

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

April 5, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Eli Hatch at 6:03 pm.

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

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Robby Adams, Larry Hooker and Jenette Masarie

SPECIAL GUESTS: Commissioner Saine, Theresa Johnson, Ella Nicoli, Kim Sterkel, Bridget Holcomb, and the Olson Family

Agenda: Additions/Changes: New Business - Sheep and Goat ID Day

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

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Commissioner Saine – nothing new from the Board of Commissioners
- 2) Ella Nicoli – Royalty presentation – last month participated in the speech contest – timecards and competing online, monthly meeting for April will be soon, will help with Goat Extravaganza at the end of the month, Emerson will present next month
- 3) Olson Family – decided to sell family farm, but it didn't sell right away, eventually sold and moving to OK this month, but cannot compete there since Fair already occurred in March; requesting to complete year in Weld County Fair, club and leaders have been aware of situation, boys have continued to meet requirements, steers will be in OK to be raised, and come back to compete; MOTION by Christie Gabel to allow Olson family to compete at 2021 Weld County Fair, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Goat and Sheep ID Day – Greeley location, extending time/day due to COVID, two scanners, one tagger, one person doing paperwork – will need volunteers to help if available, Larry will pass around a sign-up sheet
- 2) Hired Help during Fair – Olivia Thorne, barn manager for horse shows; \$950 plus \$10/stall – Wayne Johnson – helps with horse shows and vet check; \$150/day – both has helped in the past; MOTION offer contract to Olivia Thorne fee pending, offer Wayne Johnson at same rate as last year by Christie Gabel, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
- 3) 2021 Budget – updated with already approved items, no changes or new items to add at this time, still waiting to hear back on sponsorship for tents
- 4) Committee Reports
 - a. Fair BBQ – PDC sponsor for BBQ \$10k, meeting last month; basic menu – BBQ pork sandwich, chips, cookies, and water – budget was set for \$8k, \$1k donation for

- drinks, pickles, BBQ sauce donated and buns, DJ donated as well, should come under budget, waiting to hear back from pork provider
- b. Appreciation Lunches – nothing new to report
 - c. Premier Exhibitor – nothing new to report
 - d. All Around Showmanship – nothing new to report
 - e. Education – Jennifer Seltzer – will coordinate with FFA at Greeley West, lobby area in front of Fair office will be available for them; storage is needed since Jennifer has had items at her home
 - f. Jr Livestock Sale – nothing new to report
 - g. Royalty – jackets being embroidered now received partial donation toward it, new clothing items may be needed; Pictures taken in March – donated by Nina's, not participating in Larimer County Royalty training event
 - h. Security – Committee may be able to help with horse events, will need to meet with Olivia and Teresa to coordinate, there are concerns with location of horse office and available accommodations, unclear as to Stampede building construction status
 - i. SNOW – Regulators event will be held and can bring their own wood shavings, carriages, corvettes, Tribune contracts still pending, meeting with Fort Lupton, Johnstown, and Greeley newspapers – \$54130 sponsorships confirmed/received so far – approx. \$26k cash, \$27k in-kind; Wickham Tractor is only sponsor for UTV's, meeting with Oxy tomorrow, meeting with A&W Water later this week; PDC – diamond sponsor for Sunday family BBQ event
 - j. Livestock Animal Health/Project Inspection – rabbit disease is ramping up and likely will affect Fair

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Pancake breakfast – Farm Bureau meeting this month to determine if they will be doing the event this year
- 2) Next month's meeting will be May 3 @ 6 PM

Meeting adjourned by Eli Hatch at 6:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Isaia K Aricayos
Weld County Fair Board Secretary