

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes

April 15, 2024

Called to order at 7:04 PM by President Tammi Schneider

Present:

Tammi Schneider
Will White
Scott Maranville
Chris Carnahan
Aaron Thieman
Garrett Miller
Kristi Strachan
Vicky Whitman
Trevor Smith
Matt Summers
Ralph Hinton
Dave Rook
Ben Duke
Sheri Trehal

Excused:

Troy Kelty
Amanda Love

Approval of the agenda – Vicky moved to approve agenda with additions; Kristi seconded- motion passed

Approval of the minutes – Will moved to approve minutes with the following changes; Vicki seconded – motion passed

1. Dave Rook was present at the March 25th meeting
2. Correct spelling Shawn McWhorter's name in lines #3 and #4 in item A. (Shawn McWhorter)
3. Correction of spelling Gary Woirhaye name in Item E.

Guests: 5 minute Open Comment to address the board

Jay and Traci Monroe, Elizabeth CO- New swine Superintendents

- On Agenda under new business

Laci Zion, Elizabeth CO – No Comment

Aaron Volison, Calhan Co – Discussion of swine rules

- On check in day, he would like to request that the veterinarians that are providing the vet checks on the hogs wear booties if / when they enter and exit the different trailers.

- Will moved to change the vet check protocol to request veterinarians wear booties or foot bath when entering and existing different trailers; Sheri seconded- motion passed

- Would like to talk about the potential of changing the weigh in for the hogs at fair. He would like to discuss letting them off load, go to pens and then weigh in after having a chance to get settled instead of weighing them off of the trailers.
 - This will be discussed during new business with the swine superintendents.

Melissa Smith, Kiowa Co- Round Robin Concerns

- Would like us to consider allowing the 4hers that win swine showmanship be able to use their own hogs for Round Robin like all other species.
 - Requested if we would add to the agenda to at the May Fair board meeting.

Jolene Chambers, Agate CO

- Agrees with Melissa Smith's comments regarding Round Robin.

Extension Report – Kali Benson – Not present but sent a report to Tammi and asked her to share

- The extension office is understaffed and overworked... Please be patient with them
- They have made the discission to no longer have the 4h awards night during the county fair. It will be held on September 8, 2024 from 2-4 in the exhibit building in Kiowa.
 - Discussion about if the kids that win round robin are ok to wait until September to receive their awards?
 - Discussion about if the Friends of Fair can receive Thank You's and hand out sale checks on this night.
 - This will be discussed at a later date to figure out how to handle the details.
- Sheep and Goat Wight in and Turkey banding will be held on May 15th 4 PM-6:30 PM.
- Hog weigh-in and tagging is optional on this day, tags will be ready to be picked up at extension office May 1st.
- Extension is working on trying to make check out on Sunday easier for everyone. For example, the Clean Stall Sheets are going to go away. If the stalls are not cleaned, the families will be contacted by the extension office Monday after fair.
- Vicky would like the Market Sale Sheets to be handed out in the packets to the kids but would like them to wait and fill them out and bring them to the Thank You hand in and check pick up times.

County Facilities Report – Tammi Schneider

Tammi read a report that was provided to her with a list of things that are planned in the budget at the fairgrounds for the 2024 year

- Paint all buildings and fencing white
 - Begin work on paving the parking lot area. There will be an area 440' x 220' that will be paved and will include 28 handicap parking spaces.
- Future projects to include
 - New Crow's Nest
 - Warm up arena will be relocated
 - The open pavilion will be removed and rebuilt
 - Hog barn will get a new roof and new electric
 - New higher capacity bleachers for the north and south side of the grand stands

Old Business

- County attorney has reviewed all the rule changes, clarifications and additions to date. He feels comfortable with them. He does not think we need to list specific consequences for breaking specific rules as he does not want us to back ourselves into a corner. We can leave wording as is.
- Sponsorships, report on budget, revenue and expected revenue – Kristi Strachan
 - County has provided the fair board with \$30k towards our budget for 2024
 - We have \$15k worth of sponsorship money collected to date
 - We have approx. \$46k committed by other sponsors
 - In addition, we will bring in funds for Mutton Bustin, Banner Sponsors and ticket sales
- Elbert County Fair Royalty requested the fair board pay for the cost of the royalty buckles.
 - Will moved to approve up to \$300 for Fair Royalty Buckles; Aaron seconded- motion passed

New Business

- Livestock Judging Team- Coach Aaron Volosin requested that the fair board allow the livestock judging team to hang Thank You banners during the county fair for the sponsors of their team at no charge.
 - Will moved to allow the Elbert County Livestock Judging Team have (2) banners during the week of fair at no charge; Ben seconded – motion passed
- 4H/FFA Animals Division Rules Discussion – 4H / FFA Swine Rules
 - The Monroe's made the following requests for consideration in the rule discussions.
 - Would like to add that the hogs must be tagged with Elbert County Fair Tags that have been provided by the extension office PRIOR to check-in. If the hog does not have a tag in their ear upon arrival to the fairgrounds for check in, they will be excused.
 - Only 3 hogs total per exhibitor allowed to be go across the scale during weigh in at the Fair.
 - Would like to allow families of hogs that do not make weight to take them home. They will not be required to stay on the grounds.
 - Existing Swine rules; Division 24 (see attached) were reviewed and discussed with the following changes:
 - Rule 1- Swine Exhibitors are allowed to weigh in up to a maximum of 3 market hogs per exhibitor. No Exceptions.
 - Rule 2- No Change
 - Rule 3- No Change
 - Rule 4- No change
 - Rule 5- Will be split into (2) rules.. will now be:
 - Rule 5 will address weigh in time for swine. There was a lot of discussion of if they should be weighed directly off the trailer as it has been in the past or if they should be allowed to bypass the scale initially and have a separate time scheduled to weigh all hogs or just those that choose to weigh later.

