

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes

June 19th, 2023

Fellowship Hall @7:00 pm

Members that were present:

Will White
Troy Kelty
Christopher Carnahan
Kali Benson
Dan Carpenter
Trevor Smith
Vicky Whitman
Amanda Love
Garrett Miller
Sheri Trehal
Matt Summers
Tammi Schneider
Dave Rook
Ralph Hinton
Scott Maranville

Aaron Thieman- Excused

Ben Duke- Excused

I. Call to Order by Tammi Schneider at 7:03 pm

a. Pledge

II. Approval of Agenda for 06/19/2023

a. Trevor moved to approve the agenda. Will White seconded to approve.

III. Approval of Minutes – 05/15/2023

a. Edit- Change to date- Chris Carnahan motioned to approve the agenda, Vicki Whitman seconded

IV. Guests

A. Fair Grounds Report- Troy Lave

a. Updates on fairgrounds progress

- i. Quotes received on the beef barn and vendor row for upgrades to electrical
- ii. Campground procedure/rule changes- they will be blocking off the campground to general traffic access and imposing a one vehicle rule for each camper. Looking to do some type of parking pass. This will be monitored by fairgrounds staff

1. There will be additional parking for alternate vehicles outside of this area

iii. Handicap parking

1. Working on plans for making a designated area

iv. Bike rack

1. Working on plans for a bike rack to be installed in area north of the scale house to help contain bikes during fair week
- B. Extension/4-H Report – Kali Benson
- a. Extension hired an agent June 12th- Misty Jenkins. Misty Jenkins here to introduce herself.
 - b. 4-H State Conference starting tomorrow. Kali and Misty leaving with 11 Kids
 - c. Spring Weigh in last month went well
 - i. Scales calibrated and stickered by the state
 - ii. There will be no way to house the breeding goats during fair per Kali due to the large amounts of goats and sheep that already were seen at weigh in
 - iii. Question from Tammi to have Kali change the wording on social media to state “ Open scales on select Saturdays” not “on Saturdays” as there has been some confusion that they were doing weigh in’s every Saturday
 - iv. Fairgrounds work nights coming up
 1. Thursdays 4:30-8:30pm, dinner to be provided, show up to work
 2. Can count towards missed meetings or community service for 4-H’ers..June 21st, June 29th, July 13th July 20th
 3. Troy Lave to be in charge of 1st work day will come with a work list generated
 4. Tammi encourages board members to also attend work nights if we can. Promoting “WE care for our Fairgrounds!” promoting showing pride in our Fairgrounds
 5. Garrett Miller requests a work list previous to the work days so that parents and board members know if they need to bring any equipment or tools to assist the grounds staff and 4-H’ers.
 - a. Per Kali, this will be provided
 6. Horse stalls in steer barn being moved on work nights as these will need to be moved before fair.
 - a. Per Tammi, these cannot move early as we are an emergency evacuation site
 - i. In the county budget for next year for new, more mobile horse stalls
 - v. Superintendent meeting July 9th
 - vi. 4-H’er updates
 1. Shooting sports and Livestock record books should be completed
 2. July 23rd General Project set up help
 3. July 28th 4-H’er clean -up and set-up help
 4. Remind clubs about clean ups during fair

V. Old Business

A. 2023 schedule review, assignment of duties, etc.

a. Sunday 30th

- i. Garrett confirms that the tents will be delivered by Friday July 28th
- ii. Highlander show- needs to be set by 10 am- show ring and breezeway
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 - b. Sunday July 30th
 - i. Superintendents to decide route for haul in of beef- North or East Entrance
 - 1. Sheep and swine- south entrance?
 - c. Monday July 31st
 - i. Board members on grounds to help set up
 - ii. Goats and sheep at 4pm
 - d. Tuesday August 1st
 - i. Swine and beef come in
 - ii. Exhibit meeting at 12 N
 - iii. Sheri confirms that Showbarn Flix will be running shows- Tues- Thursday
 - e. Wednesday August 2nd
 - i. Help with birds- 100 turkeys coming in
 - 1. They will be housed in the old goat barn
 - f. Thursday August 3rd
 - i. Rabbits, poultry show, dairy, beef, gymkhana and vendors for mercantile come in
 - g. Friday August 4th
 - i. Mercantile opens
 - ii. Swine showmanship, round robin at 4 pm, beef fitting 5pm, horseshoes at 7 pm, 4-H dance
 - 1. Request and reminder for superintendents to find round robin judges that are out of the area or at least not parents a there have been concerns in the past
 - h. Saturday August 5th
 - i. Mutton Bustin', Mini Bulls at 5 pm, Matt Stell concert
 - 1. Tammi confirms that stage is going to be set on south end of area
 - a. Vendor setting stage, lights etc for Matt Stell concert
 - i. Sunday August 6th
 - i. Parade
- C. Fair Board Gear
 - a. Lone at IC threads will be making our Fair gear
 - b. Per Tammi and Amanda it will help with making us look more professional while running the fair
 - i. Choices of hat, long sleeve button up or t-shirt. No mandatory but requested
 - ii. Board members will have to pay for their own
 - iii. Pay Amanda Love for these. She will place the order with IC threads and get these to board members before fair

- D. Will White- committee report on swine show area/tent area
 - a. Electrical pole is in and done
 - b. Met with tent person and tent confirmed
 - c. Asks for Vicki Whitman to get donated shavings, Vicki confirms she can get 20-25 bags for show ring
 - i. Tammi suggest 50 bags at least
 - ii. Will will call and talk with Jeff & J.W. regarding set up
 - iii. Dan Carpenter can help with getting shavings
 - d. Set up of bleachers in tent to be on the north and the east. Announcer booth to be on the south end.
 - e. This needs to be all set up **FRIDAY July 28th
 - f. Will is going to ask tent vendor regarding lighting inside the tent if more is necessary

VI. New Business

- A. Mutton Bustin' update
 - a. Tammi confirms that we have 30 signed up for Saturday already and 25 for Sunday
 - i. People have registered online and mailing in forms
 - ii. Can do about 50 mutton busters on Saturday, 25 on Sunday- the cowboys with the mini bulls are helping with Saturday, as a board we need to help on Sunday
 - iii. Brainstorm- organization for taking walk ups, checking in mutton busters etc.
- B. Update on Hospitality for Matt Stell and Brett Hendrix
 - a. Amanda Love has gotten Kiowa Bar to sponsor VIP/Hospitality areas and Patty Ann's to sponsor food lunch and dinner for both performers and bands per their Hospitality riders
 - i. Vicki Whitman to add Kiowa Bar to fair book
- C. Tammi updates us on digital Fair book
 - a. We now have a digital Fair book on website!

Adjournment @ 8:15 pm

Motion to adjourn by Tammi Schneider, Will White 2nd

Next meeting 07/17/2023