

Elbert County Fair Board

Minutes: December 18, 2023

Call to order by Tammi Schneider at 7:00.

Present:

Tammi Schneider
Will White
Sheri Trehal
Vicki Whitman
Garrett Miller
Matt Summers
Trevor Smith
Chris Carnahan
Dave Rook
Scott Maranville

Excused:

Troy Kelty
Aaron Theiman
Ralph Hinton
Ben Duke
Amanda Love

Pledge

Approval of agenda 12/18/2023- Sheri Trehal moved to approve – Vicky Whitman seconded – Motion passed

Approval of Minutes from 11/20/2023 meeting - Trevor Smith moved to approve - Chris Carnahan seconded - Motion passed.

Guests:

Lane Monks
Krista Monks
Dale Chambers
Jolene Chambers
Lasie Zion

County Report: Tammi Schneider

- Facility Manager is no longer w/ the county. The job posting is on the county website. The county engineer position is on pause for now.

Extension Report: Kali Benson / Misty Jenkins

- There are no current changes to the proposed plans to the fairgrounds and budgets had not been finalized for 2024 at the time of this meeting.
- Re-enrollment is in full swing and there are a lot of new and returning families
- The extension office has badges available to families to use for the National Western Stock Show
- Misty reported that the next table top seminar will be January 5th and title will be Bee Keeping. Table top seminars will be held the first Friday of each month.

- Hog Tags – Any recommendations from the board regarding the hog tags?
 - Will White feels that the tags that were used last year are fine to use again.
- Beef tags are ordered
- Beef Weigh-in discussion was had regarding offering a second date as an option due to it being held on a Sunday morning. There are some families that do not attend and request a religious exemption.
 - Will be discussed during New Business
- Due to a family situation, Lore Denson out of the office for a bit in the near future.

Treasurers Report: Sheri Trehal

- The Fair Boards 2023 Financial report has been submitted to the county commissioners.

Expenses :	\$116,684.61
Advertising:	\$ 6994.85
Operating Expenses:	\$ 38,775.14
Entertainment:	\$ 70,914.62
Revenue :	\$116,027.25
Vendor Income:	\$ 23,664.50
Sponsorships:	\$ 61,812.75
County Contribution:	\$ 30,550.00

Old Business:

- Treasurers Position – There still have not been any applicants turned into the county. It will remain open until it is filled.
- 2024 Fair Theme – Will be tabled until February meeting so that suggestions can be made from Youth Council.

New Business:

- Lasie Zion- Youth Council would like to do something a bit different with the brand boards this year. They would like to purchase 2 or 3 panels to hang the signs from and this would make them moveable so they can be moved to the heavier traveled areas during the week of fair however they are thinking they would like to have them on the east side of the exhibit building. The board feels like that is a good idea and supports the idea.
- Beef Weigh-in- Will be held on February 25, 2024 from 1-3. If weather is bad, alternate date will be March 3, 2024 1-3.
- Religious Exemption – There are families that are unable to make the weigh in because it is on a Sunday and they write a letter requesting Religious Exemption, which they are granted however they are not eligible to participate in the Premier Contest or for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef. Should we have a second weigh in date option for these families?
 - Scott Maranville feels like we should have a second option for these families.
 - Vicky Whitman expressed concerns about logistics of a brand inspector being there 2 days.
 - Garrett Miller recommends moving the weigh in back to a Saturday and extend the hours instead of having it on 2 separate days.
 - Tammi Schneider reminded us that we have a legal obligation to honor religious exemptions. She highly recommended to the board that we find a solution.
 - Chris Carnahan brought up that if we move it to a Saturday or leave it like it is, parents are allowed to bring the calves to weigh in for the kids if they are unable to make it. He also feels like we should move it back to a Saturday.
 - Trevor Smith moved that we should add a Saturday weigh in from 8am-10am as a second option as well as the already scheduled Sunday weigh in.
 - There were no seconds for this motion- Motion failed

- Scott Maranville moved to leave the Sunday weigh in as scheduled and add an option for Monday, February 26, 2024 from 2pm-3pm as a second option for the families that request Religious Exemption.
 - Garrett Miller seconded – Motion passed.

➤ Livestock Exhibitor Rules:

- A. Entries – Vicky Whitman moved to approve as written
 - Chris Carnahan seconded – Motion passed.
- B. Effect of Entry – Vicky Whitman moved to approve as written
 - Chris Carnahan seconded – Motion passed
- C. Risk of Entry – Vicky Whitman moved to approve as written
 - Scott Maranville seconded - Motion passed
- D. Barred Exhibitors – Garrett Miller moved to approve as written
 - Will White seconded – Motion passed
- E. Ownership Requirements -
 - Trevor asked what the reasoning for the split dates for county weigh in and state ownership deadline is.
 - Discussion about encouragement of cattle being worked with early in the year, ability for families to gauge growth, weight gain and the ability to make adjustments accordingly.
 - The following words were removed:
 - “have one week to complete the ownership affidavit with the Extension Office or the animal”
 - “and disqualified from a Premiere Exhibitor award.”
 - The following words were added:
 - “Exhibitors unable to make weigh in must coordinate with extension office and species superintendent in order to be tagged and qualified to show at the Elbert County Fair.”
 - This will now read as:
 - “Ownership of the animals must be designated at the time of weigh in/tag in at the official Fair Board spring weigh in for species that have an official weigh in/tag in. (beef, lamb, goat, market poultry) Animals that are not weighed/tagged in at the official weigh in will automatically be disqualified from competing for Grand Champion and disqualified from any rate of gain contest. Exhibitors unable to make weigh in/tag in must coordinate with extension office and species superintendent in order to be tagged and qualified to show at the Elbert County Fair. Market Beef, Breeding Beef, and Dairy Cattle must be in possession of the Exhibitor by April 1st and ID entered in 4-h online by May 1st. All Beef, Dairy Cattle, Horse and Dog must have ID’s in 4-H online by May 1st in order to enter the county fair. All other livestock / animals (including birth doe of meat rabbits) must be in the exhibitor’s possession and ID completed in 4-h online by June 1. Exception will be for Show Birds that may be ID’d at the time of fair entry.
 - Will White moved to approve with changes
 - Scott Marnville seconded – Motion passed
- F. Dress Code – Will White moved to approve as written
 - Trevor Smith seconded – Motion passed

- G. Health Requirements – Vicky Whitman moved to approve as written
 - Will White seconded – Motion passed
 - H. Bedding – Trevor Smith moved to approve as written
 - Garrett Miller seconded – Motion passed
 - I. Check-in – Garrett Miller moved to approve as written
 - Trevor Smith seconded – Motion passed
 - J. Official Fair Weigh-in – Will White moved to approve as written
 - Scott Maranville seconded – Motion passed
 - K. Intact Males/ Cryptorchids will not be allowed – Scott Maranville moved to approve as written
 - Vicky seconded – Motion passed
 - L. Exhibitors must show their own animal in Market and Showmanship
 - The following was Removed
 - “In Market and Showmanship”
 - Now reads:
 - “Exhibitors must show Their own animal”
 - Vicky Whitman moved to approve with changes
 - Trevor Smith seconded – Motion passed
- M. Code of Conduct – Will White moved to approve as written
 - Vicky Whitman seconded – Motion passed
- N. Unethically Fitted Livestock –
 - Discussion about separating line item #6 into 2.
 - Will now read:
 - 6. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age
 - 7. Showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited
 - 8. Any exhibitor committing any of the above-described unethical practices or any other practice deemed unethical by a fair official, will be subject to discipline as outlined above.
 - Trevor Smith moved to approve with changes
 - Scott Maranville seconded – Motion passed
- O. Prohibition of Interference with Competitions – Vicky Whitman moved to approve as written
 - Trevor Smith seconded – Motion passed
- P. USDA Wholesome Meat Act – Trevor Smith moved to approve as written
 - Vicky Whitman seconded – Motion passed
- Q. Proper Care of Livestock at Fair – Garrett Miller moved to approve as written
 - Chris Carnahan seconded – Motion passed
- R. Release of Animals – Trevor Smith moved to approve as written
 - Scott Maranville seconded – Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm

Reminder – There will be no meeting in January. Next meeting is Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm.