

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

June 6, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Elijah Hatch at 6:03 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bledsoe, Isaia Aricayos, Aaron Helus, Christie Gabel, Ken Vaughn, Elijah Hatch and Lauren Devers

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Jenette Masarie, Hannah Swanbom, Cheryl and Kim Eastwood

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bridget Holcomb, Commissioner Perry Buck

Agenda: No changes

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda by Tom Bledsoe, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Commissioner Buck – nothing from County Commissioners
- 2) Royalty Presentation – a lot of activities completed and planned, next will be Stampede and other events

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Avian Influenza – 1.5M birds killed in Weld County, no infections since then in Weld County, detected in Jefferson County, we will know more in the coming weeks if the ban on poultry events will be extended and additional cases in Weld County detected.
- 2) Budget Finalize – motion to approve budget with corrections by Tom Bledsoe, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed.
- 3) ADA Update – signs have been delivered and received, next livestock meeting Jenette will reach out to interested parties to discuss changes for this year's fair as a starting point to improvements; signs need to set up, security committee volunteers will be asked to help

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Cogburn Family swine incident – ID'd hogs passed away, board replacement hogs; paperwork and documentation has been completed as required.
- 2) Committee Reports (Board representation assignments drawn from hat annually)
 - a. Appreciation Lunches/Fair BBQ – **Aaron Helus** – Bridget and Cody – All in order
 - b. Premier Exhibitor – **Isaia Aricayos** – Gus Sidwell/Bridget Holcomb – a meeting was held a couple weeks ago, judges and tests are being finalized, we are looking into prizes different from previous years of jackets – MOTION by Isaia Aricayos to allow up to \$1,000 for award money for prizes, second by Lauren Devers; motion passed.
 - c. Carcass Contest – **Isaia Aricayos** – Larry Hooker/Christie Campbell – Larry will meet with Christie next week to have everything lined up and finalized for the contest; we plan on posting rules and procedures for the contest and will ask superintendents to discuss with exhibitors as well.
 - d. All Around Showmanship – **Christie Gabel** – Debbie Carpio – working on getting judges at this time

- e. SNOW – **Christie Gabel** – Bridget and Cody – Townsquare media has been contracted, they will begin gathering data for targeted advertising; sponsorships continue to come in; Drug Testing – custom harvest slots Valley for hogs, Double J for lambs and goats
- f. Education – **Eli Hatch** – Jennifer Seltzer – Conservation District brought a trailer last year and they’re being contacted again for this year; Dairy Specialist – was at another show with displays and interactions and will be contacted for Fair; Bayswater wants to have educational information as well
- g. Jr Livestock Sale – **Eli Hatch** – Board – custom harvest clearly noted in programs and posted in other areas, it’s not a concern at this time; have not been an issue in the past
- h. Security – **Ken Vaughn** – Orozco quote around \$9,000, up around \$500 from last year; quote on golf carts will make total costs around approved amount; Wickham providing 4 UTV’s; incident reporting forms will be available online.
- i. Royalty – **Tom Bledsoe** – Bridget Holcomb – will be very busy, good group of girls; “thank you” sponsor banner; “come to fair” banner will be in parades; royalty packets will change slightly; ‘royalty for a day’ will be available again this year and is currently open.
- j. Junior Livestock Animal Health – **Lauren Devers** – Bridget Holcomb – judge contracts and publishing is a priority; Plan B Poultry Show – fine details of plan still need to be finalized, but it will be a virtual show, stuffed animals for showmanship, limited entries, pictures will need to be submitted for judging, deadline will need to be before fair, poster boards (educational pieces) instead of Herdsmanship, Premier Exhibitor points are being considered; MOTION by Christie Gabel to approve Plan B as submitted for a virtual Poultry Show with fine details still to be determined at the 2022 Weld County Fair, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Drug Testing SOP will be sent via email in advance of July 11 meeting for review
- 2) Jenette will be out of the office at the Expo but available via email or cell phone next week
- 3) Fair Entries open today, Entries closes July 8
- 4) Next Fair Board meeting will be July 11 @ 6 PM

Meeting adjourned by Elijah Hatch at 7:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Isaia K Aricayos
Weld County Fair Board Secretary