

Weld County Fair Board

Monthly Board Meeting

January 6, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Eli Hatch at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bledsoe, Christie Gabel, Isaia Aricayos, Neil Temmer, Eli Hatch, Katharine Lotspeich, Mike Frink

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Kendyl Berger, Keith Maxey, Robby Adams, Nancy Gogreve

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Keith Maxey

ADDITIONS/CHANGES to AGENDA: New Business: 1) Parade Coordinator recommendation, 2) Livestock committee recommendations

MOTION to approve Consent Agenda items: a) December meeting minutes – motion to approve minutes by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Neil Temmer, motion carried; b) Financials – motion to approve financials by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Neil Temmer, motion carried; c) Dairy Judge recommendation – motion to accept recommendation by Christie Gabel, seconded by Tom Bledsoe, motion carried.

SPECIAL REQUESTS/GUESTS:

- 1) Commissioner James present
- 2) Appreciation by Neil Temmer and the rest of the board to Commissioner Conway who resigned today, effective at the end of the month

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Budget for 2020 – small changes to 2019 – a few categories were separated into more specific categories; grounds and entertainment increased – motion to accept budget for 2020 by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Katharine Lotspeich – motion carried
- 2) Farm Show signup – asking everyone to sign up; we will have help from 4H members

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Recommended that Cheryl Munger be the Fair parade chairperson – motion to accept recommendation by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Isaia Aricayos – motion carried
- 2) Recommended that Becky Seiler BBQ Luncheon chairperson – motion to accept recommendation by Isaia Aricayos, seconded by Christie Gabel– motion carried
- 3) Platte Valley Ag/Little America Royal Show has borrowed the Fair's old cattle tie downs in the past and has asked if it could be donated – motion to give old cattle tie downs pending approval of Commissioners by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Christie Gabel – motion carried
- 4) Recommendation by staff to increase Camper Rate increase 25% since compared to other events at the facility the Fair is very underpriced – motion to increase camper rates by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Mike Frank – motion carried
- 5) Request to have vendor registration begin on January 27 due to other deadlines happening – motion by Tom Bledsoe to begin vendor registration on January 27, seconded by Christie Gabel – motion carried

6) Livestock committee recommendations

- a. Poultry – change to June 15 for deadline to purchase market chickens, purchase receipt must be presented at Fair – motion to accept change by Christie Gabel seconded by Isaia Aricayos – motion carried
- b. Poultry judge – recommend to increase budget to \$1200 due to last year’s expenses of \$1100 and only approval of up to \$1000 so far – motion to accept recommendation by Christie Gabel, seconded by Tom Bledsoe – motion carried
- c. Recommended Superintendents – Poultry: Kim & Steven Miller; Rabbits: Cody LeBlanc Robbie Hirsch; Goats: Donnie Johnston & Aaron Helus; Sheep: Jane Miller & Kayla Frink; Hogs: Gordon Lendell & Diane Carlson; Breeding Beef: Dustin & Kim Dorsey – recommendation to accept list of Superintendents by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Christie Gabel – motion carried
- d. Motion to appoint Dairy Superintendent Chris Carpio pending recommendation by Dairy Council by Christie Gabel, seconded by Mike Frink
- e. Motion to appoint Horse Superintendent Teresa Johnson pending recommendation by Horse Council by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Christie Gabel – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Grounds and Entertainment – tabled in December to wait for chairperson, however, Fair Coordinator has taken responsibility for it in the past due to contracts and working with County – motion by Tom Bledsoe to transfer responsibility of Grounds and Entertainment to Fair Coordinator, seconded by Mike Frink – motion carried.

4H pop stand on the side of the 4H building will be torn down due to condition – the County will purchase a mobile stand soon to replace the facility

Neil requests a list of approved committees chairpersons and members if available. The list will be sent out.

Royalty – Cody LeBlanc – the court will be at the National Western Stock show this Saturday and Sunday; they were at the 4H showcase this past weekend; meeting minutes were sent to Tom; the court was at Weld County Garage and met with Dan O’Leary; Tom Bledsoe shared that Warren gave feedback to him today that Royalty meeting was well received and the court made a good impression.

Larry Hooker – shared that no chairperson for Market Beef has been identified at this time, he is taking lead for Beef ID day coming up 2/1/2020; an email will be sent to volunteers for the event.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 6:59 PM by Tom Bledsoe; seconded by Christie Gabel. All approved and motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Isaia Aricayos

Weld County Fair Board Secretary