# **Torrance County Fair Board**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

# 7.2.24

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

1. Call to Order Meeting was called to order.

#### 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

Sherry Marin-I'm pretty sure I was first, so I'll just climb on up here. My name is Sherry Marin, and the comments I have are not gonna make a lot of sense because the person who needed to hear them isn't here. But the first thing I heard in some earlier meetings about maybe having a ceremony for ribbon-cutting for the new facilities. And I didn't know if that actually went anywhere. And I would say the Farm Bureau would be willing to buy a couple of cakes or something and bring the utensils and such so you guys can do that. It won't be anything fancy. It'll just be a couple of Costco cakes, maybe a white and a chocolate and in that way you can have some kind of ribbon-cutting just to kind of kick off having this dedication for the new construction and maybe you're not there yet. I know you've been so busy with fair stuff you haven't been able to talk about the other thing. And thinking back with that I wanted to I was wondering if there was going to be anything special for the outgoing fair board members. Because I think the fair board you have now is so great and they really need to be acknowledged. The ones that are stepping down need to be acknowledged for their years of service and hard work. And again, Farm Bureau would be perfectly willing to kick in to help for that because we think, you know, we can't do this fair without you and we appreciate the work you put into it. And then the third thing I wanted to say is last year my company paid for advertising for the back page of the paper and I was just wondering if you had any kind of flyer or condensed schedule that I could use to put on the app and that was it. Thank you very much. MW-Do you want to rephrase your question?

Sherry Marin-The first thing I asked was, I heard conversations earlier in the year about a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the end of the fair. And then I thought, the Farm Bureau, we thought that there should be something special for the outgoing board members and so we'd be willing to pay for the cakes and get the paper plates and utensils and that to honor those people that are not going to be coming back because we've done such a good job. So that's what you missed.

Public Member-Okay, so if I may, I spoke with Ms. Maberry about, and I've spoken with Madam Chairman about an appreciation dinner after the show season is over, when everybody has some time to settle down November or late October. so let's get together and the three of us and make that happen.

MW-Thank you. Deb Maberry?

Deb Maberry-Debby Maberry Torrance County Cooperative Extension Service, County Program Director. I just wanted to mention that we're going to have a meeting next week with the 4H County Council about doing the fair barbeque. So, I'll let you know after we make what decision. I've got quotes in the work already and stuff like that. Okay. So, I just wanted to give you a heads up.

MW-Thank you, Deb.

Debby Maberry-Plus the appreciation here too.

MW-All right, very good. Thank you, Deb. Debby Maberry-Thank you.

# 5. Approvals

A. 2024 Torrance County Fair Booster and Pet Parade Prizes-Discussion and possible approval of purchasing prizes for the Booster and Pet Parade show from Staples

Discussion

MW-Kyria? Kyria has put together a list of very nice items for these prizes. They're in the goodie bags. They're for little kids. And they are one of the county vendors, so.

KE-Snack items, drinks, things like that.

**MOTION** to approve purchasing prizes for the Booster and Pet Parade from Staples by Marcie Wallin, second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED** 

**B. 2024 Torrance County Exhibitor Tags** Discussion and possible approval of purchase of exhibitor tags from Fair Publishing

Discussion:

MW-And that's the company we've been getting exhibitor tags for the indoor, as well as the poultry and rabbits for several years.

JP-This is a typical purchase, isn't it?

MW-Yes. I move

**MOTION** approve the purchase of the exhibitor tags from Fair Publishing by Johnny Perea, second by Patrick Riley **MOTION PASSED** 

**C. 2024 Torrance County Fair Forms**-Discussion and possible approval of purchasing sale contract and release forms from Ambitions Document Solutions

Discussion:

MW- And once again, this is where we get all of our forms. This year, the county has asked us to get threepart carbonless versus the two-part carbonless. So, they do a good job and any discussion? Seeing no discussion...

