

**Larimer County Fair Board
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2024, 6:30 pm**

The Larimer County Fair Board convened a regular session on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chair: Stephanie Morrison
Vice Chair: Logan Lenz
Secretary: Stephanie Fancher English
Board Members: Jay Crouse, Darryl English, Melinda Deal, Kristine Miller, Pat Young, Deborah Sherman, Dana Luther & Rebecca Walters (Zoom)
Not Present: Vera Brown and Michelle Wilcox
Also Present: Larimer County Commissioner - Kristin Stephens, Ranch Director - Conor McGrath, Larimer County Sheriff Lieutenant - Brad Harkin, Fair Queen - Maggie Livingston, Cindy Buckardt, Bart Morrison and Shannon Shreve (Zoom).

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stephanie Morrison called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Stephanie Morrison asked all present to introduce themselves including those attending on Zoom.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Logan Lenz made the motion to approve the agenda, Pat Young seconded. The Agenda was approved on a majority vote by the Board Members. 9-0

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Stephanie Morrison asked for deletions or changes to the September 25th minutes. Jay Crouse reported that he was co-chair of the pancake breakfast. Pat Young made the motion after the modification to approve the September 25, 2024 minutes and Logan Lenz seconded the Motion. The motion approved on a majority vote of the Board Members. 9-0

PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 Minutes - Cindy Buckardt invited everyone to attend the Larimer County 4-H Foundation Craft Sale.

CORRESPONDENCE

Stephanie Fancher-English received the award from the Loveland Chamber of Commerce for outstanding horse entry by Maggie Livingston in the Corn Roast Parade.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

During the Larimer County Work Sessions, Louise Romero and Laura Boldt provided a summary about the Larimer County Fair. Commissioner Stephens reported that this

was recorded and a good resource for the public to hear about the Fair results and goes a long way in support of the Fair. The County is still working on the Larimer County Budget and wants everyone to know that it is balanced with money set aside for emergencies. The County is also asking for a .15% tax increase with the money to be spent on transportation, primarily road improvements. Logan asked what type of tax and Commissioner Stephens responded that it is sales tax. The Larimer County Commissioners also joined with Weld County and Boulder County Commissioners in opposition to the ban on slaughterhouses currently on the City of Denver ballot.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Stephanie Morrison let everyone know that Wayne Kruse, owner of Centennial Livestock, passed away.

FAIR BOARD PARTNERS/ LIAISON REPORTS

- a. **Queen/Royalty** - Maggie Livingston reported on her many activities, the first of which was the Berthoud Homecoming Parade which was the reason she didn't attend the September Fair Board meeting. Maggie rode in the Loveland Corn Roast parade, greeted attendees at the Heart & Horses event and attended the CQYO with other Colorado Royalty. The Larimer County 4-H Open House was a great event for her to attend and talk about the Royalty program. Maggie has been outfitted with a wild rag, jacket and buckle from Jax Outdoor Gear, Farm & Ranch. She is also having her photo shoot tomorrow.
- b. **Extension 4-H** - Conor McGrath reported that Bailey Schilling is not here tonight but will be taking some personal leave. Carey Weiner and other staff will be available for backup. 4-H Achievement night is coming up.
- c. **The Ranch** - Conor McGrath said the Commissioners work session recordings can be found on the County website by the date of the session. To assist with budgeting for the entertainment at the Fair, The Ranch has adopted the policy of using the carnival income to fund the following year's entertainment. This allows funding prior to the need. For the Fair, the Community Stage will take a hiatus, but the Mountain Dew lounge was added which provided gaming entertainment. Conor reported that the December 9th Commissioners work session will include the next stages of the Master Plan. This will also be recorded and available online through the County website and The Ranch's Master Plan website page.
- d. **Rodeo Board** - Conor McGrath reported that Steve Human has stepped down as the chairman of the Rodeo Board after 20 years. Rick Harris is the interim chair and they will be appointing the Chairman soon. Applications for the rodeo board should be directed to Commissioner Jody Shaduck-McNally or Conor McGrath.
- e. **Fair Coordinator** - Laura Boldt did not attend the meeting due to attending the 4-H Carcass contest at CSU.

FAIR BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Ranch Hands** -According to Kristine Miller, Ranch Hands has been pretty quiet this month but they will ramp up in November. Conor added that he will be meeting with the volunteer committee to see how we can position the Fair to get Corporate or Organization volunteers instead of recruiting all individuals.

b. Queen/Royalty - Stephanie Fancher-English will be leaving the Royalty Committee. She recommended others to serve on the committee. Since Stephanie and Pat Young started with the Royalty Committee, they have developed a handbook, detailed work plan, and defined roles and responsibilities. They have also developed loyal sponsors leaving the program in good shape. Stephanie commented that each Queen has their own personality and strengths that need to be worked with. She would like the Fair Board to continue to support the Royalty program and involve the girls in community events.

Stephanie Morrison thanked Stephanie for all of her hard work with the Royalty and the success that it has had.

c. Pancake Breakfast - Jay Crouse stated that there isn't much to report. He will be inventory the leftover supplies and will confirm that the Lions Club has been paid.

d. Parade - Logan Lenz reported that there isn't much to report about the parade. He is still working on some plaques. Logan also commented that he will miss Stephanie Fancher-English's contributions to the Fair and the Board.

e. Junior Livestock Sale - Daryl English gave the report as John Foley has resigned from the Fair Board and the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee. The livestock sale committee meeting was cancelled last night since Daryl wasn't prepared to run the meeting. He also has two applicants to the committee that he would like to get approved and needs to know the process. Daryl commended John for all of his hard work and being the backbone of the committee and the success of the sale.

Commissioner Stephens commented that due to privacy issues, the specific issues with John Foley will not be disclosed. She will work with the Jr Livestock Sale committee to make it whole and apologized for the short timing of this action.

Stephanie Morrison outlined the new member process adopted 4 years ago. The need for committee members is advertised in the 4-H newsletter and the community. Then the ad-hoc committee reviews the applicants. Their recommendations along with the Jr Livestock Sale Chairmen are presented to the Fair Board for approval.

Stephanie Fancher-English stated that the Chairman and the Vice Chairman for the Jr Livestock Sale Committee were to be voted on at this meeting.

Coner McGrath would be willing to have conversations with committee members regarding the Jr Livestock Sale committee. He appreciates the work that the committee has done, and the sale will continue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Stephanie Morrison wants board members to update their volunteer hours in VicNet by October 31st. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Laura Boldt
- b. Fair Board By-Laws: The final copy has been printed. You have 30 days to review them. Any questions or changes should be directed to Coner McGrath. The Fair Board will meet over Zoom to approve the By-Laws.
- c. Work Plans: Every committee should have a work plan. We have been working on them for two years and they should be finalized.

NEW BUSINESS -

- a. Officer Elections by ballot were made and the following have been elected:

Chairman - Stephanie Morrison

Vice Chair - Logan Lenz

Secretary - Dana Luther

Jr Livestock Sale - Logan Lenz made the motion to table the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Jay Crouse seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. 9-0

- b. The Fair Appreciation Dinner is Monday, December 16th. Please RSVP.
- c. Stephanie Morrison reminded the Fair Board to look for the email regarding the future Zoom meeting. She thanked the Board for re-electing her and the other officers for their service.

ADJOURNMENT

Logan Lenz moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Pat Young. The Motion was approved on a majority vote of the Board Members. 9-0
The meeting was adjourned.

Chair: Stephanie Morrison 5k)p\ a.\.\. Q:v\

Secretary: Dana Luthe ctC2zL