

**Elbert County Fair Board
Meeting May 17th, 2021**

Fair Board present:

Will White
Dan Carpenter
Trevor Smith
Troy Kelty
Ben Duke
Garrett Miller
Christopher Carnahan
Vicky Whitman

County Staff:

Bobby Chevarria
Sam Albrecht
Michael Sarabia
Willie Wilkins

Royalty:

Taylor Hutson
Hannah Thomas
Vikki Hutson

Mary Lousie Jacobson
Shawna Royson
Suzanne Broussard
Brian Dowd
Mary Earl
Jeff Thomas

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Peter & Diana Enstrom

Meeting was called to order at 7:06. Pledge was said. Trevor moved, Ben seconded to approve agenda. Trevor moved, Garrett seconded to approve minutes of April 19th.

GUESTS:

Royalty

Royalty, including parents, coordinators, and members of Royalty Board were on hand to talk about current Royalty activities. Vikki Hutson gave a presentation on the completed formation of a Royalty 501 C3. This will enable the royalty to solicit sponsorships, pay expenses, etc. without having to process items through the county. They will still receive some funds through the Fair Board budget. This non-profit will be used for other funds raised. Two signatures will be required for each check written. The current board will consist of Mary Louise Jacobson, Brian Dowd, Mary Earl, Suzanne Broussard, and Shawna Royston.

Elbert County Staff:

Bobby reported that the campgrounds upgrade probably won't be finished until after fair.

Need extra lights for the horse and exhibit building. Preferable four mobile ones. Ben is working with Wager Cat to see what they can provide.

There is work being done to repair the water line to the beef wash rack. Troy Kelty is doing work on the swine and sheep wash racks.

Discussion about scraping asphalt from the Horse Pavilion during fair for better footing for livestock during the shows.

The Highland Cattle Show will have cattle on the grounds from Thursday thru Sunday. The show is on Saturday. Elbert County staff, Elena, is taking camper reservations for the show. The price will be the same as for fair campers.

The market sale office be will located in the table and chair storage space in the Exhibit Building. The county will work on getting power and light to that room.

Phoenix Group is the IT contractor for the fair grounds.

Extension Office – Willie Wilkins

Discussion on the routing for check-in day at fair. Anyone with swine should plan to come up the track and exit going north up the track. If they have only sheep and/or goats, they should come up between the fair office and the barns. After unloading they will turn right and leave past the beef barn. If they have beef, they will unload them at the beef barn.

The Cabrerra was not able to attend the market turkey banding due to a death in the family. John Baker will handle getting the turkey's banded.

Open scale nights are June 9th, June 23rd, and July 7th.

55 market lambs were weighed in and 34 market goats. 117 turkeys were banded. 65 market beef were weighed in. Swine numbers will come in after the tags are handed out. June 1st is the animal ID deadline.

The Leaders' Gale will be held on July 25th.

Parade Marshal is Steve Villyard, long-time Shooting Sports Leader and Poultry Superintendent.

The superintendents meeting was announced as July 19th (this is incorrect).

Willie stated that the extension office had not obtained open class judges. Extension has contracted with them in the past so Debbie Maul will work with them about this issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Sunday Jr Bulling riding event would cost \$1,000 and require an ambulance and pick-up men. It was decided to try to find a different event. Vicky and Troy will work on this.

Royalty Open Gymkhana times were discussed. Either Wednesday night or Sunday afternoon.

Garret reported on tent rental pricing. The plans is to get tents for the Open Pavilion, at the north end of the Horse Pavilion, and between the Exhibit Building and the Horse Pavilion. He has researched three places. Prices varied but so did sizes, deliver and set-up fees. Garrett will do more research.

Discussion about the Friday night "Meat In" event. This would be a buyer meet & greet with participation by the 4-H members. It would also be an open barn night. Wagner is willing to sponsor the event. The food would be free to market sale buyers. There was much discussion about how this would affect the food vendors. There was discussion as to whether or not buyers would want to come to both a Friday night event and the Saturday sale.

Trevor moved to adjourn, and Troy seconded. Meeting was adjourned.