

Torrance County Fair Board

Meeting Minutes

6.11.24

Present: Marcie Wallin (MW), Johnny Perea (JP), Albert Chavez (AC), Kyria Encinias (KE), Patrick Riley (PR), Martha Smith (MS; Admin Asst)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

2. Roll Call

All members listed above were present.

3. Changes to Agenda

Agenda was approved as written.

MOTION to approve agenda as presented by Johnny Perea, second by Albert Chavez. **MOTION PASSED**

4. Public Comment and Communications

None

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from 5/14/24 Regular Meeting

MOTION to approve minutes as presented by Johnny Perea, second by Kyria Encinias. **MOTION PASSED**

6. Approvals

A. 2024 Fair Book-Torrance County Fair Booster and Pee Wee Shows-Discussion and possible action regarding correcting information in the 2024 Fair Book for the Booster and Pee Wee livestock shows, as approved at May 14, 2024 Fair Board Meeting.

Discussion:

MW- And it's already been discussed and approved, but it was omitted in the proposed fair book that was online. It needs to state in the fair book that the Booster and Pee Wee replaced the open shows. And either females or non-intact males can be shown in those classes. Each of those classes will follow the regular specie class in the schedule. That's my thoughts on what we need to do.

JP-So, we no longer have an open show, or it's just going to be open/Pee Wee?

MW-So booster is four to seven, so that would be, and then the Pee Wee is...

MS-Booster is four and under.

PR-Four and under. Pee Wee five to seven.

MW-Five to seven. Is that how the discussion was, when we talked about it in the... And so, the Pee Wees, they're not 4H, they're not in 4H. And then the 8-year-old doesn't need to be.

JP-Pee Wees or boosters are not 4H, right?

PR-They don't have to be.

JP-I mean as far as that goes, I mean, even the 8-year-old, if they choose to do it, the way our rules are now, they don't have to be right?

MW-Correct. The 8-year-old does not have to be a 4H kid. But they are in the Novice. The 8-year-old's a novice

JP-How exactly do we change the fair book to read?

MW-Martha, do you have it or do you want me to?

KE-There it is. It says, Booster-4 years old and under, Pee Wee-5 to 7 years old, Novice-8 to 11 years old. Exception, first time 8-year-old exhibitors are exempt from 4H membership. Junior-12 to 13 years old, Senior-14 to 19 years old.

JP- And we changed that because, I guess, there wanted to be a more definition as far as age groups and kind of dividing them right as far as where the break is?

MW-Yes, we defined the age limit, getting the 8-year-old in the correct category, which moved the 8-year-olds into the...

JP-Right, that moved the 8-year-olds, and I get that one. Right. But as far as, so the boosters are what we defined as four years and under and Pee Wee's would be...

KE-Five to seven.

MW- Does that cover, in our previous discussion, we used to just have the Booster show and then the open show, correct? In the past? So, does that, does that, if we were to, somehow like this, does that cover?

PR- Yes, so the way it reads right now, let me just. Booster 4 and under, Pee Wee 5 -7 Show Classes. The show will follow the standard market show rules, except for the following: Parents may assist children with handling their animal in the ring; animals must be entered at tag-in; no entry will be accepted at fair check-in; these classes do not participate in the Torrance County bred market class; these classes do not have a showmanship class; these classes do not go, are not eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale. What else do we need to add, just that the animals that are shown in these classes can be either sex?

JP- So those shows we'll be after, we'll have a Pee Wee show and a Booster show, right?

PR-Yeah, Booster then Pee Wee, sorry.

JP-So, I mean, this is just, but are we still doing a buckle for, an open buckle for all the species?

KE-Yea

MW- So, well, when you...

AC-I thought we had talked about just giving ribbons or something like that.

MW-We do, we just give ribbons for the Pee Wee and the Booster.

KE-And the Open has buckles.

MW-And the Open in the past has that buckle, so that would obviously affect your buckle.

JP-So, would we do away with that buckle? Or what do we do, I mean?

MW-You're either going to have to do away with the Open buckle or give a Pee Wee buckle and a Booster buckle, which many years ago they gave a booster buckle, like before we cut it out.

KE-We've already done the buckle paperwork and all that.

MW-So we, no, we can't do any more. We can do less. We can do less. We just, so we can omit the Open buckle and do the rosettes for the few Boosters. What we've always done in the past for the boosters, what we call the boosters.

JP- I'm okay with that. It's just our discussion from a couple of years ago was that we wanted to continue to give an Open buckle for all species. Just because it did encourage, we were still trying to encourage participation. So, if we do away with it, I'm okay with that. They just understand that it's going to go away.

MW-I mean the other option is, but you can't do that. So never mind.

KE-Why can't we do Pee Wee buckles in place of Open buckles and Booster just stay the bucket and ribbons rosettes that we've always done. Pee Wee's could just be the new open.

MW-Yes, that would work. Switch the Open to Pee Wee. And then the booster is the youngest age group, like in the past.

KE-And just a bucket

MW-That way it doesn't, it doesn't affect them.

JP- Well, after further thinking, I don't think, I don't think we should have changed it. I think we should have left it as open, and had an open show, and those, even those little ones could decide where they want to show. And then the ones that just went into the Pee Wee Deal had a show at the end and, and after the show. I mean, I think it gives more legitimacy to trying to get those kids to understand ownership and so forth prior to age, whatever age they are, and then we were still serving the purpose after, as far as just

having the booster show. I mean, with both of those age groups, I don't know why, and I was probably doing a discussion and didn't think about it then, but I have thought about it more, as to why we have to tie age to it if we're trying to encourage participation. And I get it, if you all want to tie an age to it, that's just my thoughts on it.

Public person-You all approved it on May 14th, and then you approved it last week.

AC- Excuse me, do you mind, ask the president for permission to talk before just blurting it out? Thank you, yes.

MW- It was approved, but the discussion up here has to do with the open. So say that again, Johnny, about the...

JP- If it was approved, then we should go along with that. Just bringing it up as an agenda item. That's just my thoughts on that.

MW-So it wasn't until May 14th when we discussed that, actually.

JP-So like even the pig show, which is one of the more popular Open shows, we're not going to do that anymore.

MW-We would have the Booster and the Pee Wee.

JP-After the show.

MW-After the show.

JP- I mean, that's what we want to do. I just didn't give enough thought to how it would affect you overall.

MW- So the way it was, Lee, if you want to go up and... Yeah, but it wasn't...

Lee Widner- wasn't... I know now is not the time for public comment, and I apologize, but I was just as somebody who's had a little one recently in the open show. My suggestion to y'all, take it as you will, y'all do whatever y'all want, would be to do your Pee Wee show in the beginning It's kind of a fun thing to get everybody ramped up for the real show, I hate to use the word real show, but for the sale market animals, and I will say a buckle sure lit a fire under my little one when she got one. So, if y'all approved it, it's not too much of an expense. I would suggest keeping that up. And then I would do the Pee Wee at the end because that's kind of a fun thing for the community to get whatever little ones want to show, they can show a borrowed animal or whatever. Or Pee Wee, or what's it called, whatever it is, Booster. But that's my opinion and thank you for allowing me to speak and I'll sit down.

PR-So, yeah, it was part of the 4/22 meeting

MW-So just read it, whatever it was

KE-Discussion about Open class and gender of species. Why does Open have to be a female? Discussion about age group categories for the young exhibitors who are not eligible to make the livestock auction. Open class will be replaced. Updated showmanship age groups. Booster 4 years old and under. Pee Wee 5-8. Novice 8-11. Junior 12-13. Senior 14-19. Clarify on cattle page that sale slots for the division could not be granted at the discretion of their board.

PR-So this is my thought on it. Is that we, you know, make a decision on what to do with the we've already discussed and made these changes right. It's number 16 in the general rules that we add the gender that they're not, that animals in these two classes, right, whatever Pee Wee and Booster right are not gender specific and, you know, that we come up with a prize for them, whether it be a bucket and a ribbon, something and then we look at next year either switching it back or adding a buckle or something of that nature. That would be my thoughts on it.

JP-So, I'm not going to, that's fine. So, what are we, is that basically based on how this agenda item is described? I just need to add more verbiage and clarify?

MW-Yes, because it wasn't in the proposed book that the Booster and Pee Wee were in lieu of the open, according to the April 21st?

PR-22nd.

MW-22nd meeting. And a female or castrated male were eligible.

JP-I think that should be actually defined.

MW-I think that the sex of the animal.

JP-Well, I make it actually that: a female or a castrated male. I don't think we need to get into bringing intact males onto the ground, or whatever. Whether it be a bull, whether it be a ram.

MW-I agree. So is there any further discussion, or...

KE-No buckles for Pee Wee then

Melita Waldrop-You guys already approved the buckles. Can I? Okay? Madam President, Board, Uncle Albert, Board, Member. So, when we were, when I came on April 4th, April, May, you guys approved the April, and it was just discussion of just breaking it up because Open was sounding more like anybody could come, and that's where it was starting to get confusing. And then you guys also changed where you guys removed some of the cattle, which were 2-year-olds. I don't know if that got removed, but that's how the discussion started with the Opens, was having it go from Open to different classes, and that's how the discussion started. There was approval to leave it, the buckles for... the Boosters were just gonna be ready to get buckets, and then the Pee Wee was discussed that it would be the Open, buckle would move to the Pee Wee class because they do have to tag in their animals. So those kids did already tag in animals today, or, you know, so they are taking care of those animals in the barn, they're not eligible for the sale, but there was an eligible buckle for those animals. It doesn't matter if it was female or male, the judge would make a decision on the quality of the animal overall, and that's how that went in the meetings, I'm sure.

MW-I think that's what he's looking at, is that?

Melita Waldrop-Yeah, but everything was correct, even up to where it was the buckles are just gonna get transferred over to the Pee Wees, the boosters were just going to get that because we didn't have to tag in for a Pee Wee. So those kids are taking care of animals in the barn.

MW-Does that look at minutes reflect?

PR-On the 22nd?

KE-Page 21 does have the correction on the age for beef.

Melita Waldrop-On the beef? Yeah, because I looked today and there was still only females on page 20, 24.

MS-For that proposed book has not been updated because they haven't.

MW-We have to vote on it before that book you're looking at.

Melita Waldrop-But it has been already modified.

MS-Yes. For proposing.

Melita Waldrop-The proposed one from the year before.

MS-The 2024 proposed book that's online has not been completely updated because they haven't.

Melita Waldrop-Yeah, but it has been somewhat modified. And, so, there was, that was in my memory of those.

MW-Okay, they're looking at the minutes

Melita Waldrop-Okay, thank you.

MW- So if we do, if we indeed moved the bubble to the Pee Wee then it. Sorry they're looking into that.

PR-I'm not seeing anything.

KE-I don't think they wrote anything down about the buckle, it was just categories

MW-I didn't know we said we were going to move the buckle from the open. I mean, I didn't know we said we were going to move the buckle from the open. I mean, I didn't know.

JP- I don't recall saying that that buckle would be moved. I think we still called it an open buckle, which it would now be void because there's no open class.

MW-Right.

Melita Waldrop-But why did they have to tag in animals?

JP-To exhibit them at the fair. To exhibit them at the fair.

Melita Waldrop-Then why don't we just do Booster from 4 to whatever. I mean, there's always going to be a booster

JP-We can do that if we decide to.

MW- So it could just state we have the booster class, we have the Pee Wee, parentheses, slash open. But then how does that affect the ages, Johnny, and everybody else?

JP-I mean, everybody has us under such a microscope. And that's just the straight-up truth. If we didn't call that buckle or transfer it over and move it from open to Pee Wee, then we either need to do that or do away with that. Because as it's stated right now, we have no open class. We're no open classes.

MW-Do what Albert?

AC-That's what I was saying a while ago. (inaudible)

JP- And I don't know, based on the legality of how this agenda is written, that we can do that tonight. It's not stated in there to move that, again.

MW-To move the buckle? I mean, we could put the buckle part, I guess, on the next agenda is the only way we can do that, and legally just do the state that the Booster and Pee Wee, as voted on and discussed, would replace the open and include the sex of the animal in there. Would that be the only legal way to do that?

JP- That would be the legal way that we can do it. And then have to put another agenda item on the next meeting to discuss how we're going to handle the buckle.

MW-Yes. So, we can do that. So that's what we need to do, I mean, because of the legality of it. And then everybody can go back through their notes on the buckle part, okay?

PR-Yeah

MW-So we just need a motion stating the Booster and Pee Wee to replace the open and non-intact male or female can be shown in those classes period. That's all we can address tonight on that.

JP- Madam President, a point of order, as you have just stated that, because you can make that motion, as you just stated that, so we don't get it wrong.

MW-I know. I'll do it. I know, I've always, all you guys have always had to make the motions, and so I'll make a motion or the 2024 24 Fair Book, Torrance County Fair Booster and Pee Wee Shows. The Booster and Pee Wee Shows will replace the Open Shows. Either female or non -intact male only may be shown in these classes. These classes will follow each specie show.

PR-I second that.

MW-Then moved by me, seconded by, I guess I should restate that. Martha, do you want to read it and just restate it so we get it clear, please? Read it like? Like I stated it. Ah, okay. Or I can restate it. Needs to state, the Booster and Pee Wee age groups will replace the open class, either female or non-intact male only can be shown and these classes will follow each specie show. And that was seconded by Patrick. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Who said aye? Sorry. Albert?

AC-Aye.

MW-Kyria?

Kyria-Aye.

