

Elbert County Fair Board  
May 18, 2020 via Zoom @7PM

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider.

Present: Dave Rook, Nancy Ramsour, Troy Kelty, Tammi Schneider, Ben Duke, Jill Duvall, Trevor Smith, Scott Maranville, Sheri Trehal, Will White, Rod Sigmon, Chris Carnahan, Vicky Whitman, Garrett Miller

Tammi Schneider reported that the county has applied for a waiver from CDPHE. No word from the state yet. If approved, there would be more local control. If not approved, we will remain under governor's mandate. We are part of the county government, so therefore we will abide by the appropriate guidelines. Purpose of tonight's meeting is to explore possibilities given that we will most likely have attendance limitations for county fair.

Pledge of allegiance followed; agenda and 2/17/2020 minutes approved.

Guests:

Fairgrounds Report - Bobby Chevarria updated on fairgrounds facility. County is interviewing for additional fairgrounds staff. Work is behind due to the pandemic. Campground will not be updated; county received no bids for proposed upgrades.

Extension Staff - Kali Benson reported that directive from CSU allows more limited interaction with 4H participants.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- No printed fair book due to uncertainty of fair schedule. Ranchland News' plan is to run schedule in the newspaper and sell ads for what's in the newspaper.
- No live rabbit show on grounds due to rabbit hemorrhagic fever; highly communicable and extremely fatal.
- No trade show due to unknown numbers allowed at fair/safe distancing required, etc.
- Ideas for how fair will change based on information from Dwayne Smith, County Health Department. Maybe 25 people, maybe more; uncertain at this point (to be allowed in each separate venue, not on entire fairgrounds).
- Extension is working on Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C depending on how many people are allowed on the fairgrounds. Kali spoke to event possibilities/parameters for each plan size.
- Current numbers: 40 goats, 40+ sheep, 54 beef, 100+ pigs, large poultry numbers. A "species day" is most common solution: factoring in judges' schedules, the following was proposed: 1st Saturday - dogs; 1st Sunday - poultry & horses; Mon. - general exhibits; Tues. - sheep; Wed. - goats; Thurs.- pigs; Fri. - beef; Sat. - market sale; Sun. - market animals return to grounds and Pee Wee activities. Definite decisions to be made in June depending on exact numbers of animals and state/county guidelines.
- Cowboy Up folks offered to help with fair; fair board assured Bobby Chevarria that help is available.
- Market sale: Vicky will be getting in touch with virtual livestock market company. It will also be possible to stream shows on Facebook.
- Bucking Futurity plans: in holding pattern due to unknown restrictions.
- Movie night decision has to be made by June 1.
- EDCLA wants to know about BBQ; will hinge on market sale committee's decision.
- Public statement to be released: "The Elbert County Fair Board realizes that uncertainty is hard on everyone, especially our 4-H families and friends of fair. We want you to know that there will be a 2020 Elbert County Fair; there will be general projects judged, livestock shows, showmanship contests,

peewee shows, and a market sale. We are closely monitoring the always changing situation with COVID-19 and working closely with Elbert County Government to ensure all Federal, State and Local guidelines are followed. What the 2020 fair looks like exactly, what the daily schedule will be exactly, how the public can be a part of the fair is still uncertain. Unlike other large counties or public events, we are small enough that we still have some time on our side and official decisions will not be made until the middle of June. 4-Hers should be moving forward as they would any other year, sponsors should still be showing their support and most importantly, everyone should know that we are working very hard to balance everyone's desires and health while keeping the best interests of the kids in mind at all times. We, along with Extension, remind you that you do not have to exhibit at county fair to complete your project. We hope it brings some relief to hear that we will be having fair, that your hard work will not be for nothing, and we ask that you allow us the time and grace we need to formulate and plan for one of the best weeks of the year!"

- Next meeting - June 15, 2020
- Decisions/schedules, etc., made in June will need to be approved by the commissioners. We will then make a statement to the public outlining changes/schedules/rules, etc.
- Adjournment

-Jill Duvall  
Secretary  
Elbert County Fair Board