

Torrance County Fair Board

Meeting Minutes

10.8.24

Present: Patrick Riley (PR), Kyria Encinias (KE), Albert Chavez (AC), Marcie Wallin (MW), Hayley Encinias (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 Patrick Riley, second by Kyria Encinias. **MOTION PASSED**

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from 8/6/24 Special Meeting

MOTION to approve agenda as presented by Kyria Encinias, second by Marcie Wallin. **MOTION PASSED**

B. Approval of minutes from 8/27/24 Special Meeting

MOTION to approve agenda as presented by Kyria Encinias, second by Marcie Wallin. **MOTION PASSED**

C. Approval of minutes from 9/24/24 Special Meeting

MOTION to approve agenda as presented by Marcie Wallin, second by Albert Chavez. **MOTION PASSED**

5. Approvals

A. Purchase of Indoor Exhibits Display Cases-To purchase new display cases for the Torrance County Fair Indoor Exhibits

Discussion:

PR-Do we have an idea of how many cases we need to order?

KE-Marcy sent pictures and numbers of all of them to us. And I think some of them can be combined. I mean, like the style, the type, because some of them are shelving, and then some of them are hanging ones. I don't know how many we want to try to do to start. Because like we said, we could always build on it. But it would be hard to know for sure how many until we use them to see how stuff actually fits on them.

MW-Maybe the only ones you really might know would be the art display. And are they the approximately the same size?

KE-Yes, they're close.

MW-And I think there was eight of those and those are the most...

KE-Costly.

MW-And the most difficult to display anything on, right?

KE-Absolutely

MW-So I guess what would the price of eight be? We have \$4999 to spend unless you want to go out for bids.

PR-So if we were to buy one of each and two of the art ones, what would that be? Would you want to start with that or would you want to start with like two of each?

MW-Let's get the prices and then work backwards.

KE-(looking at pictures) This one is not even, it doesn't even stay together anymore when you move it. It's like in three pieces we have to put back together. So, those are not even usable. These are the ones that we need, those are the ones that we need.

MW-The stairs?

KE-Right. Those hold the most, they display the most.

MW-So if you're gonna, anything that we looked at together, to replace those, it's going to take at least two, two...

KE-Units per each one of these, would equal one of these. Yeah, so like four of those.

AC-Marcie, did you and Kyria look at them already?

MW- Okay, we, we did and brought it to the last some pictures for the last meeting

AC-I've seen the pictures, but it's kind of hard to see from the pictures. But I think you two should decide what you want to do, which ones you want to use and let us go ahead and agree with you guys.

KE-And then this, this style is the kind that we hang stuff for like the paintings and Portraits and stuff like that. So those have to be replaced.

MW-How much are those?

KE-They were like \$220. I think they were \$220 a piece. So, and I would say there's eight of those now, and I mean on good years, they're used, they're full.

MW-They were full this year, weren't they? I mean they had to display the school art in other strategic areas

KE-So maybe 10 of those?

MW-They are \$229 each.

KE-And we have to figure shipping too, that'll be another add-on. They're big items, so.

PR-That would put us at about a half of what we're, can spend without bids.

KE-The other major one that we use is those rolling ones that are like table style.

MW-Will those glass display cases work that are on the rollers?

KE-Potentially they could.

MW-I think we took pictures of those right?

KE-We could. So, if we did four of the shelving style, ten of the hanging, and maybe, what do you think, three of those other ones?

MW-What does that add up to?

KE-Well, it's not going to be over \$4999

MW-Well, we were kind of close with just the ten art ones.

KE-Well, now that would just be right around \$2,700 or so for the art. I would say, because we're going to have to put them in, like an order and check the shipping and the tax and all that stuff. But I would just say that's kind of like a jumping off point.

PR-Do we want to try and get like a measurement and see how many you know fit in that space and then, based off the measurements and the numbers from the dimensions of the old ones, then come back with a solid number.

KE-We can do that. I'll get the measurements of the ones we looked at to purchase and write them up.

MW-And I'll get the measurements of the ones we currently have. Will that solve that issue?

PR-I think so.

KE-Sounds good.

MW-Okay.

PR- So we'll just table that until the next meeting.

MOTION to table Funding for Indoor Exhibits Display Cases, 5A, until next meeting by Kyria Encinias, second by Patrick Riley. **MOTION PASSED**

B. Portable Restrooms for 2025 Fair-Discussion and possible approval for bids for rental of portable restrooms for the 2025 Fair

Discussion:

PR-So I put this item on there with, from the feedback from the survey, restrooms were one of the things that got the biggest complaints was cleanliness, availability, how far people had to walk. So, in talking to

a couple of vendors, we could do a set of two for a little bit less than \$500. He'll give me an official quote if there's something we want to do. And then a four pack would be around like \$700 and some.

MW-Are you thinking about putting them maybe closer to the campers somewhere for the campers?

PR-I would think about putting two there closer to the campers on that end. And then two more where the chicken, rabbit, little red barn are. And then, we would have two where the indoors are, two portable restrooms where the campers and trailers are, two portable restrooms for the chickens and rabbits in that area is, and then the other restrooms by the rodeo grounds. So that'd be one pretty close to everybody I would think.

MW-Something to consider is the Torrance County Sheriff's Department has portable toilets, porta-potties, and we used them the year the water broke. And so...

PR-How many do they have? Do you know?

MW-I think we had...Do you remember, Kevin?

KE-I thought they brought two, but I don't know. They may have brought more.

MW-I can't remember but it might be something to save money.

PR-Okay, so they will do a contract if we have some to come just clean them and clean them out and stuff. They'll come daily and like refill toilet paper and that kind of stuff and then just clean them. So, we can get and get quotes for both if we get a number of how many they have.

MW-I mean that would be... if they'd pump them that would be worth it. Is that what you mean they pump them out?

PR-Yeah so like they'll do both. So, they'll come bring portable restrooms, drop them off, clean them daily, refill them. Also, hand washing stations, if we're interested in hand washing stations. Then, if we have some existing, they can do a contract to just clean the ones we have and keep those up.

KE-Did you get a price on hand washing stations?

PR-I didn't. He didn't get back to me yet on the hand -washing stations.

MW- To put, like, out by the red barn?

PR- So the same place, you'd put a hand-washing station.

MW-That's a good idea.

PR- Yeah, so then there's hand-washing stations and then portable restrooms in those areas.

MW-Well, the fact that they pump them is a plus.

PR-Yeah. I would guess they'll want to see how serviceable the ones are from the Sheriff's Posse and see like if they can use them.

MW-And if they're available, even. I mean, I assume they use them in disasters and so, I mean, it's kind of iffy also.

PR-Okay, so I'll have them work up three different quotes, one for each scenario, and then, we'll come back for the November meeting and discuss approving that.

MW- And then, make sure they will work with the PO, Patrick. That's something to, before you, that's like question number one.

PR-Oh yeah.

MW- That's something to, before you, that's like question number one.

PR-Yeah, you're right.

MW-Kyria and I learned that the hard way.

PR-That's true.

MW-I know one of them, we did rent some from the one in McIntosh. I can't, I don't remember what their numbers are.

PR-I talked to John Carmona.

MW-I don't know the one there by, there kind of by Eastview. I think those are the ones used one other time. Actually, Patrick, they were not a vendor. It was donated.

PR-OK. I can ask that question, too, if they're willing to donate part of it.

KE-And become a vendor.

MOTION to table Portable Restrooms for the 2025 Fair, 5B, until next meeting by Patrick Riley, second by Kyria Encinias. **MOTION PASSED**

C. Livestock Classifier- Discussion and possible approval to pay a Livestock Classifier for the 2025 Fair
Discussion:

PR- So I put this item on there in hopes that I would have found somebody by the time the meeting came, but has anybody else had any luck finding a livestock classifier? You have?

Lee Widner- I talked to two people that said they were willing to do it with me.

PR-Who's that? Do you have any names?

Lee Widner-One is my dad's name, so probably not. But the other I talked to is Mr. Lujan. He said he would probably do it.

PR-Kenneth Lujan

Lee Widner-He's, at least, fair and square.