**MOTION** to approve purchasing sale contract and release forms from the Ambitions Document solutions. by Marcie Wallin, second by Kyria Encinias **MOTION PASSED** 

**D.** Shavings for 2024 Torrance County Fair Discussion and possible approval to purchase shavings from Old Mill feed store

Discussion:

JP-These would be needed for typically the rabbit barn, and then I guess it would be helpful to have some for Connie, and then possibly, don't we always need to get some for the backdrop?

KE-And the sale rings, both. And we usually are short, and some of us bring some from home.

JP-I mean, whatever it is, we have an estimate as to how many.

MW-They're \$8.95.

JP-No, but how many do we need?

MW-Connie thought she would need 20, and I think you usually...

JP-What comes in a pallet? 40?

AC-I think, do 40 come in pallets?

Kaycee Chavez-I think 45 come in a pallet of shavings. No, they're like the normal block size.

KE-I think we use 8 in the sale ring.

Kaycee Chavez-I'm pretty sure they're 45 coming from...

JP-If we don't use them this way, wouldn't it be wise to buy a pallet of them?

MW-It would be, because we do need them for the backdrop and so.

KE-We could, like I say, we could always use more, we just make do with what we've got.

Kaycee Chavez-You get a discount if you buy a pallet.

AC-Or if we would buy one pallet and approve that if we run out to get another pallet or more. Or would that not happen?

MW-I think, in my mind, I mean, we've usually gotten, what, 20 before maybe, maybe a pallet, and made do, so I whatever you guys, whatever you guys think?

JP- I move, Madam President, I move that we purchase a pallet of the large blade shavings from Old Town for use during, for several things at the County Fair but are not to be used by exhibitors that are supposed to supply their own shavings, except for the rabbit and chicken barn.

**MOTION** to purchase a pallet of the large flake shavings from Old Mill Feed Store to be used by nonexhibitors with the exception of the rabbit and chicken barn by ohnny Perea, second by Kyria Encinias **MOTION PASSED** 

E. Meals for 2024 Torrance County Fair Superintendents and Judges Discussion and possible approval of purchase of meals from El Ranchito Food Truck and Twisted T's food truck for the 2024 Superintendents and judges

Discussion:

MW-This is who we bought them for for last year.

KE-And they love it.

JP-So what do they, like do we have to have a check prepared for them beforehand, or?

PR-I know Twisted T's allows you to input, like they build a, like a tab.

MW-We give them tickets, the superintendents tickets, and then they turn them in, and then we accumulate.

KE-They have a meal, like, amount they can spend with the ticket.

MW-Any further discussion?

**MOTION** to approve the purchase of meals from El Ranchito Food Truck and Twisted T's food truck for 2024 superintendents and judges by Johnny Perea, second by Patrick Riley **MOTION PASSED** 

F. 2024 Torrance County Livestock Judge Discussion and possible approval of judge/judges for the 2024

livestock shows

Discussion:

MW- So I'm just going to recommend that we list whoever is recommended and then do a consensus, our first pick, second pick, and third pick, depending obviously on availability once we get them in order. And then I would call and make sure they're available. So .

PR-If we know that they're available can we either way to put a check mark by it or yes yeah put a plus sign or something? Y

MW-Yes And so, I don't know, Patrick or Johnny, you want to run the board?

JP-Yeah, you can't read my writing. He's a teacher, so...

KE-That doesn't mean anything.

Public member-My handwriting is terrible.

MW-So I'll just go down the list. Everybody can say what they want or who they want.

PR-Okay.

MW-And then if they want to say what the qualifications are, we can go back and do qualifications after this. So I'll just start with you, Patrick.

PR-Okay, um, yeah, my first is Kyle Kauffman. Do you want me to go over his qualifications now, or? MW-Might as well just do it now.

PR-Okay, he's been associated with, so he's, right now, currently he's a Purina livestock nutrition specialist. He's done Sullivan's Stock Show U, he's been a guest speaker numerous times there, and done a lot of those type of shows and judged for them. He has quite a bit of experience livestock judging and shows. And he can do all species and he is available that week.

