

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes
November 19, 2018
Ag Building 7PM

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider. Present: Nancy Ramsour, Kristi Strachan, Chris Carnahan, Trevor Smith, Ric Miller, Sheri Trehal, Garrett Miller, Will White, Vicky Whitman, Jill Duvall

Excused: Greg Mitchell, Rod Sigmon, Ben Duke

Approval of agenda and minutes from October 15, 2018.

No Extension or Fairgrounds reports.

Guest: Sam Albrecht, County Manager was introduced. Explained his employment background/work history. Shawn Carpenter is doing an RFP for updating campgrounds. Would like a list of priorities from Fair Board for fairgrounds improvements if we would like to provide one. Ric Miller asked Albrecht about grant writing; Albrecht said we could look to him for assistance/guidance. Board members asked that the arena be better prepared, that we hopefully can improve the bleacher situation, and that we have better lighting around the arena. Annual report will be forwarded to Albrecht who also asked that appointments be forwarded for review in January.

OLD BUSINESS

-Supreme Contest: CSU will evaluate a hanging carcass at any location (for a cost); their solution to replacing ultrasounds. Ultimate goal of Supreme Contest: to educate the kids. Vicky Whitman shared a potential option for Supreme Contest with discussion following. Decided to send suggestions to Kali Benson (with a vote by Fair Board in December).

-Tammi discussed with Kali some possible new awards for the kids, including a mentorship program between older 4H kids and new 4H members (with a scholarship award for the older kids who do the mentoring). Tammi asked board members to think about and put together outlines for potential awards. Also discussed marketing ideas for spreading the word about 4H in the county and assisting Extension with this.

-Horseshoe Tournament: if it is held in warm-up arena, need better lighting and bleachers.

-Garden Tractor Pull: If our goal is to draw more attendance, is it a big enough draw on Friday night? Committee to research Friday night potential attractions: Sheri, Nancy, Chris, Kristi, Ric and Tammi.

NEW BUSINESS

-Annual report to county presented for approval by Fair Board. Tammi will submit report to County Manager.

Next meeting is December 17, 2018 at 6:30PM. No meeting in January.

Jill Duvall
Secretary
Elbert County Fair Board