

# Elbert County Fair Board

## Agenda

May 20th, 2024

Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm

Members that were present:

Tammi Schneider  
Ralph Hinton  
Troy Kelty  
Amanda Love  
Dan Carpenter  
Aaron Thieman  
Will White  
Vicki Whitman  
Dave Rook  
Matt Summers  
Trevor Smith  
Sheri Trehal  
Garrett Miller  
Chris Carnahan

Not present & excused

Ben Duke  
Scott Maranville

1. Call to Order @7:06 pm by Tammi Schneider
2. Pledge
3. Excused tonight Ben Duke and Scott Maranville
4. Approval of Agenda 05/20/2024- with addition of Jarrett McAllister with ARES and V. Whitman to discuss market sale 1<sup>st</sup> by Will White 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Whitman -agenda approved
5. Approval of Minutes 04/15/2024- minutes to be updated to add “booties or a foot bath” to Aaron Volison’s discussion of swine rules- Minutes approved with changes by Will White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Whitman- minutes approved with changes
6. Guests:
  - a. Jarrett McAllister of Elizabeth, CO and Kelley English with ARES
  - b. Shawn McWhorter of Elbert, CO

**A. Guests: Jarrett McAllister and Kelly English from ARES of Douglas and Elbert**

- a. ARES-Amateur Radio Emergency Services. Jarrett and Kelly are volunteers with the group and came to discuss their services providing emergency communications and services for The Elbert County Fair during the 2024 Elbert County Fair
  - i. An example of a few services that they provide are weather warning and notifications to board staff, emergency services assistance. They coordinate with OEM, Elbert County Posse and Elbert County Sheriff's office
- b. **Per Tammi- Elbert County Fair Board President- this will be moved to new business for discussion and voting**
- B. **Extension/4-H Report – Kali Benson**
  - a. Cattle and horse deadline have passed
  - b. Successful hog, lamb, goats and turkey banding
    - i. 168 turkeys banded -looking at about 139 turkeys- max allowed
    - ii. 43 lamb
    - iii. 42 goats
  - c. September 8<sup>th</sup> looking to do awards for 4-H
  - d. Purchased full number of dividers for open classes and 4-H classes- Extension will be asking for help with purchasing the new dividers from multiple areas including Fair Board
  - e. Awaiting to approve fair book and 4-H schedule so that they can open entries on June 1<sup>st</sup>
    - i. All lamb, goat and pig IDs to be done around June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - f. Looking at dates for open scale nights in June and July
    - i. Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.
    - ii. Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.
    - iii. Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.- 10 a.m. (last open scale)
    - iv. Discuss with Dan Carpenter for small scale to have access to
      - 1. Board does not feel we need small scale- we will use large scale for open scale night
  - g. Superintendents meeting scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>
- C. **County Facilities Report-** No member present- Tammi and Vicki met with county
  - a. Need to have Superintendent sheets filled out with Kali and ready for the county for fair
  - b. County has agreed to pay half of the port-o-potty bill \$4500
  - c. Camper reservations are open online- Need them completed by June 10<sup>th</sup> if you are looking for hook-ups
    - i. Two parking passes per camping reservation- this is per Chief Lamansky at the fire department
  - d. Facilities will be updating the circuit breakers and lights in the steer barn before fair
  - e. County will be taking down horse panels for fair before fair. Will use stock pens for emergency use
  - f. Lighting around tie out area will be installed- around west fence line between scale house and entrance to parking area and campground
- D. **Treasurer's Report-** anticipated expenditures and revenue- Provided all members with a printed report
  - a. Expenditures
    - i. Concert expenses
    - ii. Tents
    - iii. Port a Pottys
    - iv. Lights
    - v. Golf Carts
    - vi. Show Barn Flix
    - vii. Kiddie Corral

- b. Revenue Expected
  - i. Sponsors
  - ii. Premiere \$10,000
    - 1. HEI Civil
    - 2. CORE (paid)
    - 3. Maverix Broadband (paid)
  - iii. Gold \$ 5,000
    - 1. Potestio Brothers
    - 2. Farmers State Bank (paid)
    - 3. GMT Exploration
    - 4. Xcel Energy
    - 5. Wagner/CAT (in king)
  - iv. Silver \$2500
    - 1. Schmidt Construction
    - 2. Burton Agency/American Family (paid)
    - 3. Lifetime Windows and Siding (paid)
    - 4. Cypress Creek Renewables (paid)
    - 5. Black Hills Energy (paid)
    - 6. Mountain View Electric (paid)
    - 7. Kelty Construction
    - 8. Burnco
    - 9. Structures Unlimited
    - 10. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Equipment
    - 11. General Shale
  - v. Other Sponsorships
    - 1. Cabela's: \$1500
    - 2. Miller Real Estate \$1000
    - 3. Kellogg \$1000
    - 4. GAC Crew \$750
    - 5. Glaser Gas \$750
  - vi. Banner Sponsors 25 of them @\$250 each
  - vii. Expected revenue \$6250
- c. SPONSORSHIP REVENUE: \$85,250
- d. Concert Tickets (1000@\$10/each)