MW-Okay. Kyria?

KE- Todd Pinnell, He was an Ag teacher, has three or four kids that have showed all species, just overall experience with all species and kids in general and he's also available that week.

MW- So, Connor Vernon is a judge that can do all species. He's currently a livestock judging coach, so he's up to speed on current trends. He works with High Noon feeds, he's judged state fairs, jackpots, and he's available.

MW-Johnny?

JP-I don't like this yet. My first pick was Clay Elliot. He was out of the Olean, Oklahoma. He could do it all. He's not available. My second pick was Clayton Franklin out of Shallow Water, Texas. He's not available either. So, my next pick would actually be Connor Vernon from Fort Scott Community College. Just knowledgeable in the know about current trends and so forth, so that's who I'd pick. So, Connor Vernon, for number 4.

PR-Is that how you spell it?

JP-Yeah.

MW-Albert Chavez

AC- You know, it's funny that, you and Johnny picked a thing, I had one picked. I called some of my friends up in Texas and Oklahoma and asked them if they knew a good guy that would be able to do all species and that's what they came up with. I said, well, it's just my luck that this happened. That's the one I would pick, too.

Public-I don't know about anybody else, but I can't hear a word.

MW-Can you hear it now?

Public-I can hear that.

MW-Okay. All right. Can everybody pull their mics a little bit closer to them?

Public-I'm sorry. I can't. I don't know for anybody else, but I can hear you.

MW-Is that better?

Public-Oh, yeah.

MW-If everybody would please pull their mics up a little bit closer, that would be helpful.

PR-So your pick is Connon Vernon.

AC-Yes. There was another guy but he can only do cattle.

MW-So, first choice, there's obviously Connor is going to be my choice and 4 and 5, so that would be the first. First choice? I mean majority, not for every, I mean I guess we do it by majority.

AC- It would be a consensus from the board by hand.

MW-So, is there more discussion about any, I mean we can keep this.

JP- I mean I, that's the consensus right now. So, I think we should maybe put a second pick down there in case.

MW-Correct. let's do the same pick.

PR-Didn't you talk to him already?

MW-Yeah, I have but that was a few days ago, so let's take a second choice.

PR-So, I guess one of my questions would be is if, I don't know how to word this exactly, right? But there's been a lot of scrutiny over our agenda and everything. And with it being only on the agenda for a couple of days after it was discussed numerous times over the last couple of months. Do we want to even table it and since we're meeting again next week anyways, if that's, we can table it and then give it more chance to be out there, I guess. That way we're not facing, if there's more people that don't want one of you guys or something, then they can say it. Or that way we're not kind of getting back about some of that backlash that we might have ever seen before.

MW-I mean, I talked to Janice to make sure we're following Open Meetings Act. It was published. So, I feel, this is just my opinion, that we have given it plenty of time, and we're running out of time is the bad part. I

mean, if we wait another week, any three of these, any five of these, I guess there's just three, I'm sorry, any three of these can, and the possibility is?

PR-I mean, if you talk to all three and all three are available that week, I don't know why we can't do that. If we waited seven days, if there's, I don't know. I mean, I understand what you're saying, we're kind of tying up their schedule for another week maybe, like the two that aren't chosen. I just feel like it would be more, if we're going to have some differences of opinion, that we're going, that it may give it more opportunity to be out there more, I guess.

KE-Are you thinking like for us to look into them, too?

PR-Maybe, or just as, you know, that way the, it's out there more, I guess, right, because.

AC-But the more we put, sorry,

PR-Go ahead.

AC Madam President, but the more we put it out there, the more it's going get to where everybody's going to be one with everybody and how we're going to come back and bring 15 more guys to what we have. PR-Well, it seems like everybody has their top choice already.

AC- That's the way I called some good guys up there to figure out who can judge all the species. And that's the way it came up with those two guys right there. But the long run, I'm not going to force it.

