

## Weld County Fair Board Meeting

September 12, 2022

Meeting called to order by Vice President Aaron Helus at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Isaia Aricayos, Levi Loveland, Landon Cogburn, Bailey Naibauer, Ken Vaughn and Tom Bledsoe

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Larry Hooker and Shannon Bailey

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bridget Holcomb

Agenda: No changes

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda by Tom Bledsoe, second by Ken Vaughn; motion passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Commissioner Buck – welcome to new members of the Fair Board, excited to have them apart of the group; appreciation expressed to the Board, success of Fair this year, and money raised at the Junior Livestock Auction
- 2) Royalty Court – Queen Abby Perez expressed appreciation for the past year, her time as Queen will be coming to an end; fun activities completed and planned for the coming weeks/months

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Bank Signers – there has been a need to authorize Hannah as a bank signer due to special circumstances where Jenette or an officer is unavailable; MOTION by Isaia Aricayos to add Hannah Swanbom; second by Tom Bledsoe, motion passed.
- 2) Old and Damaged Livestock Panels – there are 10 double gates unused by the Fair for several years, South East Weld County would like to have or purchase them to fix and use at their Fair; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to donate 10 double gate damaged panels; second by Isaia Aricayos, motion passed.
- 3) Committee Reports (Board representation assignments drawn from hat annually)
  - a. Appreciation Lunches/Fair BBQ – **Aaron Helus** – Bridget and Cody – 18-1900 people served at Fair BBQ; appreciation lunch \$2600 paid to leadership council for catering – served 900 meals
  - b. Premier Exhibitor – **Isaia Aricayos** – Gus Sidwell/Bridget Holcomb – finalized award, purchasing and getting embroidery done
  - c. Carcass Contest – **Isaia Aricayos** – Larry Hooker/Christie Campbell – invitation sent out to winners inviting to awards banquet, need cost approved tonight, \$20k was budgeted in the past; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to allocate \$20,000 for Carcass Contest include expense costs in that total, second by Landon Cogburn; discussion

includes clarification that \$20k allotment includes amount of any specific donations for the contest; motion passed

- d. All Around Showmanship – **Vacant** – Debbie Carpio – nothing new to report at this time
- e. SNOW – **Vacant** – Bridget and Cody – working on new sponsorship packet for approval at October meeting; next year vendor form will be online; grounds/entertainment – always looking for ideas; Ranch Rodeo went really well this year; promotions – Town Square Media went well and we want to use them again; Pioneer Press did all our printing needs; digest were done well, but we may reduce amount needed, limited information included and not rules; save-the-date cards were really well received
- f. Education – **Vacant** – Vacant Chair – FFA and CSU Rams Academy have education materials and support to provide
- g. Jr Livestock Sale – **Vacant** – Board – buyer letters have been sent, all sale pictures were picked up, things are going well so far, waiting for final donations to come in before checks are released
- h. Security – **Ken Vaughn** – Bridget Holcomb – Orozco Security bill reduced to \$7500 due to limited resources provided; want to increase donation to County Posse \$2300, MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to increase donation to County Posse to \$3000; second by Ken Vaughn, motion passed
- i. Royalty – **Tom Bledsoe** – Bridget Holcomb – new court begins at next month's meeting
- j. Junior Livestock Animal Health – **Vacant** – Bridget Holcomb – met in August, SOP was created for Livestock committee to help drive positive conversations at meetings; 8 committee members from the community, not superintendents; 11 superintendents/co-superintendents members; would like youth participants as non-voting members; terms limits are set; Bridget is looking at stepping down from role on committee; drug testing, judge, and superintendent recommendations will be forthcoming

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Next Fair Board meeting will be October 3 @ 6 PM – will include officer elections, royalty coronation, and committee assignments

Meeting adjourned by Aaron Helus at 7:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Isaia K Aricayos  
Weld County Fair Board Secretary