

Torrance County Fair Board

Meeting Minutes

7.22.24

Present: Marcie Wallin (MW), Albert Chavez (AC), Kyria Encinias (KE), Patrick Riley (PR)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order.

2. Roll Call

All members listed above were present.

3. Changes to Agenda

MW-We need to remove 4B. We just have 4A and C.

MOTION to remove item 4B on the agenda by Marcie Wallin, second by Albert Chavez. **MOTION PASSED**

4. Approvals

A. 2024 Torrance County Fair Judge's Fees-Discussion and possible approval to pay judges, to include fee for judging, lodging, and travel, for participation in the 2024 Torrance County Fair.

Discussion

MW-So, the fee is \$300. Ms. Novat does rabbits and poultry for \$300 and her travel expenses are \$155.59. Kniffin is \$300 and her fee, her travel expense is \$35.64 and that is reimbursement of \$0.67 cents a mile from Torrance County. And Vernon is \$1,200, \$300 per specie. Mileage is \$1,052.70 for the reimbursement and up to three nights. It depends on the time he finishes the last night. So we would need three separate motions, I guess, to approve. Is there a motion to approve Marilyn Novat?

Patrick-So moved.

Albert-Second.

MOTION to approve accept the fee by Marilyn Novat, \$300 fee plus \$105.59 by Patrick Riley, second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED**

MW-Kniffin is \$300 plus \$36.54.

KE-So moved.

MW-Motion by Kyria Encinias. Is there a second?

AC-Seconded.

MOTION to approve accept Kniffin's pay at \$300 fee plus \$36.54 by Kyria Encinias second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED**

MW-Vernon \$1200 for the four species plus up to \$1052.70 not to exceed three nights hotel fee. Is there a motion?

AC-So moved.

MW-Is there a second? I second it.

Before you go Marcie, I just would like to kind of reiterate the fact that I'm just doing a quick math in my head that that's 400% above any other judge because we're getting a judge all the way from Kansas. So, I just want to get that on the record, 400% above every other judge.

MW-Okay. So the motion on the floor by Albert Chavez seconded by Marcy Wallen to accept the pay rate for Vernon.

MOTION to approve accept the fee for Vernon's pay of \$1200 fee plus \$1052.70 not to exceed three nights hotel fee hotel fee by Albert Chavez, second by Marcie Wallin **MOTION PASSED**

- C. Transitional Book to 2025 Horticulture Superintendent Rules** Discussion and possible approval of Transitional Book to 2025 and Horticulture Superintendent's Rules for the 2024 Torrance, County Fair.
- MW-And this is a 4-page document with a... I want to make sure I got that right... it's going to be 5 pages. Instead of doing an addendum to the Fair Book to put this in as the new rules for the 25 fair, which will be in place for the 25 fair, and the transitional piece that the flower, the floriculture people wanted to insert states that this is how it's going to be in 25 they can enter the 24 rules that are in the current book that's posted and these will be posted on the website or they can enter in the 25 with 25 rules however the person wants to do it 24 or 25 rules and it's just a quick four-page deal and it's to bring them up to national standards which is where they want to be.
- KE-And they're the ones that have to keep track of all of that, so.
- MW-Yes
- AC-That's exactly right.
- MW-I believe they give one Best of Show, so there would probably be two Best of Show rosettes for that. You guys want me to look at it, or want me to read it, or?
- PR-No, I'm good.
- KE-No.
- AC-Trust you.
- MW-OK. Is there a motion to approve placing the transitional floriculture books on the Torrance County website page?
- KE-So moved.
- AC-Second.
- MW-It's been moved by Kyria Encinias, seconded by Albert Chavez to put the transitional floriculture book on the county website page. I'm sorry.
- MOTION** approve the purchase of the exhibitor tags from Fair Publishing by Kyria Encinias, second by Albert Chavez **MOTION PASSED**

5. Discussion

A. Discussion regarding FFA events held during the 2024 Torrance County Fair

MW-Kyria.

KE-Yeah, I reached out to all three schools following our last regular meeting and had responses from all the advisors and they're all willing to sponsor some fun time events, probably for about an hour a day. Two of the schools are going to team up and do one day. Every day is covered except for Thursday. So, I don't know if we need to come up with something extra on Thursday or if we'll still be okay.