KE-Lee did you say the other person's name or no?

Lee Widner-The other person, apparently in mind, is an ag teacher. And they would do it, as well, if you were in a bunch. But obviously, it would be more ideal to have someone who's not related to these others.

MW-Yeah, I think that's probably one of the most important factors we've had.

Lee Widner-I know when I spoke to Kenneth during the fair, he said that is something he would be willing to do, so I think we would just have to ask him. Well, you all would have to ask him.

MOTION to table Livestock Classifier, 5C, until next meeting by Kyria Encinias, second by Patrick Riley.

MOTION PASSED

D. RFID Ear Tag Wand- Discussion and possible approval for the purchase of an RFID ear tag reader wand for the 2025 Fair

Discussion:

MW-So I did reach out to Beth and she's willing to help pick one out that's appropriate She was not available for the first two weeks in October to get her to chime in as to what she thinks, but I know I think I mentioned that the Valley Vet has them and I don't know if Jennifer at Old Mill can order them and she is a vendor.

PR-I hadn't had a chance to reach out to the Livestock Board yet. That was on my list to do, and it's been kind of a crazy week with Eastern and all the other stuff. But I do plan to reach out to the Livestock Board and see if they can just transfer one over to us, government entity to government entity.

MW-Do you want me to follow up more with Beth?

PR-Sure. I think we should be able to be ready to purchase one if we can't get one from the Livestock Board, but if we can get one from them, then we'll see if they can just transfer us one.

AC-It would probably be best if we just go ahead and purchase our own.

KE-So, like, after this week, Beth was available.

MW-I think she had some weddings to do. Anyway, she wasn't available to focus on that, but she was more than willing, and, to help whoever wants to quiz her about it.

MOTION to table RFID Ear Tag Wand, 5D, until next meeting by Kyria Encinias, second by Marcie Wallin.

MOTION PASSED

E. Rule Change Proposals- Discussion and possible approval for a rule change to a 'Blow-and-go' for all species

Discussion

PR-Before we move on, I asked a couple of the ag teachers and Mr. Pittman from Moriarty is here, so I'd like him to give some FFA ag teacher opinion or not about opinion, but some information on how that would change the fair and what that looks like.

Kade Pittman-Good evening, Kade Pittman, Moriarty FFA Ag Teacher. So, coming through all three of the fairs, well, all five I guess, all five of the fairs this year, we saw some blow-and-go. At State Fair, there was a blow-and-go, at Eastern it was not. I can tell you that the time preparation and stuff for animals at State Fair was a lot less. I had kids washing cattle whenever the steer show started compared to Roswell starting early, early in the morning, getting them all ready and stuff like that. So, I can tell you that it's a little bit more time efficient. I reached out to other Ag teachers around the state after Mr. Riley reached out to me about it. There are pros and cons all the way around it for ag teachers around the state. For blow-and-go, some of the pros are quicker prep time, like I just stated. Lower cost, so if you're purchasing all of the adhesives and all of that good stuff coming up to fairs, so that's one of those big things. More natural presentation, whenever you're looking at the pros for blow-and-go, as well as less skill intensive. Focus on the animal quality is one of the big things that was brought up to us. If it's a blow-and-go you're looking at the animal how it should be and not just all hair. Okay, so that's one thing that was really hard on me because I've gotten into the game now looking at it as, you know, you can cover up a lot of things with a lot of different techniques with hair compared to no hair. All right, some of the cons would be limited growing, creativity, less of a polished look, and restricted product use. And I can go into more detail, I got all this information from other ag teachers.

PR-Yeah, so if you wouldn't mind, Kade, walking us through like kind of how, what that would look like if it were a rule change to a blow-and-go?

Kade Pittman-So with the blow-and-go at State Fair, they still allow like shaving cream and stuff, so I don't know how much of an in-depth thing you're going to go into it with. With goats and cattle are usually your biggest things. Pig people are starting to pull more leg hair and stuff. Some of them are, not a lot. And sheep, I don't really think you do a lot. I'm not a really 100 % on the sheep side of things, but on cattle and goats you're big hair people. So, when you're doing all this intensive labor and stuff on them with the state fairs and stuff it was, you know, a lot quicker, a lot easier.