MOTION for the 2024 Fair Book, Torrance County Fair Booster and Pee Wee Shows, Booster and Pee Wee age groups will replace the open class, either female or non-intact male only can be shown and these classes will follow each specie show by Marcie Wallin, second by Patrick Riley **MOTION PASSED**

B. 2024 Torrance County Fair Photographer-Discussion and possible of Mitchell Photography as official 2024 Torrance County Fair Photographer

Discussion:

MW-And her price quote is \$13 per photo. So, number one, are you guys good with Beth being the photographer?

JP-I move that we, would it be contract or hire or what's the proper word?

MW-Not contract. Approved. Just approve.

JP-I move that we approve Mitchell Photography to be the official 2024 Torrance County Fair Photographer.

MW-Is there a second?

AC-I second it.

MOTION to have Mitchell Photography as the official Torrance County Fair Photographer 2024 by Johnny Perea, second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED**

- C. 2024 Torrance County Superintendent Gifts** Discussion and possible approval for additional customized tumbler cups as gifts for Superintendents.

Discussion:

MW-Kyria?

KE-At some meeting, I do not have the date. We discussed doing an additional gift for superintendents.

There is a vendor that is willing and able to do tumblers customized with Fair Board Superintendent. The cost would be \$30 a tumbler if we're interested in doing that.

PR-Yeah, it was the March 12th meeting, we only discussed that, about that, having the tumblers.

MW-We got the key chain for how much? It doesn't amount to much.

KE-Yeah, 20 something dollars.

MW-And so, I mean, basically it amounts to about 55 dollars for a thank you token for the superintendents. I think it's a good idea.

PR-Mm-hmm, I agree.

AC-What's a tumbler?

KE-A cup.

MW-An adult sippy cup.

AC-Was that motion, Marcie?

MW-No, I did not, I can

JP- I'll move the motion that we approve the numbers as gifts for the superintendents.

PR-I second.

MOTION to approve \$30 tumblers as gifts for the Superintendents by Johnny Perea, second by Patrick Riley

MOTION PASSED

JP-Just to clarify just because I don't want them to get shorted, I understand how much help it takes on the indoor.

KE-They are acknowledged.

JP-Will they all get one?

MW-Yeah, that's a huge deal in there.

- D. 2024 Torrance County Custodial Service** Discussion and possible approval of custodial service provider for the week of the Torrance County Fair

Discussion:

MW-We had the Cuevas girl did it last year and it's \$800. I think they do a good job, and yeah, I think we're good now. Go ahead.

AC-Madam President, I move go ahead and let the Cuevas girls, ladies, do custodial work for \$800.

MW-Is there a second?

PR-Second.

JP-And I just have one thing to add to that, Madam President, just because I know, Randy, one of the bosses is here. School will move up, they changed and school will be started, they said they will still take care of it. Just during the school hours, one of them will not be able to be here. Yes. Is that? That's I don't want them to get in trouble.

MW-No, that is correct and I clarified that with them this afternoon. It's after our job only and they were good with that. Okay.

AC-Perfect.

MOTION to approve the Cuevas girls as the custodial service by Albert Chavez, second by Patrick Riley

MOTION PASSED

- E. Rolloff Container** Discussion and possible approval to rent a 20-yard rolloff container from New Mexico Waste Service/Universal Waste Services to be used at the fairgrounds during the week of the 2024 Torrance County Fair

Discussion:

MW-In the quote, for the last two years, we've got a 20-yard dump rolloff. It's \$560, plus \$60 for every ton over, what the, for the 20-yard. A 15 yard is \$516 and the same \$60. Last year we did the 20 yard and we went over and it was, I think, \$40 at each extra ton and we were paid \$80 extra, so I don't think the 15-yard is big enough.

AC-No, it's been that they have to make two loads, it's going to cost us twice as much. We still chuck it for \$470,000. Madam President I move to let them bring in a canister or a dumpster for \$560? It'll be less than the excess over.

MW-Is there a second? I second it.

MOTION to have New Mexico Waste provide the 20-yard rolloff dumpster for \$560, plus possible overage by Albert Chavez, second by Marcie Wallin **MOTION PASSED**

Danielle Johnston-Yes. Madam Chair, I apologize, but I'm sitting here listening to the cost of this. Has anyone ever approached Universal Waste about donating to the fair, the rolloff container, as you call it?

MW-Probably not in the last three years.

JP-Which ones, Universal Waste? Are they right there out of Moriarty?

MS-They're the same place, they're the same place. They changed their name.

Danielle Johnston -Yeah, they've changed their name, but I certainly would be willing to support any effort to call them.

MW-That would be great if you want to.

Danielle Johnston-I will do that if it's all right with the board.

MW-No, I think any time we can get something for free is perfect. And the lady I usually talk to, her name is Jamie. And I'll give you the number. That would be great. Thank you, Danielle.

