



Larimer County Fair Board Meeting Minutes May 24, 2023, 6:30 pm

The Larimer County Fair Board convened a regular session on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chair: Stephanie Morrison,

Vice Chair: Pat Young

Secretary: Stephanie Fancher English

Board Members: Jay Crouse, Darryl English, Deborah Sherman, Tamara TerAvest, Kristine Miller, John Foley

Also Present: County Commissioner – Kristin Stephens, Ranch Director - Conor McGrath, Interim Assistant Director – Mark Tinklenburg, Director of Community Planning- Lesli Ellis, Fair Coordinator - Laura Boldt, CSU Extension – Bailey Schilling, Rodeo Board – Steve Humann, Cindy Buckardt, Sharel Cameron, Jenelle Kemper,

Absent: Board Members – Logan Lenz, Marv Witt, Melinda Deal

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stephanie Morrison called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Stephanie Morrison asked all present to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Pat Young made a motion to approve the May 24, 2023, Agenda, Kristine Miller seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved on a majority vote by the Board Members. 9-0

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

John Foley made a motion to approve the April 26, 2023, Meeting Minutes as amended and Darryl English seconded the motion; motion approved on a majority vote of the Board Members. 9-0

PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 Minutes

The following members of the public addressed the Fair Board: Cindy Buckardt spoke about corrections needed on The Ranch calendar and the JLSC Sale.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Stephens reported on the County budgeting process and concerns over legislation that would cap Property Tax increases. She acknowledged that citizens are struggling with increased property valuations.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Stephanie Morrison spoke about Fair Board recruitment and pending changes to the Fair Board By-Laws.

FAIR BOARD PARTNERS / LIAISON REPORTS

- a. **Queen/Royalty** – Sabrina Borg was not in attendance.
- b. **The Ranch** – Conor informed the Board that he would be on leave of absence during month of June and would not be present at June Fair Board meeting. Questions may be directed to Mark Tinklenburg in his absence. He confirmed there is a large party planned for August 5 to celebrate the Anniversaries and it would be helpful for all to contribute to the invitation list by June 30. Fair Board members are urged to share contact information on anyone who was instrumental in supporting past Fairs. A branded alcoholic beverage along with a nonalcoholic beverage will be available, cookies with the anniversary buckle design, branded reusable shopping bags, and lapel pins. A decision has been made to seek more regional business for the MAC Equipment Arena. Progress is being made on the new 4H building and suite renovations have started at the BEC. The new Arena Circle is close to being operational.
- c. **Rodeo Board** - Steve Humann informed the Fair Board that their complimentary rodeo tickets will be available for pickup July 1st. World War II veterans who will be honored at the first night of the Rodeo were taken to Greeley Hat Works and fitted for custom hats.
- d. **Extension /4-H** – Bailey Schilling reported on the process of tagging animals, and the final MQA day. Upcoming are workshops and camps for sheep, goats, and hogs. The beef camp was held in March. There are currently 125 horse members.
- e. **Fair Coordinator** - Laura Bolt reported on Fair Entry for General Projects and Consumer Family Science. She is looking for superintendents. The camping sign up is now online. Stephanie Morrison asked about Rocket Fly Day which falls on Parade Day. Bailey reported that the new 4-H leadership position just posted.
- f. **Anniversary** – Conor reported on Anniversary earlier.

FAIR BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Ranch Hands** –Kristine let everyone know that she is currently looking for sponsors to help pay for volunteer t-shirts and hospitality banners on the golf carts. The Ranch Hands committee is working on sponsor forms and levels. The golf cart training will be held the Thursday before parade and the Tuesday before Fair she would like all Fair Board members to take the training and to sign up to help drive golf carts. They are still recruiting volunteers.
- b. **Queens/Royalty** – Stephanie Fancher English reported on upcoming events: Elizabeth Rodeo, Greeley Hat Works event, Berthoud Parade, Evergreen Rodeo, and spring photo shoot with Skillman Photography. The Happy Trails BBQ will be held on Friday, August 4, and tickets will be available at the next meeting. A big thank you to Cindy Burkhardt for helping with the ANB Bank sponsorship.
- c. **Pancake Breakfast** – Dana is helping with sponsors for this event. There was some discussion on the entertainment.
- d. **Parade** – Darryl English reported that he currently has 6 parade sponsors, he plans to reach out to Lions Club to check on volunteers for Parade and Pancake

Breakfast in June. The after party has been permitted in downtown Loveland and a live performer is signed up. This event starts at 1:00 pm and there will be room for 10 x 10 booths for sponsors, 4-H Clubs, CSU extension.

e. Junior Livestock Sale –John Foley shared there will be a mandatory meeting for all kids selling animals at the Junior Livestock Sale. The format for the sale has been decided upon and it should help move kids quickly through and keep the sale from running late. The outside tent will open at 3:30 for buyers only, kids and parents are being asked to hold off until 5:30 to give buyers a chance to eat and then attend the sale. CSU will be preparing the BBQ meal, the processors are lined up. There will be a working meeting the following month, and they are about to complete their sponsor levels and the agreement and will be visiting sponsors soon. It looks like the poultry show will be held 2 weeks prior to Fair due to continued presence of Avian flu.

f. Workplan Update

- a. Enhance Fair-Related Volunteerism** – Update provided in earlier report.
- b. Host an after-Parade Event in Downtown Loveland** – Update provided in earlier report.
- c. JLSC Enhance the Efficiency of the Junior Livestock Sale** – Update provided in earlier report.
- d. Provide an Accessible Fairgrounds Experience for Visitors** – Conor shared that additional ADA parking will be provided in Lot C. ADA accessible aisles are to be added to MAC, and a sensory room will be available during Fair. Other improvements will be coordinated and installed in BEC with current renovations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS / OTHER BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There are no items for the Executive Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Young moved to adjourn the meeting, second from Kristine Miller. The motion was approved on a majority vote of the Board Members. 9-0

Meeting was adjourned.

Chair: Stephanie Morrison _____

Secretary: Stephanie Fancher English _____