

MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 15, 2024

Time: 6:30 Pm

Meeting called to order by: BJ Mekelburg

IN ATTENDANCE

BJ Mekelburg, Justin Crossland, Harold Blackham, Tom Mekelburg, Scott Weaver, Mariya Mekelburg, , Carmen Murray, Baylor Buck, Ruben Richardson, Robin Schnieder, Adam Gates, Kaci Porter, Cassidee, Tria Means, Crystal Terrell, CJ Leonhardt, Kristi Rutledge, Forest Rutledge,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Ruben to approve the minutes and Tom Seconded.

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL REPORTS:

Extension Report- Carmen would like to look for someone to do window painting again. Artsy Fartsy was mentioned she will investigate this.

Superintendents-CJ is stepping down and Holli has resigned as well. Was upset over weigh ins, Kristi Rutledge also commented they will not be bringing state fair goats as all the changes to weigh ins etc. are turning those animals away.

Rodeo- There has been a new Rodeo Contractor put in place.

Scott Weaver Commissioner -they have approved budget and he is hoping to have numbers from 23 by the next meeting.

Fair Queens- talked about the PRCA Dinner and plans and the success of Wray and Yuma parade of lights.

Event manager- want to get the fair schedule posted. Fair Book deadline is the end of February. Was mentioned to possibly have a Duck cutting. Has not been a concert booked yet.

New Business

Fair Grounds- Looking at improvements to the Home EC building this year with AC and Heat. Looking at replacing the roof on the office building. Randy has been working on the shop and got it cleaned up and looking at Heat and AC repairs to it. Looking at Chute repairs as well.

Beer Garden- Hoping to have a Beer Garden committee meeting in January to get numbers etc.

Sale- All but 10 or 15 checks have been received at this point, which is an improvement. So not much to report.

Livestock- Judges have been signed for all market shows. Poultry show, was decided to go back to a normal show. *Robin Motioned we go back to normal at the fair and Tom seconded the motion.* Talked about a protocol for information release.

Photographer- Get her booked. Tom moved to stay with Mandy of Integrity Stock Shot and Ruben Seconded. Also need to be looking for a second Superintendent for Sheep to help Jessica. Maryia and Carmen will be attending the Show works Training in April.

Vendor committee- Scott would like us to add a vendor committee member and Robin said she would do that.

Ranch rodeo- Looks like we will be removing the ranch rodeo this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Beef- spring weigh ins will be at Sale Barn in Wray and at Idlers this year. It was also suggested that the Cattleman's winners be announced at the annual Cattlemen's Banquet this year to give them recognition.

Night Show- Will know by the next meeting as the contract will be signed this week.

Hog Show- Hog show rules, they will be adding a purebred show. Trying to work on a plan as to when to classify looking at possibly June. Classifier will classify. All swine must be nominated.

Superintendents- Superintendent code of conduct was discussed. Tom is still working on getting this put together.

Parade Committee- Parade committee members in attendance announced the theme would be Blue Jeans and country Dreams.

Meeting was adjourned by BJ

Minutes submitted by Justin Crossland Secretary