Linda Warren-Can I just ask a quick question? Per diem and mileage, and what they're going to get paid, how does that factor in between these three gentlemen? Finances seem to be an issue all the time. If we're paying mileage from Oklahoma versus mileage from wherever, I don't know where these other two gentlemen are from.

PR-Where's Todd from?

Kade Pittman-Todd's mainly in the, he's usually in the Tatum area or Melrose area.

JP-Kyle is from Artesia, isn't he?

PR-Clovis. And then this is Oklahoma?

MW-Kansas.

Linda Warren-So we're looking at two New Mexico judges, so I mean that would just be my input is the budget's always an issue if they could drive here closer spend one night eat less meals and pay less mileage that should factor in I think to the decision if they're all equally qualified.

AC-Madam President, one thing that I don't like is getting local people from here because they know too many people that are showing animals. And people say it doesn't play favoritism, but it does. I know it does. I've been showing for 35 years. You can go to jackpots, you know, who's going to win? Just by who's going to them.

MW-Let's just keep it to the board, Johnny go ahead.

JP-Well, Madam President, regardless of who rolls their eyes out there I have been told off at the fair specifically because we've got local people. I mean you're not going to win, you're not going to win regardless of what you do. I hear it every year, I mean, you're just not, I mean, it's, they're tough decisions and we are on the board to make these decisions. I mean that's the way it is, I mean that is the way it is. I understand where Patrick's coming from, I mean, as far as maybe giving time, but number one, we're about out of time. We're behind the eight ball now as far as picking somebody, and I totally, totally get Jennifer's reasoning because I talked to her and understand that she had to bow out for personal reasons, but we've got to figure out something else now. We're in the tough spot of doing it, and we've been appointed to that tough spot, whether we like it or not, whether they like it or not.

MW-I think just, and I'll just talk about the gentleman I talked to, I mean, he's got, whoever it is, has to make plans. They have to make travel plans, job plans, house plans, and the longer we wait, the harder it is, not only on them, and other things can come up, so I feel confident that we've given the public plenty of time to, it's been, we followed the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Shropp-Madam Chairman, I talked with Ms. Barela. She spoke with the county's attorney and read your agenda into it, and to address Patrick, it complies with the law, and it's your choice whether you

want to vote on this tonight or not, like you said, you're starting to run short on time. So legally in the way it's being done, the way it's supposed to be done.

JP-Thank you.

MW-Thank you, Commissioner Shropp.

JP-And just so as a point of order, where we can go from here or where we can... Obviously, I would totally respect Patrick's decision. So, Patrick can throw a motion out there to table this decision. If he wants to. Okay, and we can choose to act on that whatever way we want to act. Or, we can just go forward with doing this. That's the proper procedure as to how it has to, handling whether we want to kick it down the line, so to speak.

MW-I just want to say thank you, Commissioner Schrapp, for your input. I think we followed up the meeting act to a tee and I would like to act on it. So I'll make a motion to approve Connor Vernon as a 2024 livestock show judge.

AC-Albert Chavez will second the motion.

JP- Marcie, excuse me. If you would do this vote by roll call?

MW-Yes, okay.

**MOTION** to approve Connor Vernon as the 2024 Livestock Show judge by Marcie Wallin second by Albert Chavez. Vote by roll call: Patrick No. Kyria No. Marcie Yes. Albert Yes. Johnny Yes. **MOTION PASSED** 

**G.** 2024 Torrance County Livestock Judge Hotel Room Discussion and possible approval to provide hotel accommodations for the livestock judge if the approved judge requires one

Discussion:

MW- The going rate from the hotel in Moriarty was \$159.99 plus tax. That would be a lock-in today. They can't lock it in until Torrance County submits a credit card to them. That's just the way they work.

KE-So, could you say which motel? Pardon me? Which motel?

MW-Best Western in Moriarty.

KE-And coming from Kansas, how many nights?

