

**Minutes of Work Session
Regarding the Annual Lea County Fair & Rodeo and Lea County Fair & Rodeo Board
Lea County Board of Commissioners
October 15, 2015**

Chairman Fulfer called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were, to wit: Commissioner Dale Dunlap District 1, Commissioner Rebecca Long District 2, Vice Chairman Ron Black District 3, and Commissioner James H. Britton District 4, and Chairman Gregory H. Fulfer District 5.

Also present were County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II and County Attorney John W. Caldwell.

Fair Board members present: Corey Helton Chairman District 3, Beth Quiroz Vice Chairman District 1, Kenyon Burns District 1, Nancy Riley District 2, Greg Massey District 2, Terry Criswell District 3, Kathy Welborn District 4.

Fair Board members not present: Marcia Shubert District 4, Marcy Butts District 5, Silvio Cervantes District 5

Manager Gallagher introduced Jake Crumb the new general manager for Spectra.

Chairman Fulfer made comments concerning the goals for the meeting, and the goals that he would like to see for the fair board, the fair and rodeo, and Spectra. He stated for this meeting, we would like to accomplish establishing who is going to be responsible for what. We are going to let every Commissioner and fair board member speak.

Chairman Fulfer stated for the fair I would like to see more involvement from the children in each town. He stated I think we should set a goal of a 1 million dollar livestock sell. The contracts should be the responsibility of Spectra, but the ideas should come from the Fair Board.

Vice Chairman Black stated he feels the decisions should be made by the fair board but the contracts and the business aspect of things should be handled by Spectra. I believe that will free up more time for the fair board to concentrate on the family oriented aspects of the fair.

Commissioner Dunlap stated I would like to see the fair more focused on the kids. He stated I would like to see the fair board more involved with the kids and I would like to see more communication with the community.

Commissioner Britton stated communication is the key. We need to have policies and procedures in place. I feel there should be a better line of communication.

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Commissioner Long stated everyone learned a lot this last year. I agree with the other commissioners. I would like to see everyone more involved with the 4H clubs and the FFA.

Chairman Helton stated I would like to applaud Spectra they did an awesome job and I think they can be an asset. If Spectra is taking care of the contracts, concerts, and the vendors this will give us more time to be more involved with the kids.

Kathy Welborn stated I would like to see more participation, with the kids and going into the schools, the 4H clubs and the FFA. I would like to see more queen participants from more communities. I feel like we could reach more kids if we go to the schools.

Terry Criswell stated our money goes to the kids. We would like to do more this year than we have in the past.

Beth Quiroz stated I would like to go into the schools and get more kids involved. We need to educate the kids about what the 4H programs are about, they are more than just animals maybe that would help to get more of them involved. She stated I like the idea of working with Spectra. They help us get things done.

Kenyon Burns stated I think our relationship with Spectra should be going to Spectra and telling them what we want and having them pick a path for us. I think we should be receptive to their ideas as well, and have a working relationship.

Nancy Riley stated without leadership we are not going to get anywhere, and I feel we need to also involve the families. We should all work together; Spectra is a great idea and they are working with the fair I think we should make sure the community knows this is a positive change and the fair board is on board with this change.

Greg Massey stated if we could get clarity I think this will run smoother. Chairman Fulfer asked what he feels Spectra's role and the fair boards role should be on the rodeo. Mr. Massey stated needs to get involved with conventions first that is a good place to start. Chairman Fulfer asked what about the management of the rodeo. He stated I think that is what we need to clarify.

Chairman Fulfer stated I think our first goal is to find out who is responsible for what. We are going to need to have a few meetings to establish everything we need to on this with policies and procedures. Chairman Fulfer asked Manager Gallagher to recap the basic goals.

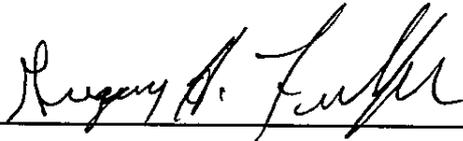
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Manager Gallagher stated some of the reoccurring themes were to improve communication between the Fair Board, the commission, and the management company. We will continue these meetings until we get some of the specifics outlined, and the outlines will be incorporated into an amendment with a management agreement with Spectra. We would like to specify what group would be responsible for what. Mainly we are hearing that Spectra would be responsible for the contracts and the Fair Board offering the direction. There has also been a goal of 1 million dollar livestock sale.

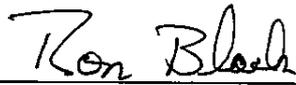
The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

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Gregory H. Fulfer, Chairman



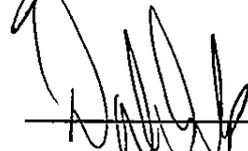
Ron Black, Vice Chairman



Rebecca Long, Member



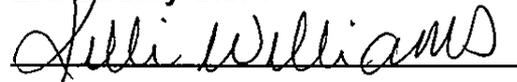
James H. Britton, Member



Dale Dunlap, Member

ATTEST: Pat Chappelle

Lea County Clerk



Kelli Williams