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. Beef Rules; additional rule to allow superintendent to correct bloating
  - a. Garrett Miller- Beef superintendent wants to discuss the rule and change of calling a vet due to a bloating of a steer
    - i. Would like to change the rule to “tubing a steer for bloat purposes only is allowed in the steer barn A superintendent and fair board member must be present when this occurs”– Moved by Vicki Whitman, second by Aaron Thieman- **motion passed**
  - b. Trevor Smith motions to add another rule to sheep rules to align with the beef rules. “Tubing a sheep for bloat purposes only is allowed in the sheep barn. A superintendent and fair board member must be present when this occurs.”  
Seconded by Ralph Hinton- **motion passed**
  - c. Swine Rules (tabled from April) Tracy Monroe- swine superintendent
    - i. Here to discuss check in process and weigh in for swine with some ideas to discuss the process- map provided to all board members-

- ii. Thoughts of a second ally to be set up
  - 1. Check in to stay the same with check in from 7:00-11:00
  - 2. Pigs that bypass the scale upon check in will start weighing at 9:30 a.m.
  - 3. All pigs must be out in holding pen by 11 am- door will close at 11 a.m.
- iii. Current rule Division 24 4-H/FFA Swine- rule #5 Market swine will be weighed during check-in. They will be weighed as they are unloaded.
- iv. Ralph Hinton- motions to change rule #5 to “market swine may be weighed during check in. If you chose not to weigh during check in, you will need to return to scale by 9:30. If you do not return for weigh in you will not be eligible to show.” - motion not passed
  - 1. Continued discussion regarding weigh in process and requirements around missing weigh in
    - a. More discussion of heavier pigs being walked around to make weight
    - b. Ralph Hinton discusses concern around 4-H’ers that do not have the access to a scale at home and when pigs are coming in on a trailer and losing weight while awaiting to get checked in.
- v. No motion to change rule #5 to alternate process presented by Swine superintendent

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. ARES

- a. Tammi discusses the importance of supporting having ARES volunteer and coordinate with OEM, Posse and Sheriff
  - i. Will White moves to approve ARES to volunteer during 2024 Elbert County Fair and use their services on grounds- Garrett Miller seconds – **Motion passed unanimously**
    - 1. Tammi will speak with OEM regarding ARES volunteers being at Fair on behalf of the fair board

### B. Round Robin

- a. Melissa Smith was here last month to discuss allowing 4-Hers that win swine showmanship be able to use their own hogs for Round Robin like other species. Additionally, add shade.
- b. Chris Carnahan and Kali Benson to discuss further to help to change this
  - i. Rule #3 in Round Robin needs clarification “Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship classes”
    - 1. Tammi expresses to strike rule #3
    - 2. Per Tammi, no round robin rule should need to be changed as rule #4 is very clear regarding the discretion of the superintendent.
    - 3. Discussion continues regarding rule #3- Garrett Miller would like to change rule #3 to use the animal you qualified with
    - 4. Vicki Whitman would like to make a motion to change rule #3 in Round Robin to “Exhibitors in round robin must show the animal they qualified for round robin with” - Garret Miller seconds amending to “Exhibitors in round robin must USE the animal they qualified for round robin with” **motion passes 11-1**

- ii. Rule #8 in Round Robin- “Exhibitors should designate their round robin species of choice IMMEDIATELY following the show. Please designate your species as soon as possible or the Fair Board will make your decision”
  - 1. Chris Carnahan discusses streamlining the rule #8
  - 2. Aaron Thieman moved to change rule #8 “Exhibitors must designate their round robin species of choice by Friday at 9 a.m.” Trevor 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed unanimously
  - 3. Chris Carnahan discussing with superintendents regarding parents being judges for round robin and possibility of a rule to be changed regarding this.
    - a. Tammi encourages Chris to discuss any concerns with Superintendents regarding this before moving forward
    - b. Kali notes that this could be a discussion in 2025 as at this time may be too late to change this and find judges
- iii. Drug Testing of Market Animals- Tammi states that we are the only county that is not testing their Champions and Reserve Champions in Sheep, Goat, Swine and Beef
  - 1. Tammi provides board with Livestock Drug Residue Testing rule from Colorado State Fair
    - a. Tammi has talked with Dr. Frank Reed at Strasburg Vet Clinic and Will White has talked with El Paso County as well about how they test their animals- this is reviewed with board
  - 2. This is an expensive endeavor per Tammi
    - a. Strasburg Vet Clinic- Dr. Frank Reed
      - 1. Estimated cost \$4,000-\$4,500 4 animals, 4 species
      - 2. Turn around time, 4 weeks- should have them back before market checks are sent out in September
    - ii. Regarding process, Will White and Tammi talked with Dr. Reed
      - 1. He has a vet and vet tech that do this testing
      - 2. The Reserve and Champion after winning are taken immediately following market show for Sheep, Goat, Swine and Beef and tested either by blood or urine depending on species. Additionally, there is one other sample from species on ground.
    - b. Discussion continues by Trevor Smith regarding this process and navigation and rights of exhibitor as well as planned process
    - c. Vicki Whitman would like to discuss further into next year and maybe have legal involved with this decision
  - 3. Tammi would need a decision tonight if we were to move toward this for 2024 Elbert County Fair
    - a. Changing and adding a livestock drug residue testing rule would need to have it in by July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 4. Garrett Miller would like to suggest forming a small committee to discuss process and make a decision about the regarding this and