MW-Two

JP-Madam President, I move, that is need be, the judge requires it, that we approve to provide the hotel room for the nights he needs to stay.

MW-Is there a second?

AC-I second that.

**MOTION** to approve to provide hotel accommodations for the approved livestock judge by Johnny Perea, second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED** 

# H. Portacool Rental from Albuquerque Tents Discussion and possible approval of rental of two (2) Portacool's from Albuquerque tents for the Torrance County Fair

Discussion:

MW-Previously, we had approved buying two from Amazon. However, Amazon account is not up and running at this time. Albuquerque Tent is very reliable. We've rented the tents from them for several years. As several of you can attest to, and so I called them again to make sure they would hold them if they were called again after this meeting, if they were called this week. The price is \$1,183.93. They're six and a half by four feet. KE-It that each?

MW-No, it's total. Total. Any discussion amongst board members?

PR-No.

MWPatrick, you're the one that suggested that and has been working on the ported pools.

PR-Yeah, so that's, in terms of size and cooling area, that's, we'll cool about 2,500 square feet. We had four last year, and it was still hot.

Greg Smith?- We had four last year, and it was still hot.

MW- Is there any further discussion?

JP-I move that we approve the rental of those Portacoolers for the sheep and lamb barn for the fair from Albuquerque Tent.

MW-Is there a second?

AC-I will second it.

**MOTION** to approve the rental of 2 Portacools from Albuquerque Tent by Johnny Perea, second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED** 

# 6. Discussion

# A. Clarification of Pee Wee replacing Open Show

MW-Indeed, we did review the recording and it did state that the Pee Wee will receive the buckle. I just wanted to make sure that I said I would put it on the agenda is replacing the open show for the 2024 fair. Kaycee Chavez-Who's considered a Pee Wee? What were the ages again? MW-4 and under is Booster, 5 to 7.

KE-We are going to put billboards up, because we can't run it.

# B. Fair Board Reports

a. Chair

MW- First off, I'd like to say thank you to Martha. She has been our administrator for a year and it wasn't always an easy job. It was, but she never missed a beat no matter what the controversy was, who was involved in it. So, I'd like to say thank you, Martha, for doing that. I appreciate that. She continued working up, including her last day. She submitted all the requisitions that we didn't have quotes on for this year. And she did the fair book. She said I was only gonna, that I was killing her. She only made that statement once, so. She didn't hurt. Yeah, that I, outwardly, but I know everybody probably wanted to do that over that. But anyway, I'd just like to say, Martha, I think you did a great job. She's a schoolteacher, and the new school year, it's hard to take time off, especially the first week of school. So, thank you, Martha. I appreciate it. Thank you. Second thing I'd like to talk about, I've contacted a blacksmith that does demonstrations, live shoeing of a horse. and he's a world champion blacksmith. He didn't call me back today, but he is available perhaps some of the nights of the fair that he could set up a demonstration or we could see if he's available during the Gymkhana and have the horse and his forge and stuff there at the Gymkhana. I don't know what you guys think about that or would like to just have him someday, like Fort Rivers did, have a demonstration. I don't know what. I would like some input so that I can try him again tomorrow. See if he's...

KE-I think it's better to have a pinned down time so we can advertise it. Because if it's just a go and come, then he won't get an audience. Whereas at least if we knew when he could come, we can try to gather people to...

MW-So what do you guys think?

JP-I think anything to diversify is good. As far as that goes. We'll just have to understand. We just understand there could be thirty to go watch him. There could be one or none. I mean as far as like, I think the audience will have to be a little bit, you know, the kids might go watch it for two minutes and then they're going to go on and do something else. So, I mean, I think what Kyria said exactly is it has to be advertised to where somebody with that kind of interest would know that he's going to be here. I mean, I'm definitely not discouraging, but like I said, it's kind of a very specialized thing. I just have to kind of show interest and sit there and watch somebody forge something because it takes time and so forth.

MW-Do you guys think it would, so we have, this is going to be my next step but I'll throw this out. The Mounted Shooters are coming to do their two-hour rodeo arena festivities on Wednesday night. I think it's 7 and then we have the Gymkhana on Tuesday night. We might have more crowd one of those two nights that might actually walk over get bored with the barrel race and go watch somebody forging or the same with the mounted I don't know those are just my ideas that just like everybody says might have more spectators and that's certainly what we want that people that not necessarily exhibitors, but just people that wanted to watch something. So, I would just like some guidance to say, hey, would you do it this night? This is what we have going on, and we'll block off an area of arena A or arena B. I don't know.

MS-What do the mounted shooters do?

MW-Mounted shooters are on Wednesday the 7th. They want to do a lot of it when it's dark. Is it dark at 7 o'clock during the fair?

PR-No.

MW-So they might just be starting their warm-ups and stuff and crowd interaction.

Comissioner Shropp-Shoer would fit well with the Gymkhana because you'll have horse spectators there as well so they can come and go and kind of like to say when they get tired of watching the Gymkhana they can go to to the commotion that he's making.

KE-Where were you thinking of putting him?

MW-Well, depending on what night. If it's at the rodeo arena we can use ...

PR-Yeah, so, a place that might generate traffic is, like if they warm up they're gonna warm up probably in that southwest corner so then if you put him where those restrooms are like in that area then there would be some cross-traffic between the show barns and the area.

MW-Block that off, kind of where Johnny usually parks his tractor out in that area?

KE-Maybe if he started at the same time the sign-ups are for them?

PR-Yeah, I would suggest...

JP-Well, the bathrooms won't be open until the afternoon. I was thinking in front of that when you said that. In front of the new concession stand, but the bathrooms won't be open, so...

KE-But we could block it off a little bit away from that.

JP-Maybe in that area, though, because there's a little traffic going back and forth.

PR-Yeah. I mean, if we start him even, like, a little before the Gymkhana class starts, then...

KE-The sign-ups are at 5, so we could do...

MW-And he may not be available that night. I know he is available sometime during the fair but he did not return my call today, but he's related to Dina Lopez, the DWI Coordinator. PR-Oh yea.

MW-So she's got a twist in his arm a little bit. So, I think we have a little help with her.

AC-I think that if we decide, or the board decides, who they want to get we'll surely find a place to block it off for him and make it work.

MW-So the first choice would be the Gymkhana and the second choice would be the Mounted Shooters night.

KE-I would say before Gymkhana, not during, personally, because we'll all have to be with that. I mean, I would watch him do it, if we can, but, maybe earlier that it starts.

AC-Maybe 5 that evening.

KE-Well, the registration starts at 5. So, if he could do it from 4 to 5. I don't know how long he needs either, like what his time frame is, but, because registration doesn't take that long either.

Public-You guys might want to see if he can do it from 4 to 6, maybe, so that way, I mean, even if you guys have to leave, that way it gives some of the competitors that are gonna be coming in to do the Gymkhana, they can go see that.

KE-Something o watch.

JP-Well, not really, more the family of competitors that might be coming to watch, their kids would probably be more interested.

MW- My next moment, my next statement, I'm sorry. I wanted to say congratulations to Deb Maberry and the Torrance County 4H. It looks like you guys did good in the district contest, the air rifle, the rifle, and the archery contest. So, kudos to your hard work. I've seen you with archery practice, not the guns, but the archery, so congratulations. (applause). And lastly, I'd like to thank Chelsea.

KE-Good job Chelsea.

She created some great flyers and posters, so they're really nice looking. Thank you, Chelsea. I appreciate your time and effort. I know you work hard for the fair, so thank you. And that's the end of my spiel. Vice Chair?

MW-Patrick, anything?

PR-Not that I can think of.

MW-Kyria?

KE-Just clean up, because that made me just think of doing clean up. I just need to remember. I'll get it posted.

AC-What's that for?