JP- Madam President, since I, this is just one of those things since we are under such a microscope, since I voted on the prevailing side of the last motion regarding the dumpster, I ask that we reopen that motion and amend it to read: those rates will be requested if the dumpster, after Mrs. Johnston contacts, what's the company?

Several-Universal Waste.

JP-You know, Universal Waste, if they are not willing to donate us a dumpster, then we go with this company.

Danielle Johnston-Or they might even do a reduced, John. You know, they might give you a better...

JP-Donated or reduced?

MW-Is there a second to that motion?

AC-I'll second it

MW-It's been moved by Johnny, seconded by Albert to amend the previous motion as so stated.

JP-You got it, Martha?

MS-I just want to clarify that, in our agenda, it specifies New Mexico Waste Service who are now Universal Waste. So, we're talking about the same company.

MW-Yes.

MS-It's not a different company.

MW-Correct.

JP-Oh, so it's not a different company?

MW-No, it's not.

JP-Okay, so then I'm sorry, I apologize. No. So then maybe we, however, I guess it would just say maybe go with the same wording to approve them for the rate, but ask for, but allow Mrs. Johnston to ask for the donation prior to approving the payment, or the payment at a reduced rate.

MW-So we have to get a, I'm sorry, I know there's a motion on the floor, but the process is call in and get a quote, and then they have to do an official quote between now within, so there's time to have, this isn't an official quote, this is, they don't consider this an official quote until they do an email, so. So, since you, I'll ask you on that.

JP-I just said then, I mean, just to amend the emotion, I mean the motion, just because we are at a Fair Board meeting, to amend the motion to just simply add or ask if the dumpster can be either donated or provided to us at a discounted rate. Thank you.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION to have New Mexico Waste provide the 20-yard rolloff dumpster for \$560, plus possible overage *if Danielle Johnson cannot get it donated or the rate reduced* by Johnny Perea, second by Albert Chavez **AMENDED MOTION PASSED**

F. 2023 Buyer's Board Discussion and possible approval of purchase of the 2023 Buyers Board from San Bar Construction Corp

Discussion:

MW- And they gave their quote at \$318.94. And that's right in line with what they've always done.

MOTION to approve Sandbar Construction to create the Buyers Board for the 2023 Livestock Sale buyers by Johnny Perea, second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED**

G. 2024 Torrance County Fair Ribbons Discussion and possible approval of purchase of ribbon package from A1 Trophy for the 2024 Torrance County Fair

Discussion:

MW- Their quote was \$1,634.10, And that's a lot of ribbons, tiaras, and sashes.

MS-Can you say that amount one more time?

MW-\$1634.10. They do a good job. They've done it every year.

JP-Wasn't there something we didn't have last year?

MW-Yes, blue ribbons. And I asked for 500 this year.

JP-How many did we do last year? Just out of curiosity.

KE-Not enough.

JP-300 probably?

MW-We had 300, and we ran out.

JP-That's good. I mean, it shows participation.

MOTION to approve A1 Trophy for the 2024 ribbon package by Johnny Perea, second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED**

H. 2024 Torrance County Indoor and Memorial Plaques Discussion and possible approval of purchase of indoor and memorial plaques from Brazil Art Studio

Discussion:

MW-\$25 for the 8x10s and \$35 for any memorial plaques, and those are larger. I don't know the size there.

KE-Who do we have for a memorial?

MW-I don't know if we want to do Perlene Lutrick. I don't know who the memorial's would be other than Perlene.

JP- Does anybody, do you all know of a memorial? So, we have Perlene Lutrick, do any of you all know of a memorial that we need to address for somebody that's been, I guess, for lack of a better term, influential on the fair in the past that has passed away?

MW-That was the only one I could think of.

Public-Mrs. Prather?

MW- We did. We did her and Danny. We did that sign for him.

Public-Yeah, I remember that.

JP-I don't know if he's ever been, but what about Mr. Coburn? He's never done much with the fair since I've been on it, but I don't know prior.

MW-I don't. Is there a motion to approve Brazil Art Studio?

MOTION to approve Brazil Art Studio to make the regular plaques as well as the memorial plaques by Marcie Wallin, second by Patrick Riley **MOTION PASSED**

JP-I abstain as his relative.

I. Porta Cools Discussion and possible approval of purchase of porta cools to be used in the sheep barn during the fair

Discussion:

MW-And we tried to rent them, and that's an impossibility. That time of year, they're all coming back broken from weddings. and the other company had to go to El Paso to pick them up, and so I asked Patrick if he'd be interested in pricing some. I mean, it can always be used in whatever barn, whenever it doesn't get built.

That's just my personal opinion.

JP-Patrick, did you get prices on them?