the liability, and exhibitor rights so that information is gathered and a decision is made appropriately

5. Kali would like to suggest to the board that they should give a reasonable amount of notification to fairgoers that the Elbert County Fairboard is forming a committee to look at this.
  - iv. Tammi states that a committee would need to be formed to decide regarding Livestock Drug residue testing. Garrett would like to form a team.
    1. Trevor, Matt, Will, Garrett volunteered to spearhead this
    2. Follow up with Tammi in 2 weeks
- C. Approval of Expenditures (photographer, ag building dividers, kiddie corral, etc.)
- a. Dividers for Ag Building \$2200 for Extension
    - i. Fair board will need to vote on this
      1. Cost effective fix for open classes
      2. Sheri Trehal moves to pay \$2200 to Extension to pay for Dividers for Ag Building- Seconded by Vicki Whitman- **motion passed unanimously**
  - b. Photographer for Fair
    - i. Susan would like to still do action photos for fair- \$1000 to cover 8 days of fair
      1. Motion by Kristi Strachan to pay Susan \$1000 to cover 8 days of fair. Seconded by Sheri Trehal- **motion passed unanimously**
  - c. Sound set up and management during fair
    - i. Per Will White- Peter Endstrum would provide sound set up and management during fair
      1. would be on fairgrounds, working with county and will be on grounds for set up and assistance with shows.
      2. Will be bringing some equipment and using some of the county's equipment
      3. Peter would like to request \$2000
      4. Vicki Whitman would like to move to hire Peter for all sound during 8 days of fair at \$2000 seconded by Trevor Smith- **motion passed.**
  - d. Horse Pull/Joey
    - i. Want to look at Friday night horse pull with additional teams coming
    - ii. Would like to have board approve up to \$5000 for an hour and a half- 2 hour show- 8 or more teams
      1. Increase attendance
    - iii. Motion by Ralph Hinton to approve up to \$5000 for larger horse pull on Friday night. Seconded by Kristi Strachan- **motion passed**
  - e. Kiddie Corral
    - i. Carnival
      1. A Great Northern Affair
        - a. Giant LED lighted slide
        - b. 2 other rides- Elephant, 1 extra other ride
        - c. 3-day contract
      2. \$14,700 total for 3-day carnival
        - a. They bring a cotton candy, funnel cake truck as well. The company commits to give 5% back of revenue back to the Elbert County Fair
    - ii. Train & Bounce House (Extreme Party)- had for last 3 years
      1. Saturday and Sunday \$3900
    - iii. Face Painter

- 1. \$1050
    - iv. Petting Zoo from Calhan
      - 1. Saturday and Sunday
      - 2. \$1900
    - v. Air Bound \$29,000
      - 1. Two Days
        - a. Mind winder carnival ride, swing- \$7850
        - b. Phantoms revenge Pirate ride- \$7850
        - c. Quad 4 bungie machine- \$10500
        - d. Inflatable Combo Bounce House- \$1500
    - vi. Amanda Love Motion to approve \$19,000 to Air Bound for 2024 Elbert County Fair – **Motion passed**
  - D. Approval of 2024 Schedule
    - a. Per attorney Fair board must notice a meeting each day during Fair.
      - i. **Motion** by Trevor Smith to notice meetings during fair at 8:00 am, 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 pm every day during the 2024 Elbert County Fair seconded by Sheri Trehal- **motion passed**
    - b. Tammi goes through each day of the Fair Schedule
      - i. No edits to schedule
  - E. Market Sale
    - a. \$24,000 improvements to the beef barn donated by Market Sale/Friends of Fair
    - b. Market Sale photographer hired
      - i. Thursday morning- sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, poultry
      - ii. Steer are done Thursday during the beef show
    - c. Thank you's will be done on Sunday- will need to be communicated to Kali regarding location and time
    - d. Open class book- if you need something in please get this in asap
7. Adjournment- move to approve to adjourn the meeting by Aaron Thieman at 9:49 pm – **motion approved**

NEXT MEETING OF THE ELBERT COUNTY FAIR BOARD WILL BE MONDAY June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm