presented by Core Energy. It will include free rides for the kiddie corral, Bulls, Broncs and Buckaroo rodeo and concert. Some options of bands discussed including Narrow Gauge recommended by Amanda Love, Tammi presented this option. Also Sheri and Vicki had a band that they liked- Buck'd Off. These will be presented to CORE to sign off on sponsorship and Sheri will get back to the board.
- 6) Briefly discussed "Champions Barn" in "Dairy" Barn. Tammi presented to use the now "Dairy" barn to house the champions from each livestock area. This would be from possibly Friday night to Sunday, during the day. Garrett Miller discussed doing this in the horse pavilion on the east side to showcase these animals, especially for buyers. Needed to discuss as EC fair grounds would need to get a sign made. No consensus made with this, will table until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Fair theme for 2022 needs to be decided. A list from Kali was voiced to the board along with other suggestions for themes. Three picked by Tammi to vote on 1- "Barn in the U.S.A #2-Sew it, Grow it, Show it #3- American Flair at The Elbert County Fair. Votes from the board for each theme. Majority votes for "Sew it, Grow it, Show it" and this will be the 2022 fair theme
- 2) Grand Marshall needs to be decided for the 2022 fair.

- a. Suggestion for past Elbert County members who have made it to an elite level
 - i. Hailee Sigmon
 - ii. Emmie
 - b. Miss Rodeo Colorado- she has ties to the county and would be great to have at the Fair
 - i. ***Motion by Will White to have Miss Rodeo Colorado asked to come be the Grand Marshall for The Elbert County. Seconded by Sheri Trehal. Motion passed
 - a. Sheri will check with Ashlee about availability
- 3) Vendor cost/requirement changes (food vendors)
- a. Discussion of option of changing vendor packet to have food vendors come for less cost.
 - i. Discussed reducing rate for food vendors \$50/day
 - 1. Will need to fill out packet and go through health department to meet county requirements
 - 2. 6-7 max, 50 amp spots, no water, can have their own generators
 - ii. Need to have food vendors throughout the week
 - 1. Last year- long lines, only a few food vendors
 - b. ***Motion by Amanda Love to reduce vendor rate for county fair to \$50/day to help bring more food vendors to fair, seconded by Rod Sigmon. Motion passed.
- 4) Kidde Corral cost/ approval
- a. Needs to be signed by June 1st
 - b. Can choose 2 rides to have
 - i. Reckless
 - ii. Wizard
 - iii. Trackless train
 - iv. Water bubbles
 - c. Tabled until next meeting to discuss further

ADJOURNMENT

- 1) Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:25 pm by Amanda Love, 2nd by Ralph Hinton