KE-So state fair this year was able to use shaving cream, no adhesive?

Kade Pittman-No adhesive at all. You couldn't have cans at all on the fairgrounds. So, I saw a lot of big-name fitters and stuff there, people that I went to high school with and everything that still fit and they weren't allowed to fit. They can clip and they can use Flair and stuff like that on the bodies for the cattle. Flair and Sheen and stuff like that but you can't use anything on the bodies.

PR-What about paint?

Kade Pittman-No paint was allowed. So, it was just really intensive with blowing it in, clipping them, getting them all done and be ready to go. But Roswell was completely different. Roswell was a full-fitted, paint.

KE-And Roswell used to be Slick Shear.

Kade Pittman-Roswell used to be Slick Shear. And now they went into the more hair side of things. So, I don't know.

MW-In 2022, they were no adhesives at Roswell. And then 23, I guess, they changed. Because I didn't take adhesives this year and they changed.

PR-How do you think it would affect the participation? And I know I kind of put you on the spot with that question, but to me, that's really what we're trying to get at, is if it will make it easier. And I don't say easier, because I don't think that's what this is about. But if it will make it more cost effective or entice other families to try different species, then maybe it is worth pursuing.

Kade Pittman-Yeah, I could see it both ways. That's the hard thing, but I, sorry, I don't know, I like the hair, but if you're training your hair and you keep it all the way ready to go, then by a State Fair, if they change the rules again, if they go back to it or Roswell, you still have the hair there. So, if you're training your hair all year and you get to those bigger shows, then you're ready to still go. And for the county fair, if you're just looking for a simple blow-and-go, it takes a lot less time, preparation, you know, if we're waiting for 30 minutes for the fitters to still get everything ready, you can just roll right into the shows. That's what I saw at State Fair they could still roll into the state or the Grand Drive even with 80 calves or

anything like that, it was just, they did all the classes and then they said that we're not taking a break and it's just ready to go. Roswell, they took a little bit of a break before they went in and they were ready to go. So, it kind of depends on that kind of thing.

MW-I think, I mean basically everyone you're going to have to do the work at home anyway, if you want them to look nice in a blow-and-go, so it's not like it's not teaching the kids anything because the responsibility is still there to train it if you are going to go on and if, even if you're not, if you're just going to stay at County, you want to still have the hair advantage that you blow up. I'll just speak for goats because I don't know anything about getting a steer or heifer ready, but I do know the goats, and it takes a lot of work at home, but it would cut down on what you have to purchase in the way of, you know, 30 bucks a can for adhesive and stuff like that. And if you're going to go on, you know, you'll have, if you do the work, you'll have the animal looking nice, the hair looking like it's supposed to and you can purchase those for future shows.

PR-What are your thoughts, Albert?

AC-We have shown both ways. We have shown blow-and-go. We did stay fair for about four years, that's what I was there. The last four years that I was there we did blow-and-go. Marcie is right. It's all at home. A lot of people like to do the glue and all that because they bring them here and they can glue them up. But our steers have always been ready to go wherever, they're ready to go. Hair, no hair. The hardest part was, let's come back to going to Roswell, because we have to shear them. That was the hardest part ever when you have hair that long...

KE-Slick shear, yeah. That was rough.

AC-Slick shear, you start crying like a little girl. Oh sorry, ladies.

KE-And they look like aliens. Let's be honest. They look weird. They look like aliens. Yeah, they look weird.

Kade Pittman-If you keep a blow-and-go, you're looking at the quality of the animal. So, it's straight down to the point of looking at the quality of the animal.

AC-But if you ask me which way I like it, I like glue.

PR-You like a full fit?

AC-Yes.

MW-Well, the glue looks pretty. I mean, they look stunning if they're done right.

AC-And that helps the kids that don't work at home. They can still glue them up and still get a little halfway decent looking calf or a sheep. Sorry...(inaudible)

MW-Well that's the idea of it.

KE-You don't have to be sorry.

MW-What about you guys?

KE-I see both sides of it. They are beautiful to look at and they're wonderful when they're full fitted, but it is a market class and you should be bidding on the animal not the hair, but I mean slick shear, obviously, would never be an option because then you can't take them on from there but with blow-and-go you still have the hair in place and

AC-Another thing is... but they don't bid on the animal, they bid on the kid (inaudible)

MW-The steers at the State Fair, I mean, you couldn't ask for prettier animals and they didn't have adhesive in them. I mean, they all look beautiful.

Kade Pittman- That's one thing that I looked at, too, is on the cattle side of things. I didn't make it down to the goat show. We didn't have anyone showing on our side. And it was on a Sunday and everything. But we made it down to the steer show. And they were pretty strict on that kind of stuff. How they did it was they put the calf in the scale and came across, and they said, if we can run a comb through it, obviously it's not glued. But if it is, if our comb gets caught on it, and there was two or three calves that got caught on it, they had to go back to the wash rack, wash it all out before walking back in. PR-That

was like my next question for all of us is how, what would enforcement look like if we were, because we've been full fit for so long, you know.

AC-For 12 years that I was superintendent at the New Mexico State Fair, all we had was Joe back there with a white rag, swish, swish, just checking everything if they went by, to see if they were painted or not. That's all we ever did with them.

MW-I mean you could set a time limit and say back to the wash rack. It takes a while to get adhesive out. I mean it's not something, if it's full adhesive, that's a timely job of getting it out. So, for the goat show at the State Fair, the superintendent went down the line and rubbed one leg on each goat. Every goat got a leg rubbed.

KE-You'd have to do that. I mean, you'd have to if you were going to make it the rule.

Lee Widner-May I speak?

MW-Lee would you come up to the front, please?

Lee Widner-You know me, I'm a pain in the rear sometimes. I'm Lee. Why do we care? Let me just say why I asked that, because yes, when they're out there and you're looking at them from the seats, absolutely it covers up a lot of stuff, but when you're the judge and you're paying for a judge and they're putting their hands on them, most of the time they can tell what's BS and what's not. So, I mean, I've judged both. Whenever I judged in college, I judged fully fitted cattle. I judged fully slick shear. Honestly, once you put your hands on them, you know what's right and what's not. And so, in my mind, if it's truly about getting more kids, if it's going to get more kids involved because it's less work for them, I guess I could see why we're looking at it. But otherwise, the judge is going to be the one that's actually going to determine what's good and what's not. And so, when they're running their hands across the loin, and they drop, and they drop, and all that hair, and they go from having a poppin' top, and then they're sinking in, they know what's true and what's not. So that's just my opinion. You all can do whatever you want.

PR- I don't know if it's less work, right? Like, maybe it is that morning of, but I don't think. You're still working all season with the animal. But, if we're looking at cost of products and that kind of stuff, or if some of them pay somebody to come help fit or whatever, then feed is \$31 a bag for some kinds, some more. I don't know. It may be a factor, or it may help. I don't know. It may not.

Chelsea Chavez-If you're going to buy the feed, you're going to buy the product. You're committed.

AC-And I tell everybody that if you think you're going to make money showing, stay home. Especially people that buy their own animals. We raise our own animals. Especially if they buy their animals, they're the ones that don't cover it. If you think you're going to make money, stay home.

MW-I mean, to follow up on Chelsea's comment, I mean, you buy the product because you're in it to win it. I mean, that's just the name of the game. And if nobody has to buy the product, you're still in it to win it, so. You know they still look good it shows when you can't use that stuff, it's because it all starts at home and continues at home. Yeah, I mean it's not going to really give anyone the advantage if they don't spend the hours.

Chelsea Chavez-If you're not in the barn, you're not going to win

AC-And if you get multiples of each species, you aren't going want to full fit (? inaudible) It's too hard to do five pigs, six-seven sheep, two steers.

MW- I mean, I like the idea of it. They'll all still look good. They'll all be, the majority of them will all still look good. And, for the sale, I don't think anyone puts the adhesives in maybe some hairspray or mousse or whatever, but I know in the goat department, you don't spend three hours, and maybe you should, putting adhesives in the legs and getting it poofed up, so that's just my opinion.