PR-Yeah. So the one, the most cost-efficient as well as meets the needs, is \$1950. It's a Portacool 240 Jet Stream. it cools 1,100 square feet out to 270 feet of projection. So looking at the square footage of the sheep barn, the hot barn, we would probably need 2.

AC-And what's the cost?

PR-\$1950 per.

AC-Oh I'm sorry, you probably said that.

PR-Yeah, so, I reach I reached out to some other contractors that would that you know deal with government and stuff like that and they're around \$2,900 and \$2,400 so this is \$500 less.

MW-And who's that with?

PR-This is through Amazon. Yeah, if we order now, we'll definitely get them by fair time, so we'll get them by July.

MW- We can't order them until probably the first part of July because of the budget, and that's when it becomes available. But Amazon is an approved vendor. That's the whole problem.

PR-Yeah, that's why I went to them, or I think that's my recommendation, because they are an approved vendor. So the other two companies that have the same size or similar size that would meet our needs, they've dealt with POs and contracts before, but they're going to have to get them on the approved vendor list for the county.

MOTION to approve to purchase these two Portacools from Amazon for the listed price of \$1950 each by Johnny Perea, second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED**

JP- I guess those would have to probably just use the delivered to the county?

KE-Everything has to be delivered to the county

JP-That'd probably be the best.

PR- Yeah, they're the big ones that we're used to renting

J. 2024 Torrance County Fair Dance Discussion and possible approval of entertainment and location of the 2024 Torrance County Fair Dance

Discussion:

MW-I contacted Leonard Howell to see if it could perhaps be done at the East Soil Conservation and he has a meeting Tuesday morning to ask the board. I also talked to the DWI coordinator and she's looking into it also. And the third, I asked the planning committee for the town of Estancia if they were interested. And she said she would also present it at their meeting. The town of Estancia does not rent out the building anymore. They're gonna do some repairs, so it's closed down. And I believe there was kind of a few issues having it at the fairgrounds. Is that correct? With the kids having to get pulled out of the livestock barns and stuff where they weren't supposed to be. I left early, so I wasn't there patrolling the dance, so I don't know what you guys...

JP-I don't think there was issues in either of the dance.

PR-No, I mean, I was there until it shut down and helped chaperone it.

KE-Yeah. We just had to get them out of the pigs.

PR- Yeah. I mean, none of them, I didn't think there was any sort of trouble.

MW- OK, I mean, I'm good with that. After that dance last year, I thought there was some comments that they had ran out.

JP-My thinking, I think it's better if we can keep it there on the grounds. Or I mean, I don't want to have a problem with the soil and water building, because it's right there. I don't think you want to get it any further away because that doesn't really make it as part of the fair. It seemed like the kids liked it in the showing. It's not the best dance floor.

MW-I think they did. Deb and Kaycee, didn't you?

Debby Maberry-We were there. There was no problem.

MW-Weren't you guys, I mean, the 4H, would one of you get up and explain what you guys normally do for that? I don't know. Are there any of you guys? Please. Thank you.

Kaycee Chavez-So normally at the dance we bring a speaker, we put it in the show barn. The kids come and go, I think it's the easiest because they can get over the fence or walk through the fence and they join the songs that they want to and they're not rushing outside either. I don't think we had any problems. I was there start to finish. The 4H office bought hot dogs, chips, and then we take a donation of drinks and we feed whoever shows up a meal, and it involves the town kids plus the fair kids. But they always ask for it. But it doesn't cost anything.

JP-When do you typically do it?

PR-It was Wednesday night last year, right?

Kaycee Chavez-We did it Thursday night. We always do it Thursday night because Friday night's the sale. PR- Yeah. Just speaking from the school part of it, there were so many kids that showed up that weren't associated with the fair, like from Moriarty Middle School and different schools and had positive feedback from it, I think it was a good exposure for us.

MW-Is the 4H gonna, are you interested in doing it this year or I don't know, is that, I'm sorry I didn't mean to put you on the spot, I mean you guys are planners, I didn't know if you already plan on it. You don't have to say it right now.

PR-There's no FFA teachers around?

KE-There are at an FFA teachers conference.

Kaycee Chavez-We don't mind to, I don't know.

JP-I mean I don't know if you want to take it on, it was just here so.

Kaycee Chavez-Like I don't mind to put the speaker and play music and I regulate what music is played, just so you know. But I don't know necessarily that we would need to feed them. Because they usually all come pretty good to go in that aspect. Yeah, as far as the speaker and the music.

JP-And I would help you all out. Because, the Rotary, we end up having to use the Rotary's sound system for the sale the next day anyway. And we can connect a phone to that if we need to.

