



Fair Board Meeting Minutes

November 9th, 2021

Fair Board members: Johnny Green, Britt Stubblefield, John Everest, Emily Bowers, Adam Shirley, Nicole McChesney, Tara Zuber. **Absent:** Jason Gemmer, Chet Lawrence, Barbie Garnett

Guests: Darin Smith, Commissioner Ray Douglas, Commissioner Amy Mitchell, Mackenzie Rohman, Isabel Garcia, Olivia Zuber, Lynn McChesney, Alice Zuber, Kaylee Hock, Shawna Hock, Brian Bumbarger

- I. **Johnny called the meeting to order at 6:59pm**
 - A. **Secretary's Report:** Britt motions to approve Secretary's report from September meeting, October meeting cancelled, Tara second. Motion carried.
 - B. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - **CTA:** \$56,906.62
 - Adam motions to approve Treasurer's report as presented, Britt second. Motion carried.

- II. **Guests:**
 - A. **Alice Zuber & Kaylee Hock:**
 - **High Altitude Livestock Showdown proposal-** June 4-5 at the Fairgrounds. Market and showmanship classes for all species.
 - **1st ever jackpot hosted at fairgrounds**
 - Insurance needed, possibly work show through CSU/4-H club to help cover insurance
 - Fair board loved idea, but suggested to get \$\$ and numbers more finalized
 - B. **Isabel Garcia & Olivia Zuber**
 - **CAFS convention-** They thanked the fair board, as well as the CAFS sponsor, Ridgeline Mechanical for sending them to CAFS. They learned a lot and gained new insight into the world of being fair/rodeo royalty

- III. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Britt:**
 - Frustrated with the county and facilities manager. This has been an ongoing problem. Communication is lacking. Jobs and projects are discussed, but never followed through on, even though the fair board is promised by facilities that said projects will be completed by or on specified dates.
 - County manager doesn't seem to read meeting minutes submitted by fair board every month, which include project details and or wish lists for future fair grounds improvements.
 - Claims CTF funds are gone, however, based on numbers from last year and money Britt saved the fair board on panels there should still be money left. Britt has asked repeatedly for the balance left over.
 - County manager accused Adam and Britt of stealing money from the fair board

- County manager now refuses to communicate directly with anyone on the fair board and has now designated Barbie as the “communication liaison”
- County manager and Facilities manager don’t allow fair board members access to the fair grounds.
- Britt submitted a tractor repair request 2 month ago and find out the tractor had never been serviced since it was bought.
- County Manager drug his feet with logistics around hiring a new fair administrator, even though we were ready to hire Mackenzie in November of 2020, but she didn’t get hired until February of 2021. Thankfully she was willing to volunteer her time to help gather sponsors, vendors, etc., until her contract was official, but we feel a lot of time was wasted.
- Overall, this fair board feels that we are fighting an uphill battle with the County Manager and Facilities Manager. A few fair board members are so upset they had considered resigning. We feel we put on an amazing event every year, the biggest event in the county, and yet we can’t get the help we are promised to make sure that event goes smoothly. We feel like we are set up to fail and that the County Manager and Facilities Manager don’t want this fair to succeed and grow. This fair board always follows rules set by County Manager, but we are still met with resistance.
- This year PCF won “Best Fair grounds” of all CPRA Rodeos and we are in the running for “Best Small Rodeo of the Year”
- We appreciate the support of our County Commissioners.
- Commissioner Amy Mitchell suggests writing down procedures for fair process. She also said she will work on appointing someone within the county to communicate with the fair board.

B. Mackenzie:

- Working on vendors

C. Darin/Barbie:

- Presenting Barbie’s Fair board fair ground requests and visioning meeting proposal for fair grounds.

D. John Everest:

- Received invoice from Sharp equipment for tractor
- C4 Ranch Services, gentleman that picked up all panels, invoice for \$1100. John motions to pay invoice, Britt second. Motion carried.
- Truvalue trailers estimate to fix tractor, John motions to approve \$1600 to fix tractor, Adam second. Motion carried.

E. Emily:

- All thank you notes and gift cards have been sent out. Need address for Danny Alberga, Adam’s mechanic.

IV. New Business:

A. Britt:

- Canyon rental estimate- will have a better idea of equipment needed after weigh-in
- Blattner Livestock equipment

- Use CTF funds for new panels
- When is CTF funds deadline? Commissioners will find out.

B. Mackenzie:

- CAFS, getting feedback form other fair managers about sponsor packet
- Rocky Mountain Fairs, may be more beneficial to attend to get more info
- Looking at other carnivals, entertainment, etc.

C. Nicole:

- Start advertising for the goat show

*****Fair board decided to do a zoom meeting for December meeting, because multiple people will be out of town*****

Meeting adjourned @ 8:20pm Minutes submitted by Emily Bowers, Fair Board Secretary