MW-Thursday's the dance.

KE-Yeah, there's, I mean, there's other things going on so I think we're okay this is just something even more extra, hopefully, and I don't know exactly what they do have planned just an hour long like watermelon eating contest.

Kade Pittman-We're teaming up with Estancia. Do I need to stand up there?

MW-Yes, please.

Kade Pittman-Kade Pittman, Moriarty FFA Ag teacher. Kyle reached out to me, Mr. Metzger, he reached out to me. We're going to team up to do the first day, which is Tuesday. And we're going to do eating contests and stuff like that, corn cob eating and watermelon eating contests and some different activities. And then we also talked on maybe on Thursday just getting some cornhole boards and maybe just doing something like that where we just have our cornhole. I have four or five sets of cornhole board sets that we would just set out for the kids to play with and stuff if we wanted to. And then I think Mr. Encinias is doing something on Wednesday.

KE-I think he mentioned maybe a water slide or some kind...

Kade Pittman-Some kind of water day. So I think we have everything covered really. But I think we're gonna work together with the Estancia FFA for sure on the first day on Tuesday and then on Thursday if we just

have to have two or three of my officers or some older kids come down or something They can do cornhole with the kids or something like that if they want to do that.

MW-That'd be great.

Kade Pittman-Perfect, thank you.

AC-Thank you.

MW-Thank you, Kyria.

KE-So I'm supposed to give them times. So, I told them I would get with the calendar and pick out, so that we can advertise it and put it for the community to know, so.

MW-And the Estancia FFA is meeting tonight at, I think, at five or 5:30. So they were going to confirm what they wanted to do and then they would get back with more clarity.

KE-Kyle said they were going to try to pull something together for Friday, too. So, I mean I think everybody's going to come up with some stuff.

Chelsea Chavez-He's waiting on approval from you guys to say that you can do the Friday because that's where the water slide comes in. I can tell you that.

KE-We're good with it. I just need to give them some times. Friday is an open day, pretty much, so that would be great.

MW-The pet parade, and then the sale declaration, and the sale, and...

KE-There's the soil and water conservation event, but there's lots of time on Friday for something.

Chelsea Chavez-The barbecue.

KE-Yeah, this would be early, sometime during the day.

Chelsea Chavez-Early?

KE-Yeah. So that they can get muddy and wet and then get cleaned up before the sale. Right?

MW-Sounds like fun. I know that kids had fun last year with the Estancia FFA doing something and then Kade had the cornhole contest and the people enjoyed that, too. So, thank you Kyria for reaching out.

KE-That was a joint thing between parents and teachers and Fair Board members, and we just, yeah, we're trying to come up with some more things to do.

MW-Okay, I appreciate it. Thank you.

B. Fair Board Reports

a. Chair

MW- As Chairman, I'll call on Danielle Johnston and Janet Douglas, if you want to join.

Danielle Johnston-I'm Danielle Johnston, and I've been working with Janet Douglas and with Madam Chair on the pet show and our roll-off dumpster, but I'll talk to you about the pet show first. We have judges in place, we have posters that I'll give you one copy each if you don't mind. And we'll be, I'll be working with y'all. You'll just have to share that with everybody. That's the poster. The top sheet is the poster that will be sending around or, there will be, Janet and I will be posting in places throughout the county. We decided that we would have the entry forms at the libraries in Mountainair, Moriarty, and Estancia. So that would give us uniform coverage that everybody would have access to. We'll put posters up all over the county. But as far as the entry forms, we'll have them at the libraries, so that people can pick them up. We used the information that was in the fair book for the names or the time and all that and the location so I hope that's correct. We can change it if we need to because you just have a master copy there. Ours will be in color. We're working on that so let's see. The poster and entry sheet. Ms.

Douglas, Janet, you've gotten the judges, right?

Janet Douglas-Yes.

Danielle Johnston-You've been working on it. And our goal is, we have two already, and our goal is three.

Janet Douglas-We're working on the other one.

Danielle Johnston-OK. So, we'll get that. And that's really what we have up to. We're ready to do the pet show on Friday at 10 o'clock.

KE-So you're doing pre-sign-ups and sign-ups there as well. Either way.