AC-That's what a blow-and-go looks like. You see the blow-and-go when you bring it in to the sale.

Because you can't put all those adhesives in there, and then it'll just blow up and look good.

Kade Pittman-I was just wondering. I was just wondering, so if we do pass it or fail it, will there be stipulations on it? Like, that's the biggest thing. Like, if you're going to be able to still use shaving cream, you brought up mousse and stuff, but can you still do those kinds of things? Or is it just flat blow-and-go?

Just 100% like no, like baby powder, can you still use baby powder on the goats' bodies? And like Flair and Sheen?

MW-It would have to be stipulated. If you make the rule, you're going to have to say how it's going to be determined. And you can look up, I mean, I think it was Nebraska state and some of the other states, I looked up their rules and they're really not that long it's not like five pages of rules it's pretty point-blank and pretty...

PR-And it varies like because I looked up some in Oklahoma and it varies from different counties. Some of them do it, some of them don't. It's more still do a full fit but there are counties that don't you know so it's not there's not like a real pattern that I found I don't want to mess anybody else did.

Chelsea-So who's going to enforce it? Did I miss that part?

PR-I think we'd have to do it as they go in, right? As the lineup holds like a holding pen. Chelsea-As if you have any more time?

MW-That's how they do it at State Fair, when you cross the...

Kade Pittman-For like cattle and stuff, you have to weigh in at state fair, obviously. In Roswell, you have to weigh it across before you can go in and stuff like that. On the cattle side, and for state fair, they had a comb and they had somebody weighing and then they had somebody looking at the animal before they went in.

KE-So they weighted and then somebody combed them.

AC-For the steers, when they weigh, it's if they make, if they were going to make sale. They take them back and they weigh them. And then Joe would be there, and he'd re-weigh them. But other than that, we'd just weighed them once, showed, and that was the end of the weighing. But if you didn't make sale, you would not weigh, just go home. PR-In regards to products, I think the only way to do it would be list products that are a certain list of whatever is allowed: shaving cream, mousse, baby powder, right, like five six whatever it is, then everything else is off limits.

MW-If it's not on that list it's not allowed and right and then who's going to determine the whether there's... is it superintendent? Is it the announcer? Is it the fair board? All goes and feel a goat leg or, I mean, that would have to be in the rules and I don't know that you want to, depending on whether it passes or not, then come up but the rules. If it passes, the products that you think should be allowed, that's just my suggestion.

PR-Are there any motions to change it?

MOTION to change Torrance County Fair to a blow-and-go show by Marcie Wallin, second by Albert Chavez. Vote by name: Albert Chavez-Yes, Kyria Encinias-No, Marcie Wallin-Yes, Patrick Riley-no.

PR-So we are at a tie without a fifth person.

AC- Like I said, I'll go either way, so it doesn't really matter to me.

PR-How does that work?

KE-I don't really know, because our fifth person is not here to break the tie. Mr. Commissioner, do you...

Kevin McCall-That one's pretty tough, and you've already passed it on the agenda so that it's done. I think it has to come up in the next one.

AC-It would have to table and come back next month.

KE-Table and come back again.

PR-Would that mean a re-vote also?

AC-Yes.

KE-Yeah, we'd have to re-vote.

Lee Widner-It dies on the table.

AC-Yeah, it dies on the table.

Lee Widner-The motion dies on the table and carries on to the next meeting.

AC-Yes.

KE-Okay. We'll have to get him to show up then.

Kevin McCall- Should have voted last.

AC-Huh?

Kevin McCall- Should have voted last.

AC-Should have voted last? Am I that kind of guy? I have a mind of my own.

Kevin McCall-You said you could go either way

AD-You know me, Kevin, I speak what I think. I don't hold back at all. Seriously, the thing of it is, to me, it doesn't matter. I mean, we've showed both ways and we've won both ways. You know what I mean?

PR-All right, so then we'll have to carry that item 5E to the November fair board meeting.