Kaycee Chavez-I think that whatever speaker you have set up on the top, they just take our cord and plug it into the speaker and record on the phone, and it plays loud enough that you can hear it even outside loud.

KE-We did that last year. It was loud.

JP-It was loud.

Kaycee-Chavez-Yeah, it was loud enough. Sometimes they had to tell them to turn it down a little. But the speaker and the dance would be fine. I don't know necessarily that we need to feed them, but that would be fine.

JP-Drinks would be good though.

Kaycee Chavez-We could have drinks. Drinks. Yeah, maybe some drinks or something like that, easy. And they just get it out of the cooler, so.

MS-But were there not very many kids eating.

PR-No, last year there was a bunch of hot dogs out there. They ate chips, and some cookies, and drinks.

Kaycee Chavez-They ate chips, yeah.

PR-But there was a lot of hot dogs in there.

KE-And then there just ends up being food on the ground, too. Like, half eaten hot dogs, because they didn't eat

Kaycee Chavez-and they throw their trash on the ground, and then we've got to go around and pick it up. And it's not fair, too.

KE-I think drinks are amazing, though.

Kaycee Chavez-Yeah. They do drink that. And they don't complain, either. So, it can be all water or something.

AC-Just tell Luciano and your sister that they're buying it.

Kaycee Chavez-I'll let you relay that.

MW-Alright, I guess that solves that issue.

AC&PR-Do we need to approve it?

MW-I guess so, it's worded that, so if they're willing to do it, I guess we do need a motion for that.

JP-I move that we conduct a dance, or it's not really us conducting it, but we allow the dance to happen that Thursday evening of the fair, starting at time, I think 7, 8?

PR-8.

Kaycee Chavez-8, because the stair show and the upper show run, and then they all have to change, they are girls.

JP-Starting at 8 pm and music being provided by 4H.

MOTION to approve to have the dance on Thursday at 8pm with music provided by 4H by Johnny Perea, second by Kyria Encinias **MOTION PASSED**

MW- Thank you guys. Sorry to put you on the spot. That was a good decision though, thank you. Okay, all right.

K. 2024 County Fair Board Special Meeting Discussion and possible selection of date and time for a Special Fair Board Meeting

Discussion:

MW-This is related to quotes that haven't come in and other fair topics. You guys want to have one in two weeks or when do you want to do this?

PR-So our next regular meeting is the 9th?

MW-Yes, next regular is July 9th. Usually in the previous years we've had two meetings at least in July. I don't know that we've ever had three. Do you remember? I know we've had two.

JP-But what would we need for? Because we can't do anything until July 1 anyway.

MW-Right, but we have to have all the requisitions in ready.

JP-So, we need to do additional action on top of what we did tonight?

MW-Well, there's...we already did the banners. I don't have...

JP-The Portacools

MW-Pardon me?

JP-We did the Portacools. We did the dumpster

MW- We did Mountainair Gustin already for the wheelbarrows and stuff. Beth Mitchell, Molly's, Corriente's, Sandbar is the sign. Prudential, I don't think I put Prudential on here.

JP-Well, I mean, I guess we can actually approve one, and if there's no need to have one, that's up to you. right so would it be it would it be best to have it if we needed to decide right after the 1st of July, Marcie, since we then have purchasing authority or before that?

MW- I think we should do it before because how, so you can't submit any purchase orders in June they can be submitted July 1st and she gets entire county's on July 1st So, last year, I don't know, it was July 1st, probably when you submitted them. I don't have the exact date in front of me.

PR-So, would you be looking at the week of the 24th through the 28th? Yeah. Two weeks from now?

MW-Yes.

PR-So, I mean, you can have a quorum without me, but I'll be out most of that week. I can do the 24th or the 25th, but then the rest of that week I'm gone.

MW-I could do either of those two because if we wait till nobody want to do it on the 2nd of July and if we wait to the 16th that's really hard to get the requisition submitted because it takes them a week to approve it and on a good day.

PR-Does anybody have anything on the 24th, could we all meet that day?

MW-Albert and Johnny, are you guys available on either of those?

PR-Madam Chair, I make a motion that if needed, we hold a special meeting on the 24th of June.

MW-And the time, I'm sorry?

PR-At our regular time of 6:30.

MOTION to have a special meeting June 24th at 6:30pm by Patrick Riley, second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED**

7. Discussion

A. Announcer for Livestock Shows

MW-Kyria, you usually get an announcer for the shows.

KE-She's willing to do it, I've asked if you guys want her to do it.

MW-The same from last year. I think she does a good job.

B. Livestream Fair Technician

MW-And the live stream. What are there?

KE-Yes.

MW-OK. All right, you'll take care of those two things. OK.

C. Oldtimers Day Parade Judges

MW-We need three judges.