Danielle Johnston-What we're asking, we'll have the sheets out, but if people want to pick them up, if they'll turn them all in ahead of 930.

KE-Ahead of time.

Danielle Johnston-9:30.

KE-Yeah, okay.

Danielle Johnston-Because we didn't have a place and turn them in. Don't want to confuse people.

KE-So, I can post this on Facebook for people, as well.

Danielle Johnston-Oh, yes,

KE-But, do you want me to put your contact if they have questions or would like to...

Danielle Johnston-I don't know whether I know enough about it to be the contact person.

KE-Okay, that's fine.

Danielle Johnston-I wouldn't want to give I mean, I'm welcome, I'll be glad to answer questions. KE-Well, we'll just see if there's any questions, I'll get in touch with you and can send them your way.

Danielle Johnston-Okay, okay, because I didn't even recognize Kade. It's all right, we'll be all right. The next thing I need to tell you about, I'm really proud. I contacted Universal Waste, Jamie Avila. Is that her last name? They are donating their roll-off. That's \$540 that can be spent on kids. And I have to get with the chair and we have to send an email to United, Universal Waste, so that it's delivered sometime. We can have it for even the clean-up day and then for the rest of that week. But they have committed, they were just most gracious.

KE-Wonderful. That's amazing.

Danielle Johnston-Yeah, so it worked. I was real pleased because I was very nervous.

MW-Thank you for doing that, Danielle.

KE-Thank you.

MW-That's huge, so thank you. Thank you, Janet, too, for, both of you, for working on the pet parade.

Danielle Johnston-It takes us both.

MW-Yeah. Thank you. The vice chair is absent.

b. Vice-Chair

Absent.

c. Members

MW-Albert, do you have anything?

AC-No, ma'am.

MW-I actually, sorry, I'm out of order here, but I had one more thing. The admin assistant is still posted. It's been discussed to possibly start, start date would be September 1st, instead of when they, either when it becomes available, when it becomes open. And October 1st might be more ideal because September 1st is right when all the invoicing, and that's kind of a bad time to try to bring somebody on board. So, I don't know if you guys have a suggestion. Janice and I did talk about September 1st, but in retrospect, October 1st might be, it's just discussion only, it's not anything we can vote on, But that is something I'd like to mention to you guys. Now I'll go on to other members. I'm sorry that I got out of order. Kyria?

KE-No. Nothing.

MW-Patrick?

PR-So, yeah, so I've confirmed with them the National Guard. They will be here Wednesday with the obstacle course, the inflatable obstacle course. And then he said he could set up as early as 9 or 10 and then stay as long as we need it, you know, any given reason.

MW-That's great.

KE-Good.

PR-The other thing is, I'll bring the tractor in on cleanup day to rip the arena and then bring back the drag the following day, on that Monday afternoon probably, to turn the dirt and make sure everything's good for the rodeo Tuesday night.

MW-Okay, and if you just get with Johnny.

PR-Yeah, I talked to him, I saw him the other day, and he was, he let me know about the sand, so.

KE-And, going back, I did prepare all the rodeo forms that we've used, because we have those approved with the attorney, so I made copies of those and have those ready.

AC-Madam President, how many loads of sand do we need?

MW-I don't know. I leave that to Johnny. He's usually the one that deals with Leonard, so if you want to collaborate with those two.

PR-We would need at least two belly dumps, ideally two belly dumps. One would be, if I rip it, and then one belly dump comes in, and then work it after that, that would probably be enough. But the other day, whenever I was over there looking at it, I think in the future, we probably need another belly dump pretty soon.

MW-I think Leonard from the county brings that in. They've always donated it and just brought it in. So

AC-So they'll...ok.

MW-So that's, I'd say, if you have any questions or concerns, just talk to the three of you guys.

KE-How did the weeds look? Since they've been sprayed.

MW-The weeds look good. They're going to hit it again with spray. But the first pass was successful. And the weeds aren't very tall yet, so. Anything else?

6. **Announcement of the next Regular Fair Board Meeting:** August 13, 2024, 6:30 pm

7. **Adjourn**

MOTION to adjourn by Albert Chavez, second by Patrick Riley **MOTION PASSED**