

Elbert County Fair Board
September 21, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider.

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

Excused: Aaron Thieman, Rod Sigmon

Approval of agenda and 8/17/2020 Fair Board minutes.

Guests:

-Mary Louise Jacobson, Shawna Royston and 2020 royalty: Queen Taylor Hutson and Princess Hannah Thomas (and her father, Jeff Thomas). Mary Louise introduced the guests and thanked the Fair Board for all their efforts in putting together the 2020 Elbert County Fair. The royalty shared about some of their future planned activities. Tammi expressed the Board's appreciation for the girls' outstanding representation of Elbert County.

-Michael Sarabia, Fairgrounds staff: will check with Bobby Chevarria about WiFi improvement at fairgrounds. Tammi offered to assist with getting bids.

-Kali Benson, Extension/4H: staff is focusing on how to do in-person activities with 4H members. Awards - discussed how to notify and present. Royalty will assist. Motion/passed to hold ceremony at the pavilion on Saturday, October 10 from 10AM-12 noon. Kali again thanked the Fair Board for all their cooperation and help during 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

-Discussion of fairgrounds improvements: Tammi reported on the 2020 county fair at the BOCC meeting at the end of August and requested upgrades to the several items. Michael Sarabia reported on the following:

- 1) bleachers - will check to see if there are funds for this
- 2) flooring in Horse Pavilion - would like more usable surface during fair
- 3) campground - out for bids; hope to add lighting

Vicky reported that the Market Sale committee may be willing to purchase more bleachers. Trevor will get information to Vicky on covered picnic tables.

NEW BUSINESS

ROYALTY

-Mary Louise is stepping down as full-time royalty coordinator after 10 years; she introduced Shawnah Royston as her potential successor. Mary Louise and Shawnah will work together during the next year with the girls' schedules and activities. Motion/passed to make Shawnah co-royalty coordinator with Mary Louise during the upcoming year.

-Tammi would like to put together some definite rules and expectations of royalty.

-Shawnah shared her background. The Board will need a resume from Shawnah as she plans to assume royalty coordinator position. County will require background check, etc., for liability purposes.

-Board will research creating a 501(c)3 for royalty finances for accountability and to allow the royalty to more easily and fully utilize the funds that they do raise. Motion/passed to have the Fair Board treasurer be a co-signer and have oversight on the account.

2021 SCHEDULE

-This year's check-in worked well by isolating species; need to be aware of requirements on veterinarians' time. Following is a list of proposed days for specific animals:

-Poultry: Thursday

-Rabbits: Friday morning

-Sheep: Market Tuesday night; Breeding on Sunday afternoon

-Goats: Wednesday

-Beef: Friday night

-Swine: Market and Showmanship Thursday night; Breeding on Sunday afternoon

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Update from county on increasing our funds: BOCC sent a message about possible reduction in funding for next year.

Next meeting: October 19, 2020

Adjournment

Jill Duvall

Secretary

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