

Weld County Fair Board Meeting
May 2, 2022

Meeting called to order by Vice President Aaron Helus at 6:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bledsoe, Aaron Helus, Christie Gabel, Ken Vaughn, and Lauren Dever

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bridget Holcomb

Agenda: Addition of Budget Discussion and Avian Influenza

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda by Christie Gabel, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Commissioner Buck – concerned with Avian flu – Jenette will have an update later in the meeting
- 2) Royalty Court - Update from Katie Holcomb

New BUSINESS:

- 1) Valley Ag - Shavings at Fair - Valley Ag group has reached out again to ask if they can sell shavings at the fair. MOTION by Christie Gabel to allow Valley Ag to sell shavings, seconded by Lauren Dever; motion passed.
- 2) Platte Valley Wrestlers help - group has reached out again about helping with various aspects of fair. MOTION by Christie Gabel to allow Platte Valley Wrestlers to help at fair, seconded by Lauren Dever; motion passed. Jenette Masarie to reach out regarding schedule where we need them. Would like them to help with unloading tack, setting up open classes.
- 3) Budget Discussion - Christie Gable presented a budget. Presented budget does not include tents. Please review parts of the budget that pertain to your groups specifically to finalize at June meeting.
- 4) Avian Flu - More positive cases, now in Weld County. State Fair has officially cancelled their poultry show. Poultry chair is putting together alternative plans to review. Current state mandate ends June 30th.
- 5) Committee Reports (Board representation assignments drawn from hat annually)
 - a. Appreciation Lunches/Fair BBQ – Aaron Helus – Bridget and Cody – Double Diamond M Meats and Valley Packing to assist with meat for BBQ
 - b. Premier Exhibitor – Isaia Aricayos – Gus Sidwell/Bridget Holcomb – nothing to report
 - c. Carcass Contest – Isaia Aricayos – Larry Hooker/Christie Campbell – nothing to report
 - d. All Around Showmanship – Christie Gabel – Debbie Carpio – We will be having a small animal contest. Judges will be contacted this week.
 - e. SNOW – Christie Gabel – Bridget and Cody – sponsorships continue to come in; using Pioneer Press for printing; Save the dates will be going out soon; MOTION by Christie Gabel to pay for both the hog and beef tents this year, seconded by Lauren Dever; motion passed, Ken Vaughn objected. Would like to have further discussion with commissioners about a more permanent solution in the future as well as possibly fundraising options to cover this cost.
 - f. Drug Testing - Christie Gabel - Met with commissioners. Christie has been in touch with the Texas A&M lab about processes and procedures. CSU is not able to

- assist. Countryside Vet is able to assist in this process. Christie will be meeting with the sale committee to iron out details of parts of the process.
- g. Education – Eli Hatch – Jennifer Seltzer – nothing to report
 - h. Jr Livestock Sale – Eli Hatch – Board – They would like to livestream the sale and are looking at options.
 - i. Security – Ken Vaughn – Brea, Alex, Jeremy, Bridget – Met with Sheriffs posse. New signage is being printed. They ordered new radios.
 - j. Royalty – Tom Bledsoe – Bridget Holcomb – things are going well.
 - k. Junior Livestock Animal Health – Lauren Dever – Bridget Holcomb – judge contracts are still being finalized; new hog judge has verbally committed and booked a plane ticket. Avian flu update with new cases, still no final word from the state vet's office. Poultry chair is examining options for alternatives. Committee voted to remove all subcommittees except dairy and horse council. Vet check is being finalized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Next Fair Board meeting will be Monday, June 6 @ 6 PM

Meeting adjourned by Aaron Helus at 7:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren Dever
Weld County Fair Board Acting Secretary