

## Weld County Fair Board Meeting

September 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Eli Hatch at 5:59 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bledsoe, Isaia Aricayos, Christie Gabel, Mike Frink, Aaron Helus, Ken Vaughn and Eli Hatch

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Keith Maxey and Jenette Masarie

SPECIAL GUESTS: Cody LeBlanc, Jane Miller and Bridget Holcomb

Agenda: Additions/Changes: 1) Record books

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda by Tom Bledsoe, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Welcome Ken Vaughn to replace Neil Temmer on Fair Board
- 2) Record Books – A request was made to accept additional pages for a member since she had printer issues, if her record book score below 70%, then attendance to a record book workshop is mandatory; discussion included the value of a learning experience, planning and responsibility; MOTION to NOT accept additional three pages by Christie Gabel, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed. Inter-office (City and County) mail didn't show up on Friday that included a record book, mail was received on Monday dated for Friday; MOTION to accept record book since it should have been received on Friday by Christie Gabel, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed.
- 3) MOTION to accept fair dates through 2025 for planning and reservation purposes by Tom Bledsoe, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed.
  - a. 2021: 7/24-8/2
  - b. 2022: 7/23-8/1
  - c. 2023: 7/22-7/31
  - d. 2024: 7/20-7/29
  - e. 2025: 7/19-7/28
- 4) Jr. Livestock Sale Buybacks – Keith Maxey – there are no guarantees currently that animals indeed go to slaughter, normal years custom slaughter and JBS available – three of four species went to same buyer; issue with buyback hogs went to Sioux Falls 2 to 3 years ago; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to have issue reviewed by Sale Committee and a recommendation brought back to board, second by Christie Gabel; motion passed.
- 5) Beef ID Day – Usually held on the first weekend of February (Feb 6), however, will need to be moved to Feb 13 – Saturday; due to Producer's event on Feb 6
- 6) IAFE Convention, RMAF Convention, Colorado Fairs Convention – combining RMAF and CO Fairs most likely; Jennette will be going down to Texas to help with TX State Fair; MOTION to

send Jenette to IAFE and check with County to allow time off by Christie Gabel, second by Mike Frink; motion passed.

- 7) Committee Review – keep list of committees as is, however will need to review committee “by-laws and structure,” Christie, Eli, Tom and Aaron will help develop guidelines; will review and complete assignments in October
- 8) Jr Livestock Sale Committee – interest to be a member of the committee from both Holly Pearson and Kacey Larson; MOTION to accept both Holly and Kasey as members of the Sale Committee by Tom Bledsoe, second by Christie; total \$801,000 sold in sale ring; \$238,220 – 24% in add-ons, most add-ons ever
  - a. \$1,039,220 – down only \$80k from prior year, which was the highest ever – this sale was the third highest in state history – Weld last year, Stock Show this year and Weld this year were highest sales
- 9) Livestock Committee – will review in upcoming meeting: reservation of tents, superintendent confirmations, judge selection process
- 10) Sponsorship Committee – will meet with Jenette when she’s back from TX
- 11) Grounds Entertainment – nothing completed this year but will schedule meeting with Eli soon
- 12) Security Committee – still need to meet for wrap up meeting and begin planning for next year
- 13) Royalty Committee – revised commitment packet, setting clear expectations; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to approve 20-21 commitment and move coronation to November, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed.
- 14) Appreciation Lunch Committee – invoices still need to be submitted

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Next meeting October 5
- 2) Jenette will be out of town until October 2
- 3) Keith Maxey planning on retirement at the end of the year

MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to adjourn 7:25 PM, seconded by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,

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Isaia K Aricayos  
Weld County Fair Board Secretary