

Torrance County Fair Board

Meeting Minutes

9.24.24

Present: Patrick Riley, Kyria Encinias, Marcie Wallin, Hayley Encinias (Admin Asst)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Kyria Encinias, second by Patrick Riley. **MOTION PASSED**

4. Approvals

A. Purchase of Indoor Exhibits Display Cases

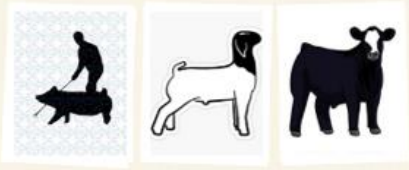
Discussion-Old cases are old, 'rickety', and do not look presentable. Need to purchase new display shelving. Marcie Wallin and Kyria Encinias provided some options printed out from Amazon. Depending on how much will need to be spent, bids may be required. Marcie Wallin provided the information that anything \$4999 or less would only need to be the best price from an approved vendor and would require no bids. From \$5000 to \$29999 would require 3 bids from vendors and \$30000 and over has to have sealed bids. Patrick Riley looked up and clarified the exact policy as stated above. Marcie Wallin and Kyria Encinias reminded that they have to use a vendor approved by the county.

5. Discussion

A. 2024 Junior Livestock Sale Update

Discussion-Patrick Riley discussed that 14 buyers have been invoiced and that 75% of add-ons have been paid in full and 25% of animals have been paid in full. Some checks were mailed this week: 2 full and 12 partial.

Patrick Riley presented a PowerPoint comparing the number of youth that sold zero, one or two lots at the 2023 and 2024 Junior Livestock sales (see slides below). He stated that in 2024 there were 48 total exhibitors (up 23% from 2023). There were 27 exhibitors that sold one lot (up 29% from 2023), 14 that sold 2 lots (up 7% from 2023) and 7 that did not sell (down 14% from 2023). In 2023, there were 40 exhibitors of which 19 sold one lot, 13 sold 2 lots, and 8 did not sell. He also showed the same data in a pictograph. His conclusion was that the change made to the rules for sale in 2024 did not affect numbers and actually decreased, by percentage the number of youth who did not sell and it was great that there was growth in the number of exhibitors.



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- The Torrance County Fair Board is committed to producing a successful county fair. While promoting education and youth development through the science of agriculture and agriculture related events.

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The 2024 Junior Livestock Sale Numbers

- 54 animals sold & 1 cake

Total Market Animal Exhibitors	Sold 1 Animal/Lot	Sold 2 Animals/Lots	Sold 0 Animals/Lots
48	27	14	7
(25% from 2023)	(29% from 2023)	(7% from 2023)	(14% from 2023)

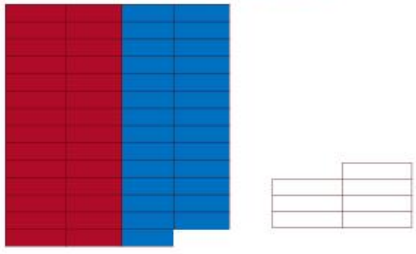
Side by Side Comparison

2023	Total Market Animal Exhibitors	Sold 1 Animal/Lot	Sold 2 Animals/Lots	Sold 0 Animals/Lots
	40	19	13	8

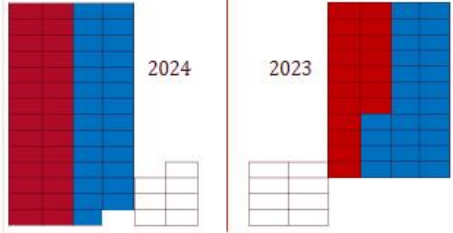
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2024 County Fair Sale Slot Breakdown



County Fair Sale Slot Comparison to 2023



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B. Farm Mechanics Item for Auction

Discussion-Marcie Wallin has talked with 2 other counties that have a Farm mechanics items at their sale: Lee and Guadalupe. If they are 'worthy' of the sale is determined by the 4-H agent. They are items such as a trailer, chute, bench, saddle. It was mentioned that Guadalupe has 124 sale slots. One of the counties sell the sweepstakes winner, preapproved by the agent and they have divisions of Home Ed and Handicraft. Patrick Riley mentioned how we would advertise for this possible addition. Kyria Encinias said our only advertising outlets are Facebook and the county webpage and we can be sure to relay in the information to 4H leader and FFA teachers. Community member, Johnny Romero, suggested that certified judges be used to judge the items.

C. Sale of Youth Indoor Exhibits

Discussion-Patrick Riley said we are checking into the legality of that as an option for our youth indoor exhibitors.

D. Fairboard Reports

- a. **Chair**-Patrick Riley said he just wanted to provide the sale updates and wanted to make the announcement that there is a new Administrative Assistant for the Fair Board, Hayley Encinias, who will seek approval by the commissioners tomorrow night at monthly meeting.
- b. **Vice-Chair**-Kyria Encinias thanked all those in attendance at the meeting for still coming to the meeting. She said these are the meetings that make next year's fair, just as much as the ones closer to the fair.
- c. **Members**-Marcie Wallin said she requested 6 email accounts from Tracy and has not hear back from her. Patrick Riley said he reached out also and did not receive a response.

The need for a tag scanner was brought up because the one that the 4H office has been broken for 2 years and it is unlikely it will be replaced. Marcie Wallin said Valley Vet has some for over \$1000 and there are also very cheap ones and you likely get what you pay for in those. There is a possibility that the Livestock Brand board might be able to help or provide one.

There was a suggestion by the 4H Extension Agent and Commissioner Schropp that they would like to do a 'Fair Appreciation Dinner' to appreciate donors, volunteers, and all those who help make the fair a success consisting of an estimated 200 people. There is no knowledge of who would fund the meal and there was discussion about 4H youth serving the meal. It was discussed that they would like to have the meal sometime in November before thanksgiving.

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

7. Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn by Kyria Encinias, second by Marcie Wallin. **MOTION PASSED**