KE-We're doing that stuff.

MW-Yes, we're doing the judges for the Oldtimers Days, as well as the plaques.

PR-What day is that?

MW-The Estancia Valley Planning Committee is putting on...

KE-July, I'm pretty sure 27th.

PR-I'll be at a rodeo.

KE-I'm sure you will.

MW-I'll find one judge. Can you find a judge?

KE-Sure

JP-Just as a... Not to put anybody on the spot. I see three ladies sitting right there in a row, but looking back, would any of you all have any interest, I mean I hope I'm not overstepping anybody's, would you all be interested?

KE-I don't know, Deb, would that be a conflict for you? On any of the...

Debby Maberry-I wasn't really playing attention, so what was it, about?

MW-Are you Facebooking?

KE-I don't know if any of the entrants would be 4H, is all I'm saying. I don't know if that would be a conflict for you, but.

Debby Maberry-It probably would be.

KE-It probably would be. Are you other two ladies interested? Not that one. Then that means the other one's not. Nice try, Johnny.

Danielle Johnston? Could you confirm for me the date of the parade of the animals? The pet parade.

MW-The pet parade.

Danielle Johnston-What day is that?

MW-Let's look at a schedule.

Danielle Johnston-Is it Friday of the fair?

JP-That Friday morning still right?

Danielle Johnston- We want it to be the same this year. So, it's the Friday at fair?

MW&PR-Yes.

KE-What time is it? 10 o'clock.

MW-August 9th.

Danielle Johnston- I'm flattered, Mr. Perea. I'm sure, as Ms. Douglas says, but I think that we better, listen, when you hear the state of the pet parade, I don't know what to do.

MW-It's gonna be great, it's gonna be great

Danielle Johnston-You might have second thoughts.

KE- Albert, are you gonna have a shade there again?

AC-Yes.

KE-Because if not, they cook their brains out, sitting there.

AC-Don't go scare them.

KE-Oh, sorry. They already said no.

AC-They already said no, but they might change their mind. Danielle said she could maybe convince them.

Public member-No, we're flattered, but it's no.

MW-If you can get one judge, I'll get two.

KE-Ok.

MW-Andy? No.

D. Rodeo Arena Soil Condition

MW- And I know Johnny always gets it ready for any event we have there, But I think, I mean, this is just my thought, if you and Patrick can kind of get together on maybe what kind of amendments need to be made to it and see if it's something the county has in their stockpile that could be added to make it a safer.

JP-It needs more sand, especially in that one corner. And I've talked to Leonard about, I just asked him if he had any back halls coming from anywhere that would be maybe empty, that we could use some more. In general, we could use some more sand, just to mix in there, it would just make the footing better. But I have talked to Leonard and he's working on it. And I mean, I'll ask him in fact if he could actually bring us some belly dumps and put in there. So, if they can just get it kind of leveled with the grader, then once we plow it and work it in.

PR-Yeah. Whatever date that is, let me know. And then I can even bring a ripper, rip it first, and then put the sand on top, and then turn it all together.

MW-Are you guys good with taking care of that?

JP-Yea, we'll work on it.

PR-Yeah, I can bring our ripper, tractor, and whatever.

MW-OK. Thank you, guys.

JP-And, you know, depending on what the weather does, I mean, we'll just have to keep on top of that. But, you know, we may need some truckloads of water in there once we get closer to the day.

PR-Yeah, I mean, worst case scenario, we have a water trailer set up for our arena and we can bring it.

JP-The county will bring it. They've got some brand new water trucks now. They'll bring it, we just need to give them some notice. So, of course, at that time of the year, I hope we definitely can have a good event there, but, you know, hopefully we get the rain also.

KE&PR-Mmmhmm.

MW-Thank you both for taking care of that.

E. Fair Entertainment

MW-I've contacted the mounted shooters, and we had them before. Willow came in and did the deal. And they have a 2-hour show they can do, which includes a grand entry, a shoot-out contest. I have to get approval from Janice. It's black powder. It only goes 20 feet. And like she said, make sure it's okay, even though you had it one year. Are you guys good with that? Have it on some night of the fair, like Wednesday or Thursday night of the fair?

KE-Not Thursday, we have the dance Thursday.

MW-Yeah. I mean, we could still have an adult thing for the city people.

F. Administrative Assistant Job Posting

No record of discussion.

G. Torrance County Fair Advertising

No record of discussion.

H. Fair Board Reports

a. Chair

No record of discussion.

b. Vice-Chair

No record of discussion.

c. Members

No record of discussion.

8. Announcement of the next Regular Fair Board Meeting: July 9, 2024, 6:30 pm

9. Adjourn

No record of motion.