6. Discussion

A. Fairboard Reports

a. Chair

PR- I'll go ahead and start. And then my main thing to report is progress on payments from the livestock sale. So, so far about close to 50% of the buyers have been invoiced. Of those about 15%, roughly 15%, have paid and then checks have gone out to exhibitors. We are approaching past 60 days past the sale so, you know, I don't know how what else other than to keep invoicing them. When I talked to Joanne, that was her thing she'll continue, she'll send monthly invoices. Once she gets 100% invoiced, and it looks like that's pretty close to being done, I'll sort it out then everybody will be invoiced and then keep sending invoices until they pay.

I did talk to three exhibitors who have received their checks. So, checks are going out and they are getting received, so, there is progress it's just not as fast maybe as we would like but there is progress.

We talked to you, I talked to you, oh first, before I get that far, I think it's probably the appropriate time...

So, before I move on to the next item I was going to talk about, I'd like to introduce Mr. Barela.

Would you mind talking, do you want to introduce yourself, sorry?

Jordan Barela-Yeah, absolutely. Good evening, everyone. Good evening, I'm Jordan Barela. I'm the new county manager for Torrance County. I think this is day number eight-ish for me. But, no, pleasure to meet you all. From a personal perspective, I really do have an appreciation for agriculture and also what everybody in this room does. We come from Santa Fe County, we live down in the Edgewood area, but we've been pretty involved in 4H and the fair board over there for a number of years. So again, nice to meet you. I look forward to working with you all and if there's anything you need from us in terms of communications with the counties, feel free to reach out to me and we'll do what we can to make some things happen. PR-And that's the reason I introduced Mr. Barrela right there, asked him to talk right there, is I've been working with him on the county email thing and so we can make some progress with that with email addresses

Jordan Barela-So yeah and we will move forward getting those individual email addresses we talked to Ambitions, the tech side of the county, that helps with those together. So, I'm sure we'll get that done and I will also check us to the status of the checks. You know feels a little bit different coming here where the county actually played that role in reaching out to vendors and actually issuing those payments and, like everything with local government, that's not always the most expedient, but hopefully, I can continue to come to these meetings and for items like that, we can be in regular communication, but I can also bring an update from the county side to the board.

PR-Alright. Thank you.

KE-Wonderful. Thank you. It's nice to meet you.

AC-Thank you.

Jordan Barela-You're welcome.

KE-Maybe we should have Deb to introduce. Oh, Deb, do you want to introduce?

Debby Maberry- Hi, Debby Maberry. I am currently the Program Director for the Torrance County Cooperative Extension Service. I want to happily introduce our new Agricultural/4H agent, Angela Hurst. She is the wealth of information and (inaudible)

Angela Hurst-My name is Angela Hurst. I'm from Oklahoma, brand new to Mexico. I'm learning about, not only the county, but the state and the agriculture here. I'm very excited to work with everybody, both in agriculture and the 4H side of things. So, I have a large background in 4H. I grew up in 4H. I raised rabbits, like I said earlier. And, so, I'm super excited to be here.

MW-Welcome.

KE-Welcome. Nice to meet you.

PR-I'm sorry. The last thing, I did have one more thing. The last thing I was going to add is tomorrow, during the Moriarty Family Engagement Day, we're going to set up a table with animals and FFA's helping out, so hopefully we can increase some visibility on 4H and FFA and maybe get some other kids to sign up or that kind of stuff. So that's going on tomorrow, if you want to stop by Moriarty Middle School. MW-What time are you guys doing that?

PR-From 9 to 2.

MW-All day. Nice.

PR-So hopefully the idea is, like, as families come through, maybe they don't know about it, they can have a couple of different species there and, if they want to sign up, then we can point them in the right direction to sign up.

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KE-The only thing I really have is I got the request from The Ranches just to submit the information on who all purchased and donated animals to them, what animals they were, and their addresses because they're wanting to get thank-you's out. So, I'll get that compiled into them tomorrow.

c. Members

MW-I don't think I have anything, Patrick.

AC-Did anyone introduce our new secretary?

PR-We did last week

AC-I wasn't here. Must have missed that meeting

6. Announcement of the next Regular Fair Board Meeting: November 12, 2024, 6:30 pm

7. Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn at 7:16 pm by Albert Chavez, second by Kyria Encinias. **MOTION PASSED**