KE-Clean up for the fairgrounds.

JP-What's the date?

KE-August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

MS-I won't be here.

AC-Good.

KE-Well, you clean up on the 2nd?

MS-I still won't be here. I'll be in Kansas City.

KE-You weren't here last year.

AC-But your husband will be.

PR-I'll be in Artesia.

MS-He's the gopher.

MW-Albert, do you have anything?

# b. Vice-Chair

JP-Just that Wayne Lucero, what's Tom, does anybody know what Tom Perkins Chemical Spraying is called?

KE-TCNF.

JP-TCNF? TCNF. They were at the fairgrounds today and sprayed. Said he'd probably do it twice more before, sprayed for weeds. Said he'd probably do it twice more before fair, and they donate that every year. So, if you all know of them, if you all have business to do with them, please use them because it's a good donation. And it's one of those things where they called me, we didn't call them. So, he got that sprayed. And then we'll be talking a little bit about last meeting and I don't, I hadn't been over there to see if he got anything done. Leonard said he would work on getting some sand in the arena. So, he is trying, and Commissioner, I want you to know that Leonard works very, very well with us to try and help us with the road department. So just, you know, shoot him kudos when we can. You know, he might not get us any sand this year, but I know he tried. I told him if he had a backhaul coming from somewhere, an empty backhaul, and he had access to some sand that we could use a little layer of sand in that arena to kind of mix in there and make the footing a little bit better.

Commissioner Schropp-I'd have to check, but I think we could probably use the county's brush hog if you needed some mowing.

JP-They usually do that. They usually do that. They'll get in there. They'll kind of wait a week before, but they usually go in there and do a lot of cleaning, I know. Richard's been in there working a lot. He was in there today doing something, working on an ice machine or something. So, we appreciate the county's support, Commissioner. It's always good. But if you could relay that message for me personally, but I know all the rest of the board...

Commissioner Schropp-That'll go in my manager and my commissioner's report coming up.

MW-They mowed two weeks ago over at the fairgrounds, and I mean it looked really pretty, so they do continuously work over, and I know he's a new gentleman on the job, but it looks like they're doing a really good job, so. Sorry to interrupt your...anything else, Johnny? JP-That's all I had.

# c. Members

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MS-I still won't be here. I'll be in Kansas City.

KE-You weren't here last year.

AC-But your husband will be.

PR-I'll be in Artesia.

MS-He's the gopher.

MW-Albert, do you have anything?

AC-No, not today.

Chelsea Chavez-Who runs the Facebook page?

KE-No, no one runs the page. It's there and I post what little is being posted right now and during the fair I make sure that our live feeds are put on there but that will gladly be turned over to whoever gets hired for the administrative position.

Chelsea Chavez-Can somebody help you in the meantime?

MW- I think you can send suggestions to her if you want and then, if Kyria doesn't mind, I mean I send her suggestions, and say, hey, post the queen contest.

Chelsea Chavez-I know you are tapped out already anyway. So, I don't want to add any more to your plate. I just didn't know if you could have somebody help you, if you could restrict their access so that they can't mess up things. But at least it could take a little bit of the load off. I don't know.

MW-Let's try for now, if you would make suggestions, give her, I mean, things that you think would be posted on there that should be posted. And if you want to, say, give her uplifting ideas about something that will catch people's attention. That's what I mean. Catchy ideas.

Chelsea Chavez-I can help you.

AC-Madam President, but whoever does help they need to make sure that they're going to be writing things right.

MW- Well, she's the one that writes yeah, and Chelsea would give her.

Chelsea Chavez-We won't let you post then. We'll take care of it. We can't read it.

MW-She's the administrator of the deal, I think.

KE-And they're doing a good job. But I just don't want somebody to come up and say, post something on there, and it's not true.

MW-That's why that's why we'll keep it to Kyria doing it. Okay. All right.

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

# 8. Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn by Albert Chavez, second by Johnny Perea. MOTION PASSED