

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

June 15, 2020

Zoom Meeting called to order by President Eli Hatch at 6:08 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bledsoe, Neil Temmer, Isaia Aricayos, Aaron Helus, Christie Gabel, and Mike Frink

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Keith Maxey, Nancy Gogreve, Kim Sterkel, Jenette Masarie, Larry Hooker

SPECIAL GUESTS: Andy McRoberts, Dan Joseph, Jane Miller, Bridget Holcomb, Commissioner Scott James, and Kevin Carbaugh

Agenda: Additions/Changes 1) Hired Help – Announcer Mike and Set Up; 2) Dairy Heifer sale (item G); Move up Committee reports

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve consent agenda by Neil Temmer, seconded by Aaron Helus; motion passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Commissioner James – nothing new to report
- 2) City of Greeley – Andy McRoberts – Keith Simms with Island Grove – Jane Miller had questions about staking tents into asphalt behind the 4H building and if that would be okay with a cold patch to asphalt following removal of the tents; and to have a tent on the grass in front of the cattle barn; use of Island Grove will be from 7/25/2020 thru 8/3/2020 – the City said that would be okay
- 3) Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment – Dan Joseph – nothing new to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Campers – see Risk Management report

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Committee Reports
 - a. Risk Management – Kevin Carbaugh – three recommendations from Committee: 1) no camping and camper spots this year due to additional risks involved; refund checks can be made seamlessly, MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to accept recommendation and reimburse payments for Camping spots, second by Neil Temmer; motion passed; 2) use wrist bands for attendance, specific color for exhibitors, specific color for guardians, specific color for staff, families get 4 additional wrist bands; Fair Office would be open while event is going on, what about visitors to office? – contracting with Orozco Security – may allow non-wristband people to Fair Office – Weld County Sheriff was part of discussion – they will be closely monitoring those without wristbands and helping Orozco staff; last year we paid \$5k for contracting with Orozco – they do not anticipate cost increasing; MOTION by Neil Temmer to use Orozco Security with a negotiated

contract for needs and to use/require wristbands, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; vote 2 – yes, 4 – no; motion failed; MOTION by Christie Gabel to negotiate contract services with Orozco Security as needed, seconded by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed. 3) one-way traffic – meeting tomorrow night about route and coordination; vet check would move to 11th Ave entrance and into arena parking lot instead of 14th Ave; MOTION by Christie Gabel to leave vet check and traffic pattern the same, seconded by Aaron Helus; yes – Aaron Helus, Mike Frink, Christie Gabel, Isaia Aricayos, and Tom Bledsoe; no – Neil Temmer; Committee requests more direction and guidance from Fair Board for additional planning purposes since recommendations didn't pass.

- b. Royalty Committee – court members have asked and agreed to continue for next year; upcoming event is Tea with Dorothy Bates; they have been requested to attend NE County Fair; Committee is asking board for permission to participate at this year's Fair as much as possible – set up outside of show ring, vet check, virtual tour, video collage, etc. – standing list of events are dwindling down since changes are being made to this year's schedule – the board believes Royalty should be involved as much as and where possible and safe
 - c. Livestock – there are six recommendations from Livestock – 1) Premier Exhibitor committee – recommend cancel livestock and non-livestock Premier Exhibitor this year – MOTION by Isaia Aricayos to accept recommendation from committee to cancel Livestock and Non-livestock Premier Exhibitor for 2020 Fair year, second by Christie Gabel; motion passed. 2) Rabbit – recommendation to not have Rabbit vet checked due to need for an exotic vet and only market rabbits are being brought in this year; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to accept recommendation to not have vet check for rabbits, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed. 3) Recommendation to stall goat, sheep and hogs in exhibition hall. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to accept recommendation, second by Neil Temmer; motion passed. 4) Recommendation goat, sheep and hogs to show under one tent and show ring. MOTION by Neil Temmer seconded by Tom Bledsoe to accepted recommendation to show under one tent; motion passed. 5) Recommendation to have a tent(s) size of 60'x100' behind 4H Building for goat, sheep and hog show. MOTION by Isaia Aricayos seconded by Neil Temmer to accept recommendation to have tent behind 4H building for show ring; motion passed. 6) Recommendation to have tent(s) size of 60'x100' for beef show. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to accept recommendation seconded by Neil Temmer; motion passed.
 - d. Sale Committee – recommendation to move forward with Live Auction TV to utilize for broadcasting and hosting portal for auction/sale. \$3500 cost for Live Auction including support person, \$1700 to come back as donation; broadcast entire sale for all levels including champions. Recommendation from Commissioner last Friday to host Live auction offsite facility for champions and reserves. MOTION by Christie Gabel to accept recommendation to use Live Auction broadcasting, seconded by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed.
- 2) 4H Food Booth – they were wondering about Tuesday, since they are usually not open at that time during Fair week – they should keep the same schedule as in the past

- 3) 4H Energy Trailer – educational activities for kids set up on Fair Grounds; MOTION by Christie Gabel to NOT have 4H Energy Trailer this year, seconded by Aaron Helus; motion passed.
- 4) Hired Help – office help during Fair so employees could be elsewhere; Fair Office – Michelle Sterkel and Frida Embry was hired last year to help cover staffing during Fair. Recommendation to hire one person to help in the office this year. MOTION by Christie Gabel to extend temporary employment offer to Michelle Sterkel to staff office during Fair, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed.
- 5) Vet Check – Wayne Johnson helped with vet check last year among other things to help; recommend continue with Wayne due to need and his experience. \$130/day was paid last year. MOTION by Christie Gabel to contract with Wayne Johnson as help, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
- 6) Appreciation Lunches – need total amount of people to prepare – information will be forthcoming
- 7) Live Streaming Shows – Barn Media – Brian Ulmer to live stream shows at no cost; Landry at Willowby Company would cost around \$2k – MOTION by Christie to utilize Willowby to broadcast shows. No second. Jennette and Christie will gather additional information on both options and present back to Board for a vote.
- 8) Barn Set-up – livestock committee will review and bring back a recommendation on how to set-up the barn
- 9) Dairy Heifer Sale – typically follows dairy show scheduled for 1 pm, potential buyers need access and not sure if they will be allowed, there is also a preshow lunch; need approval for meal to be held outside; approximately 40-50 attendees; MOTION by Christie to allow meal for Dairy Replacement Heifer sale, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Fair Entries open today and forms are coming in now, the W9 and show ethics online forms are working well

Motion to adjourn meeting by Neil Temmer at 9:23 pm, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.