

Minutes of Wednesday, January 17, 2021

El Paso County Fair Board Meeting

- Board Members:** Don Watts, Lori Harfert, Julie Wood, Sherry Bilodeau, Kate Watson, Gary Paul, Orbin Hall
- Associate Members:** Pam Dawson, Grant Harris, Mel Trafton
- Staff:** Todd Marts, Janice Brewer, Dana Nordstrom, Adam Baker, Dayna Buffington
- Guests:** Patty Woodard, Emily Tobler, Jonathan Vrebec, Allison Ludwig, Becky Chamblin, Bill Spurlock, Emily Nelson, Commissioner Carrie Gietner, Charity Cagle
- A complete roll not available from all callers or Video attendees.
- Excused Absence:** None

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Lori Harfert at 6:30 pm. This meeting was Virtual.

Welcome / Introductions – Todd Marts

Todd introduced new Staff Member Dayna Buffington

Consent Calendar

- A. Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Kate Watson to approve the December Minutes as written, second by Don Watts. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Information / Action Items

- A. 2021 Sunshine Law – Todd Marts
Todd presented the Memorandum of the Sunshine Act. Motion was made by Gary Paul to endorse, second by Kate Watson. Motion Carried.

- B. 2021 Gate Fee Schedule – Todd Marts
Todd presented the 2021 Fair Gate Fees for Approval. A motion was made by Gary Paul to accept, second by Kate Watson. Motion carried.
- C. Theme Days – Todd Marts
Grant Harris reminded board that Sunday theme was changed to Western / Hispanic Day. No other changes, a motion was made by Kate Watson to endorse these days, second by Don Watts. Motion carried.
- D. Partnership Agreements – Todd Marts
After reviewing the agreements, a motion was made by Sherry Bilodeau to endorse, second by Julie Woods. Motion carried.
- E. Action Plan – Todd Marts
Todd presented the 2021 action plan. After review, a motion was made by Kate Watson to accept, second by Gary Paul. Motion carried
- F. Elections – Lori Harfert
Lori Harfert nominated Gary Paul for Vice Chair, and Julie Wood as Secretary. A nomination from the floor was placed to re-nominate Lori Harfert for President. No other nominations. Don Watts made a motion to accept these nominations as presented, second by Kate Watson. Motion carried.
- G. Committees – Lori Harfert
Lori provided the list of current committees for 2021

Fair Board Committee Reports

- A. Facilities & Grounds – Adam Baker
Adam will have complete report in February.
- B. Fair Programming – Dayna Buffington
Dayna gave a brief update.
- C. Vendors – Janice Brewer
Janice gave a report of current revenue from the rollover vendors from 2019-2020.
- D. Sponsorship – Dana Nordstrom
Dana gave a brief update.

E. Marketing & Queen – Pam Dawson

Pam introduced new committee member Kate Watson.

The Queen Clinic is scheduled for February 20th and the Queen Contest will be held in March.

Miscellaneous Reports

A. CSU Extension & 4H – Extension Staff

Emily gave a report that there will be a Livestock Superintendent meeting on Feb. 10th.

Beef Tag is scheduled for Feb. 13th.

Livestock entries are up, and dairy cows will be returning to the show this year.

Charity gave an update on the Exhibit side of fair.

B. Fairgrounds Programming – Todd Marts

Todd shared about the races and BST Promotions returning for 2021.

C. Fairgrounds Facility Use – Janice Brewer

Janice reviewed the facility rentals and uses. Starting to receive a lot of calls.

D. Fairgrounds Corporation – Todd Marts

Todd gave a brief update.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, February 17 – 6:30 pm – EPC Fairgrounds

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm