

## Torrance County Fair Board

### Meeting Minutes

11.19.24

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

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**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**

PR: So, there is a change to the agenda. The first change to the agenda is item 3B. Kaycee Chavez will not be able to be here tonight. She's coaching basketball. And she had asked to get on the agenda far before she realized she was going to be coaching basketball. So, we'll have to move that to the December meeting. Are there any other changes to the agenda?

KE: I don't believe so.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Approval of minutes from 6/11/24 Special Meeting**

**MOTION** to approve minutes from 6/11/24 special meeting by Johnny Perea, second by Kyria Encinias.

**MOTION PASSED**

**B. Approval of minutes from 7/2/24 Special Meeting**

**MOTION** to approve minutes from 7/2/24 special meeting by Kyria Encinias, second by Patrick Riley.

**MOTION PASSED**

**C. Approval of minutes from 7/22/24 Special Meeting**

**MOTION** to approve minutes from 7/22/24 special meeting by Kyria Encinias, second by Patrick Riley.

**MOTION PASSED**

**D. Approval of minutes from 10/8/24 Special Meeting**

**MOTION** to approve minutes from 10/8/24 special meeting by Kyria Encinias, second by Patrick Riley.

**MOTION PASSED**

JP- I have a question on the minutes

PR-Mm -hmm.

JP- Are you having to put these minutes in this form now? I mean, because these are like every word. And I just feel bad for her having to go through that. Is that?

PR- So I'll kind of jump forward with one of my discussion points. But she's been using, what is it called, Hayley?

HE-It's called Maestro, or Maestra or something it's called. It has a transcription thing.

PR Yeah, some software that's been helping to transcribe them and, on the next meeting, I'm going to request approval for us to allocate money to reimburse her for that purchase.

HE-Do you want to you like them in that format though?

PR-Um, I kind of I think it's a good format and probably necessary to like, you know detail wise.

Linda Warren-I think you better check your Rules of Order, because I think you have to adopt your minutes format, John, you're right. Is it going to be verbatim or just motions and approved. And whichever one has been approved is the one you have to follow.

PR-I have them. I have it right here. So, this is the county's rules of procedure on meetings that we're supposed to follow. I know it's in here.

HE-Probably the way that.

Linda Warren-Do they do the commission?

HE-Yeah. That's what I was going to ask. If the commission are that way, they probably are.

PR-Yeah, that's how they do it. Yeah.

JP-That's fine. Except we never have done it like that before, and I feel sorry for her having to go through that.

PR-I'll double check with the county commissioners' minutes, but I'm pretty sure.

Linda Warren-And I wonder why they hadn't caught that before.

KE-They have been done like this before, it's been on and off depending on who's hired and who's filling in and who's, I mean it's...

MW-It's because they never looked for 10 years, they didn't look, that's the bottom line.

PR-But yeah, this format right here is about the same format that the county uses for the commissioners.

## **5. Public Comment and Communications (Comments limited to two minutes.)**

PR-There was no Public Comment that I saw.

KE-Nobody signed anything on this.

PR-So we'll skip that.

## **6. Approvals**

### **A. Funding for Indoor Exhibits Display Cases-To purchase new display cases for the Torrance County Fair Indoor Exhibits.**

Discussion:

PR-I'll turn it over to you.

KE-So yeah, I looked at several different options and kind of went back and rethought kind of after you sent the measurements of what we do have and found some that I think are very lightweight, yet still durable, and would be easy to store or not take up as much space, easy to move, just some options that I think would be more user friendly. So, this first one would be like for portraits, paintings, hanging stuff and we could also use them for the school projects like to...What do you call those things?

PR-Sand paintings.

MW-Anchor the...

KE-Clothespins! You can hang like a sand painting on paper. You know how they do all of those paper projects.

MW-Can I ask you a question about that one? Do the hooks come with it because some of them...are those hooks included?

KE-There are some with hooks and some without, I went through that too, yes. But then we could also add hooks as needed, too. We could get them at the hardware store, like if we didn't have enough or needed to add more that would be something that would be very easy to do, also. So, that's kind of what it looks like, like a wire with just freestanding like legs, and so we have eight of those to start with for the indoor stuff, but I was thinking if we added like six more of the for school stuff. And this is not going to be enough to like sustain everything and be completely done in one year we'll have to continue to try to add stuff to it but to start and see how it works.

MW-It'd be nice having because the art teacher at school brings so much.

KE-So much stuff.

MW-And it's hard to display and so that would work perfectly

KE-Like this year she had those little puppets and all kinds of things that could hang.

PR-Yeah

KE-And then this style to put like jarred items ceramics that kind of stuff and it's got a little lip on the back to keep stuff from pushing off but it's more like open displays.

MW-How much does it weigh? Just because i don't see wheels on there.

KE-No this one doesn't weigh. Everything was under like 50 pounds when it was constructed because I checked all that. Can hold up to 200 pounds, so.

MW-Probably not that, like, it would get drug, you know how some of the stuff we currently have, because it's so heavy, we have to drag it.

KE-And these should be easy enough to put a person on each side just to easily move around. And then they do have like that corner unit that I thought would be really neat too, to do like two and then build the display around it. So put two in the corner and some of these off of it to make like a rectangle to start and at least kind of build and then we could see how they come together and then what we needed more of or how to... and the displays for the cakes and stuff I think are just a no-go for right now because that's a whole other...They've got to be sealed. They've got to have the glass. They've got to have all of that. That's a whole other ballgame but if we did like eight of these to take out pretty much all of the shelving to do canning, ceramics, I don't know, the Clorox bottle things that they make, just everything, handicrafts, all that stuff. Two of those, like eight of those, I don't know. I mean, we could look, we could still be under the \$5,000.

PR-Yeah, so we would look kind of like a starting, you know, starting point and then see how they work and keep building each year, you know, as needed for the new shelving, making it lightweight. The thing I like about the second option of these is they collapse, so you can take them apart and they'll take up very little space in the back instead of having those big bulky shelves taking up a lot of storage space. So we could tear them, not tear them down, but collapse them and make them easy to store and easy to move.

MW-That would be a good idea.

KE-So, we would be looking at like, probably about...

PR-Right at that number, \$2000.

KE-Yeah, and that depends on if we wanted to go with this style that completely folds.

PR-So, we'd be looking again at like this number \$3050 for these ones.

KE-For those and then if we wanted to put a couple of these, too, we'd still, I mean, we still have enough money. We could have a couple of that style. These are the ones that fall completely straight flat. So I mean you could store those so easily.

PR-So if we added those what number would be looking at?

KE-So those are a \$102 apiece, so, if we got like three of those or...

PR-Three or four.

KE-Like \$3356 without tax and shipping so but it would still be under \$5,000

PR-Under \$5,000 so do you want to make a motion to move that amount?

KE-This is the flat. See how they fold flat, so, there's no storage basically.

MW-You want to, I don't know get a couple more of one of them and get it closer to the benchmark.

PR-You can.

MW-I mean so that you have them this year they might be discontinued next year. And then you have to start all over with a different style. I don't know. It's just an option.

PR-Which one do you think we need more of? Shelving with the backing? Because these shelves, the things we were talking about, have a little bit of backing. That way things don't get pushed off the back or whatever, like for the canning items and stuff. What item do we have most of in indoor exhibits? Or should we get some for the flowers? I don't know if that would work for the flowers.

KE-Yeah, we're not even talking about flowers. That would be a whole other...

PR-Whole other thing. Do you want to... so can we approve this amount now and then if we look at some that may be helpful for the flowers, add to it, or should we just approve it all tonight?

MW-Well, I don't think you can get enough with the remainder of the funds to do the flowers.

KE-To do everything with flowers.

PR-So leave the flowers the way they are and then add a couple more shelves.

MW-I think the flowers, if we get, what really the flower people need is some of that lattice that got put in the dumpster.

KE- It needs to be replaced. Well, it was trash.

MW-So we do need some new lattice. I think you had some help. Johnny had to fish it out.

KE-It had like four lattices left. That's it. It was bad. Yeah, they could use some more of that.

MW-Maybe on the next agenda, we ought to think maybe about...

PR-Purchasing some new lattices.

MW-Some new lattices.

Linda Warren-That's not real, real expensive though.

MW-Yea, but they do need...

PR-It's like \$60 a sheet, I think, or something like that.

MW-I have no idea how much...

KE-I don't know how much it is.

MW-But they only had half a sheet this year to work with. Wasn't it about a half a sheet?

HE-Could you do a 'not to exceed' motion?

KE- I think that's almost what we would have to do because I don't have like, I won't, until we put it in, I won't know the tax and the shipping and all of that and since it is a larger size items, the shipping is going to be, you know.

MW-Then I would have to come back at the following meeting with that exact amount that you figured out.

KE-So I can... Now that you've all seen them and I can go in and put in... I personally would say we do like a couple more of these because those could be used for a lot of different things and we could even use a couple of those with the school stuff to put out their...

MW-Paper mache stuff.

Luciano Chavez-Lattice at Home Depot is only \$22 a sheet.

PR-Nice. For the plastic lattice?

Luciano Chavez-For vinyl.

PR-Vinyl.

KE-Vinyl would even be better, because it would last. Better than the wood that we had. Yeah, I mean, it was wood before.

Luciano Chavez-And the wood's \$38 a sheet.

MW-But Home Depot's not a vendor, so that's the only thing.

Luciano Chavez-Who's a vendor?

MW-Pardon me?

Luciano Chavez-Well it would comparable.

MW-Yes, it would.

KE-Can you find them on Amazon?

MW-Probably.

Luciano Chavez-Yea, you can probably buy them. You can find anything in Amazon.

MW-Probably can.

KE-I can look and if I could find a couple of them to add to this.. could we do that because it's all indoor stuff?

PR-Sure.

MW-Probably not a bad idea.

KE-Okay. What do you... do we need two or three? There used to be four back a hundred years ago and they've fallen off.

MW-I would say three. They put the pine (?) displays on them and some other kind of...

KE-Because they used to be on the rolling door and I think there was one on each side of the rolling door, right?

MW-Yes.

KE-So three.

MW-I think three, if you can. I think that's a good idea.

KE-Okay. So, I'll put it all in and get the actual total with what we've chosen tonight and then bring it back for December.

MW-So with that, you have to put the... when you do your requisition, it has to have the item number, a detailed description, the price, because then they have to put it on the county's deal and all that change, the price will change, but that's how she has to look it up.

KE-Okay. Okay. Oops, now I lost my agenda. Do we really need a motion for that?

PR-No.

KE-Because we'll vote on it next meeting, right?

PR-Yea, you can motion for approval for the funding not to exceed \$4999.

KE-Okay. So moved. Not to exceed \$4999.

**MOTION** to approved the funding for Indoor Exhibits Display Cases not to exceed \$4999 by Kyria Encinias, second by Johnny Perea. **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 got with CNM Pumping, and they are an approved vendor with the county. The county used them before they're on the vendor and list. They take a PO, they meet all those requirements. The amount total, if we get them serviced, if they drop them on Tuesday, service on Wednesday, Thursday, and pick them up Friday, the total cost would be \$1,095.

MW-And that was for one by the rabbits?

PR-So, yeah, that'd be two standard units by the rabbits, two by where the RVs park or the campers, and then one hand washing station per one. And then that would be for them to service them every day that they're out here. If we want to take off a service that they don't need, if they don't need it, or they're not being as heavily used, that'll drop it \$200.

MW-Do you really think we need, I mean, it's not very far from the rabbits to the rodeo ones, and I know you mentioned in the discussion last time that people said the restrooms, those rodeo ones were dirty.

PR-Yes.

MW-So, I mean I think that needs addressed with the custodians if that, if you feel that's an issue, but to me that's not very far from the rabbit people to go to the rodeo restroom.

PR-Yeah, so I was just basing it off of what one of the biggest complaints was from the survey was restrooms and accessibility and cleanliness or a variety of that. And a lot of it wasn't even the custodian's problem because it was the urinals not flushing and that kind of stuff. But I was just thinking if we have one at as many locations as possible. So, if we even move it to across from the show ring, you know, I don't know if we want it across from the show ring but like somewhere on that area and then or you can you can even put it by the goat barn right in front of where the goats and pigs are something. I don't know.

KE-Were you thinking like a male-female kind of thing?

PR-Yeah.

KE-Because they do have unisex ones, too, if we did one.

PR-So they also have, I, this is, it's a little bit more expensive for the handicap one if you want to do a handicap one. But these are just standard units.

KE-That might be something to think about, because they said that we're not very handicap accessible.

MW-Handicap accessible might be a good plan for up there by the main building, just because we're non-compliant getting into the building, they never finished that.

PR-Okay, so if we were to change one of these standard units to a Handicapped unit and then we put kept two standard units by the campers with a hand-washing station. Put a handicapped unit by closer to

the building, right, and then with a hand-washing station there and then services, we can kind of... He said like this is the quote to service it every day but if we, on Wednesday, we're like it's not that bad don't worry about coming down Thursday, then that drops the price a couple hundred bucks so if we were to approve the \$1,095 would still be within the quote.

MW-So is the custodial service that they provide is that pumping the...

PR-Yeah. Cleaning it out. So they...

MW-Are they scrubbing the urinal and pumping it?

PR-So they clean it out. They have a sprayer. They spray from all the inside, replace the toilet paper and the hand sanitizer.

MW-Okay.

PR-So I move that we approve \$1,095 for portable restrooms for the 2025 Torrance County Fair.

**MOTION** to approve \$1,095 for portable restrooms for the 2025 Torrance County Fair 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-Is anybody able to talk or get any headway on that.

MW-I didn't. I saw Lee, but he didn't... Lee was going to find out wasn't he?

PR-I think he was going to talk to some Ag teachers, I think,

MW-He was going to talk to Kenneth Lujan talk to you.

PR-I talked to Kenneth. Kenneth said he's willing to do it. You have any other ideas or thoughts Johnny?

JP-The one I'd suggest is Joe Chavez. He lives in the county now. He's an ag teacher, hog breeder, knows livestock. He's an option, and I think a well-qualified option.

PR-Have you talked to him? Would he be willing..

JP-He'll do it.

MW-Are you wanting a motion to approve one of them?

KE-We need approval to pay.

PR-Um, I don't know what pay for that would look like, do you?

KE-Are we talking about all species?

JP-Last time we did them, we paid them like we did pay the judges \$300.

PR-\$300 to come do it?

KE-We did say every species, right?

JP-But I think it's necessary.

PR-Yeah, I think it's necessary also. So, should we just make it a motion to approve the funding for it? And then we could decide which one later on.

**MOTION** to approved \$300 to pay the livestock classifier by Johnny Perea, 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:

JP- I move that we approve whatever it takes to get one of those also.

PR-Okay. Did you ever hear back from the livestock board? No, or is that Casey? Oh, Casey, sorry. Chelsea Chavez-Not me.

PR-My bad.

KE-I can check with Beth if I need to.

PR-I haven't heard back from them.

Chelsea Chavez-It's Belinda. Why doesn't somebody just call her?

KE-Yeah. She said she was she had a check into it.

Chelsea Chavez-Why don't you call her? (to Linda Warren)

Linda Warren-Well I can call her but the thing is, is that they have an extra one and whether it violate how much it's actually worth. And then if you get into the violating the anti-donation clause.

MW-I think we ought to just buy one.

PR-Just buy one.

JP-We just need to have one.

Linda Warren-Yeah, I mean, I hate to be, but you know how it goes.

MW-It does go just like that. And it'll just be rolling down the hill until county fair time. So, I'd like to make the motion that we purchase RF ID ear tag deal with the suggestion of Beth. So, Beth said she was working on that and then she was busy for the last part of September and most of October so I think she's probably the best resource.

JP-Like to find prices, or?

MW-She was going to find the kind she thought. I mean, there's a...

JP- On Amazon, they're like \$20, \$30, \$17.

Linda Warren-To read them, Johnny, the readers?

JP-\$16

MW-Well that's a lot better than...

KE-What have we been waiting on this whole time?

JP-\$35, \$24. There's one here that's \$159, which probably, I mean...

Linda Warren-It might be a little better.

JP-Right.

Linda Warren-But still, it's not out there.

JP-They're not crazy.

MW-Yeah. So I don't, I mean, that would probably be a good place to go for it.

Linda Warren-I wonder, Chels, does Ran know what kind the Livestock Board uses?

PR-These are the large wands.

Chelsea Chavez-He's slept since then, right?

PR-Mm-hmm.

Chelsea Chavez- Do we have to use the large wand?

PR-I don't know if we have to it's just some of the ones that we're looking at right here, I think that a wand is a little bit better, easier to adjust. Because I did it this year for the pigs, and it was super easy just to, yep, that's the right one. Or no, right, like you're in the wrong class or whatever.

Linda Warren-And how much do they cost?

KE-That one looks like a grocery scale.

PR-Yeah. These are like gun type.

MW-Are they compatible with the 640 641 tags? I mean that's...

KE-That's what we'll have to check.

PR-Right here, yea.

KE-That looks more like it.

PR-Yeah.

Hayley Encinias-Here's one that's \$341.54

PR-\$341? Yea, this one's \$795. The Alflex one is like \$400, also, I think.

KE-That's probably a good option.

PR-Yeah, this is that all flex one is the one I think the livestock board uses.

MW-Is that on Amazon, where you're looking.

PR-No.

KE-It's Livestock Tags.

PR-It's Alflex, yeah. So that Alflex one, with the case, like the Livestock, like those guys use, the wand if \$1500.

KE-Which is more of what we were thinking. But it's something that would last, I mean, as long as it's taken care of.

PR-Yeah, it should last for a really long time. Because there's some like I have one for our tags that are it's you just plug it into your phone and then do it But I think with all the pigs and everything like that...

MW-All the different people...

PR-All the different people so maybe that'd be a pain.

MW-Do you want me to find a company that will work with a purchase order or...

KE-That's going to be what's rough.

PR-Yeah. Yeah.

MW-I don't know that, I mean, if Amazon has the kind you want or not.

PR-I don't know. We can look into it.

Linda Warren-Is Amazon like the main supplier?

PR-It's just that they have everything in they're an approved vendor.

KE-I wonder if Paul's...

PR-Paul's has it? I don't know. Are they a vendor?

KE-Well, no, but I, there's somebody that I think we could walk in and get to agree to be a vendor. I mean they would work with us.

PR-Yeah, have we ever used Valley Vet or one of those before.

KE-Uh-uh.

MW-Jennifer at the feed store, County Line

KE-I might could ask her tomorrow.

PR- Yeah, they could probably order one through them, maybe?

JP-They are approved right?

KE-They are, and so is Jason McAllister, he's a vendor, too. One of the two is she's, she gets Sullivan show supplies and stuff. They might be able to yeah order one.

PR-Yeah Premier One has one. There's one just a little looks a little bit different, but...

KE-I'll check with the two feed stores and see what they say.

MW-Okay.

Linda Warren-Maybe they would even like us and give it to us at cost.

PR-Do we need a motion for that or anything?

KE-To get bids, I mean, just to talk to them and see, it's just discussion right now, really, we're not agreeing to anything.

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

Discussion

PR- I'm going to look at, I'm going to ask Kade to just reiterate some of the stuff, points that he made last meeting with it. And if there's any other thoughts, what were you, what do you think? (to Johnny Perea) So some of the discussion last time would be like what, what would we limit it to? Would we just say that nothing is allowed except A, B, or C? Or do we start trying to limit products like glue is not allowed, this isn't allowed, what's allowed? Let me go back to the minutes.

JP-If you go there, it's an all or none deal, period. It's a blow and go. Because I think if you start saying, well, you can just do this or you can just do this, it just muddies the water. And I'm not saying, you know, it's the way to go, I just have some people that said, you know, that said that we should maybe look at it. I'm not even saying I'm for it. I'm not saying I'm against it. I'm just saying, you know, it does, I mean... There's two ways to look at it for families that are families, kids, people that work hard to figure that stuff out and get to where they can do it, it is a benefit for them and it's I guess kudos to them for figuring it out. For those that don't have the resources, maybe don't have the resources, don't have the help, don't have the knowledge, and maybe get a little bit intimidated by what goes on there, it's a

benefit to them to just, you know, say everybody is more on that same level playing field. I mean, as far as that goes, I'm not saying this, I'm not saying this to demean anybody or else. The same ones are still going to win. The same families that know how to feed, that put the work in at home, and so forth. They're still going to win. Just maybe not so intimidating to the ones that don't have the ability or the resources to do the fitting. To say, okay, at least on that, we are more on a level playing field. You know as far as that goes. But, still, if they don't put the work in at home, that's not going to make a difference. That's those are the two... you know, I've been around this game a long time and I've seen it from all aspects and but I do think you can't, you can't say you can do this or you can do that, if you just call it a true blow-and-go. They wash them, they blow them out. Someone'll say, well, can we put this kind of hairspray on if it's not sticky or this? Because you'll get all those questions. You just say, you wash them, you blow them. You can clip and all that stuff still. If you can manipulate hair with a blower, then that's fine. But you wash them, you blow 'em, you clip 'em, wash 'em, blow 'em, you bring it to the show ring. That's, I say, if you do blow-and-go, that's what you limit it to. It should just fit.

PR-So your opinion would be like no product whatsoever, no shaving cream, no nothing?

JP-No. For a county fair. I mean, that is a county fair. I mean that's that's that would be my suggestion.

KE-And I think one of the things that I had concerns or questions further thought about is who's going to oversee that. That would definitely be a superintendents that we're going to have to have step up and stay in the barns and watch because you're going to have questions/debates about things. And then who checks them when they are coming in the ring to make sure that that's the case?

JP-I mean, it's, yeah, it is, that is the case, but part of it is, is just hope if you go that direction, that people have some integrity. I mean, yeah, we're in a field where it doesn't matter what you're, you're always going to push boundaries, if somebody happens to see it happening, I mean, all they can do is say it.

KE-Yeah, I think it just goes back to what's happened with the Ranch-Raised and having the issues come up and not having it all very covered and laid out ahead of time.

MW-I think, if you say absolutely no products, that's pretty plain and simple. And, I mean, that's... To me, I mean, I've voiced my opinion at the last meeting, that I thought it was a good idea for this.

JP-I mean, and they've gotten to where they're fitting pigs' legs now. And like I said, it's...I've seen it all. I mean, you guys have seen it all too, but I'm not trying to take away from the people that have learned it and figure that stuff out.

KE-Well, it's an art. I mean, it is.

JP-It's an art, and it can be really good if you know what you're doing, and it can be really bad if you don't.

PR-Yeah.

JP-Um, but like I said, if it's intimidating to some that, I mean, just thinking back on the county fair level. You know, if it's intimidating to some, to some parents or families, you know, I think it's worth looking at anyway.

Chelsea Chavez-What's the consequences if...?

JP-Disqualification.

PR-I think disqualification you have to be, yeah.

KE-It would have to, I mean, that's, that was my whole last meeting, I mean I, we'd have to have that very...

PR-What, what is the rule say now, do we have the...

KE-It would have to be disqualification because you can't... there's not time. We talked about that last meeting, there's not time to go wash a steer out and bring them back for the show and we can't postpone a show.

Chelsea Chavez-No I'm just saying you would punish a child for an adult action. Nine times out of ten, it's the adults that are making the action. So that's where it's hard for me.

KE-And I think that's why we'd have to get superintendents that are very willing, active.

Chelsea Chavez-It would be hard.

PR-Yeah, but it's not the fair board or anybody else punishing the kids, it's their own parent.

Chelsea Chavez-No, but I'm just saying, like, we want to encourage kids to go, I don't know.

Kade Pittman-Thinking about it, sorry, thinking about it, the livestock classifier could be the person, as well, to come in and be the one to check when they come in the gate. I was thinking...

JP-I don't know if they'd, I mean, I don't know if they want to do that.

PR-I don't know if they'd want to do that.

KE-Stay that whole week.

PR-And then we're asking a little bit more of them because then it's more than just classifying them.

You're asking them to put their butt on the line for policing.

Luciano Chavez-But you've got to think about it, Johnny was right, that it still comes down to what happens at home.

PR-Yeah, I know, 100%.

KE-And same with punishing a kid versus the parents. It's what happens at home. The parents, if that's the rule, the parents...

Linda Warren-What if we leave it up to their discretion? If they want to do Blow-and-Go, they could.

Chelsea Chavez-Well, typically your undressed steer is going to outdress your Blow-and-Go.

Linda Warren-Well, yeah, I get that. But I mean, then that... my opinion of this stuff as I get older, they're either going to put the work in or they're not and it's either important to them or it's not and they will never get good to go move on up if they wanted to move up to State Fair and places if they don't start practicing somewhere. And the ones that are going to do a good job, John, you know as well as I do, they're going to work twice as hard, so it lays almost perfectly with a blower, because that's just the way they're going to do it. But I don't have kids that show anymore, but it seems like the more rules we put in, the more rules there's contention about.

PR-Yeah, this is...

MW-That's true, but that's life in general. You've got rules no matter where you turn around, whether it's the speed limit or wearing a seatbelt or what you can wear to school. I mean, that's just life unfortunately.

Linda Warren-But if we just let them make the choice?

PR-Let's go to a motion if there's going to be one right, um, on whether or not, so the rule change would be Blow-and-Go no product, just wash and go?

JP-Wash and... wash and blow.

PR-And blow.

KE-Clip, wash, blow.

JP-Well, obviously you can use combs and that stuff. It's not taking away.

KE-No product.

JP-Just no product.

PR-How should we word it if we're going to look, what the motion is going to be? That way we don't get where we have to reword it a bunch of times.

JP- I mean, I don't want to put you guys in a spot because I don't know that I'll be here at that time period just because of whether we get the appointment or not. So I don't want to go put a decision or something in your guys' head. And I'm talking about Kyria, you, and Patrick. And I would do, I'm telling you guys, you can read this however you want to, I would vote for however you guys were leaning on this, and, you know, because you guys would probably be the ones that have to deal with it, and I don't want all the way to leave you saddled with something that that was basically something I was asked to maybe present. But, but I do want to know what you're thinking as far as... I mean, I'd throw a motion out there, but I don't want to throw something out blindsides you guys either.

PR-So my opinion on it is this, and I've mentioned it before, when we had all the blow-up last year with the, with the sale rule change, right, and I made that first presentation, one of the things I listed on there

was to move towards a Blow-and-Go fair. And the only reason I, the reason I voted against it last time was I thought that we need to do a little bit more, I wanted just a little bit more time to look into what other counties and other places do. And I've had a chance to do that, and I think that doing a Blow-and-Go could benefit some families. Maybe, you know, you are right in the fact that maybe not in terms of first, second place. But if they feel, and there's a lot of psychology around it, people feeling it's more fair, that they are more willing to jump into that species or whatever else, so I like the idea of a Blow-and-Go fair.

Kade Pittman- It was good to see this year as well, we saw both of them at Roswell and at State Fair. State Fair was a Blow-and-Go. The prep wasn't as long, you know what I mean? I was still with steers and stuff, still blowing and stuff.

PR-And seeing the bigger fairs go to it also helps push me more in that direction of Blow-and-Go also. It's just how we want it to read.

KE & PR-(laughter)

JP-So Madam, sorry.

PR-It's ok.

JP-Mister President, I move that we change to a Blow-and-Go fit or a Blow-and-Go fair. "Blow-and-Go" being defined as not product other than water on the animal as far as liquid or anything like that. You can use brushes, combs, and a blower to prepare animals for the show.

Linda Warren-And they can be washed and conditioner put on their head right?

JP-I guess conditioner is fine in the wash rack.

Chelsea Chavez-So like shampoo and conditioner.

JP-Yes.

HE-Could it be nothing post-wash?

JP-Nothing post wash.

PR-Nothing post wash. That's the way to word it.

JP-Yea, that's a good one.

KE-And we need to put all species.

JP-For all species.

PR-Yeah.

JP- Mainly rabbits because I hear there's some shenanigans going on over there.

PR-You want to read it? Can you?

HE-So I have...I move that we move, I move that we move, I guess, change to a Blow-and-Go Fair, as defined as no product post-wash. I don't know where you want 'all species.' A Blow-and-Go Fair for all species defined as no product addition post-wash to the animal.

PR-That sound right?

JP-Yeah.

KE-I think it's pretty obvious. But not for everyone.

MW-It's clear enough. It's clear enough.

PR-I sec... go ahead.

MW-I second it.

PR- Let's do it. Go ahead and do a vote by name: Patrick Riley-yes, Kyria Encinias-yes, Johnny Perea-yes, Marcie Wallin-yes.

PR-Motion passes.

**MOTION** to change Torrance County Fair to a Blow-and-Go fair for all species defined as no product addition post-wash to the animal by Johnny Perea, second by Marcie Wallin Vote by name: Patrick Riley-yes, Kyria Encinias-yes, Marcie Wallin-yes (Albert Chavez-absent). **MOTION PASSED**

KE-But before we move on, I feel like that's probably something we need to let people know now. So, if I come up with some... Maybe we should just put that up, like on Facebook, you think?

PR-Yeah. And then...

Luciano Chavez-Multiple times.

KE-Yeah. Because I don't want to...

MW-Once a month.

KE-Wait until.

MW-In the 4H newsletters, and then.

Chelsea Chavez-So you can set it when you make a Facebook post to run every two weeks or until you put an end date.

KE-To just keep coming. So we'll just do that. I was just throwing that out there.

JP-I think it should be delegated to the secretary to put signs on her car and...

KE-And drive around...

JP-Drive up and down 41.

MW-Put it in the form of a target, I know how those changes work.

KE-Any comments, drop below and you can have a little box on the side of your car, yes.

Luciano Chavez-If you guys are going to get on the Christmas light parade, put it on the side.

PR-So yeah, we're probably going to need to add a page to it. Because right now, our only rule is that all fitting, the only rule about fitting is exhibitors must be present during the fitting and grooming of their animals. That's pretty much the only rule I could find in here about beef.

MW-I think in the pig department it says no oil.

KE-Well on beef we put in one about product and gluing of hair and that kind of stuff.

PR-So you're right, but it's only in the ranch raised.

KE-No, it shouldn't have been.

MW-Yeah, there's something about the... needs it in the belly or whatever it is.

KE-Yeah, we put that in two years ago.

Chelsea Chavez-And like Marcy is right, on your market swine, it does read no oil once you come off the wash rack.

PR-On the swine? I couldn't find it anywhere else for our specific cattle.

KE-But we did. I know we put it.

MW-It's in the cattle. Because we had that discussion as to... Is it the flank that you're not...?

JP-Well, just anything, with gluing anything other than the legs. Like under the belly, especially building underlines is what we talked about. I mean, anything you see in there that just has...

KE-I don't think it was under cattle. I think it was under general rules. Your little book is all apart. It's cute though. We put in a... I think that's where it was in the general rules.

Kade Pittman-So we can still have clippers on the fair grounds, we just can't have any aerosols, correct?

KE-Where is that?

PR-That's what I'm saying. I have it digitally right here. I'll do control+F and see.

KE-I know we did that.

PR-What did it? Adhesives? Is that the search word?

KE-Uh, it was like glue on hair product. I don't remember the verbiage.

MW-Look on page 15.

KE-Nope.

MW-It's not there?

KE-Nope.

PR-All glitter glue adhesive exciter must be removed from sale.

HE-Under ethics it says, "The use of any product or substance administered internally or used externally to alter the appearance or confirmation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the use of graphite's, powders, dyes, hemp, false tail heads, glued-on hair, or hair-like substances."

KE-Yes, there it is.

PR-Oh, yeah. Code of Ethics, there you go.

KE-Thank you. I was thinking I was losing my mind.

JP-That was in the fair... that was in the ethics?

KE-Well, it's in the book, ok? It's posted, Johnny.

JP-Well, I mean, because it really goes against what we've been doing. We're now in compliance.

## **7. Discussion**

### **A. Fairboard Reports**

#### **a. Chair**

PR- So first thing or the main thing that I was going to report on or talk about is we should be getting calls about emails, on setting them up. There's been approval for our emails to go through for us having County emails. And so we should be getting calls from Ambitions to finish setting up those emails. The other thing is, based on the latest invoices and payments, we're about 50% there with payments received and pushed out. And it's the same as a big, like there's a few discrepancies that we're working out with the county, but the biggest one is that the buyers still haven't paid, a lot of the buyers still haven't paid. And I don't know if anybody else is getting calls, but I definitely have been getting quite a few calls.

MW-Thank you, Patrick. Yeah. For taking those calls. Yeah.

PR-There's some that are like weekly, and there was one that like I had to tell a stop because it was like every other day in email. And I'm like, come on. Anyways, that's a whole other thing. Then, if you don't mind, I'm going to jump to Marcie real quick, because she was at the county commission meeting with the building stuff going on. I listened in through Zoom, but I had class at the same time, so it was hit or miss, some of the stuff I heard.

MW-So there was four options to begin with for the new Multi-Purpose Building. They'd already vetoed one that, and jump in any time, County Manager, that was to remove the hot barn. And then at this meeting, they finally, Commissioner McCall made a motion to choose option three. And so, it includes the metal frame, it's three... (inaudible). It has insulation and protection for that insulation from floor to ceiling. It's concrete floors, has doors, the HV system, so that it could be used for year-round use. There is no office included in the plan that would be able to build out or build on.

\$10,000. The way I understood the discussion was the wash racks aren't included in this picture.

There is \$10,000 allocated for wash racks. So, the next step, it goes to a design committee, and that's basically to see how much... what they can do with what money they currently have. Is that correct? Jordan Barela-Yeah, that is correct.

MW-And then after that, according to Amanda Lujan in the grants department, then they would go to... what's available, what they have, and then start the actual internal plan with the architect. Is that correct?

Jordan Barela-That is correct. So, what you're seeing is just the site plan. So, there has not been any design in terms of these plans yet. Really what the board was looking at is, you know, overall building footprints, as well as cost estimates that they put together. Now that we have a general footprint that the board felt comfortable with. Now we would move it to the details of what the interior looks like, materials, all that kind of stuff. And so they would bring forth a full board design for the facility.

MW-And so there's a 30-foot, the requirement is a 30-foot firewall between the existing buildings and the new buildings. So, it runs east and west toward the rabbit barn. Attached with the firewall to the showroom. And, so, between the goat barn and the new barn is a 30-foot gap. And then between the west end of the current goat barn and the new building. There has to be a 30-foot gap between all those buildings. And so that's, you see that space where the sun will be shining.

KE-But it does meet several of the things we talked about. I mean, like, you can walk straight from the goat barn and or sheep, pigs whatever ends up being housed in there, to, I mean you would...

PR-Yeah, it'll be covered all the way from the existing indoor exhibits to the end of the pig barn where the pigs are.

KE-And even the rabbit barn is hooked on.

PR-Yeah the only thing that won't have coverage, yeah, is walking from the steer barn to the show ring.

MW-I don't think it rabbit barn is attached (inaudible)

KE- Oh, no, not quite. Yeah, it's not hooked on, but it's very close. I mean, it's all the way out there now where they're not off.

MW-It ends at the same place the big goat barn ends.

KE-But it will, I think it would cause more traffic out that direction where it's not... because this hole has just been big. It's big.

JP-I saw this one, and I'm fine with it, it would... Part of the existing show arena and stuff would have to be torn down, right?

PR-Yeah, that's and what I understand, and correct me if I'm wrong, Jordan, is, um, because the building materials... The architect or the presenter said it has to come prefab right and so that has to meet the measurements for the prefabrication.

Jordan Barela-That's what I understand.

JP-No, I get it. It's fine.

KE-What is the green box?

PR- Like an overhang I don't know, I'm not sure.

Jordan Barela-Is it on the right side?

PR-Yeah.

Jordan Barela-So that is the potential space that they put for an office. It's not marked on there like it is on some of the other options.

KE-Oh, OK.

Jordan Barela-But if the thought was to put the extension office there at some point in time, that would be the location for it.

KE-OK. I don't hate it. I don't hate it.

PR- So initially, and then, you can jump in at any time, they were wanting to break ground in February, but that's not, this is pushing that back to when? Tentatively, I guess.

Jordan Barela-So the process from this point would be to move forward with the design. Now you're probably looking 30 to 60 days to get that done. Once that comes back and the board gives the okay on that, then it will go out to a procurement process. And so, you're looking probably another 60 days from that point in terms of identifying the contractor, assuming you get multiple bids. And then you're probably looking at a six-month construction bill for metal buildings. So it's probably looking late 2025 would be the time that you're looking at for regular construction?

PR-So that, and that does bring the question up, and I guess we won't know until, you know, designs are approved and stuff, but are we going to be under construction during the fair, basically?

Jordan Barela-That's something we'll have to look at, and then we'll have to make accommodations in that regard.

MW-It's alright.

JP-Okay, I would imagine it would just be wise to...

KE-That's what I think. At this point I'm like let's move the show ring outside and show around the steer barn...

MW-We don't want to mess...at this point...

PR-Yea, I get it.

Jordan Barela-And I will state, the big impetus for this push and getting this to the board to pick a design and move forward now is the fact that there's been a lot of different state appropriations for the project. But each one of those appropriations has a time table on it. And our oldest appropriation is getting to the point where if you don't get a contract in place, you know, that

money's going to be recaptured by the state, and then your budget gets smaller and smaller and smaller over time.

MW-And when you say 'board' you mean the commission?

Jordan Barela-Yes commission.

Luciano Chavez-If I heard it right, they're going to lose some kind of funding if they don't break ground by February 1<sup>st</sup>?

Jordan Barela-No. So really what we're looking at from the state perspective is if we can show, and the state funding can be extended, right? You can put in a request for an extension.

Linda Warren-So you can ask for an extension?

Jordan Barela-You can ask for an extension. The state has not been in a position where they're approving an extension unless you can show that progress is being made on the project. So, if we have a contract, we're moving out to bid, once the year is covered, we're okay. You know, we're in a much better position to ask for that extension. If we ask for that, and nothing has been done on it, the chances of them pulling that funding is pretty likely.

PR-Any other reports?

**b. Vice-Chair**

KE-I don't have anything.

**c. Members**

PR-Johnny?

JP-No.

MW-I have something.

PR-Go ahead, sorry Marcie.

MW-Beth did finish the photos and she was going to bring them to me soon, she said. I just got a text from her a couple days ago.

PR-Alright.

JP-Old Mill said they would get us a price on a tag reader that has a wand and would read 840 tags

KE-Who did?

JP-Old Mill.

KE-What about the Thank You meal? Are we helping with that?

MW-No, it's... Commissioner. Schropp asked Deb Maberry's office to handle it. Mr. Schropp and Farm Bureau donated the money for it. And so that list that I sent to everybody was who I thought in my mind, and I didn't get any response from anybody saying, if you guys had any, I just sent it in a text. And so, there's still time to, if you think of somebody. It's for strictly volunteers. It's not for a paid employee that is doing part of their job. It's not necessarily for parents that pitched in during clean up days. It's for other things. It had the...

JP-Volunteers, just call it volunteers.

MW-Volunteers. And so, it's 4H agents, ag teachers, 4H agents, because they help year-long big projects made to enter into there.

KE-Oh, I see. It's just a general. You say board, superiors, commissioners, managers.

MW-You can read it if you don't mind. Read it.

KE-Commissioners, managers, Perkins, Leonard and Jim, librarians, announcers. Um ag teachers, 4H leaders

MW-Leonard and Jim. I don't know what that means. Sorry.

Linda Warren-Leonard and Jim are the maintenance guys, right?

MW-No, it was Leonard Powell and Jim Berlier because they did some games and helped with the fair.

JP- It's just a general question, I didn't see, did Farm Bureau do anything at the sale?

MW-They did, um, for kids that, and I need to talk to you about that too, that didn't pull into the sale.

PR-Yeah, they have...

KE-Did Allen Moreland finally talk to you because he got to me because he didn't...

PR-Yeah, no, I sent them the list.

MW-Did you send them the list because I talked to them yesterday?

PR-And then, I don't remember what the final dollar amount, is but they asked for contact information for an add-on for kids that didn't make the sale, yes.

KE-And then they did do two buckles.

JP-That's good.

MW-So if you guys think of people that were strictly volunteers, if you would talk to Deb Maberry, so she can... She's the one that's doing the invitations and ordering the food and stuff.

KE-It's in the Soil and Water Conservation Building? The first? But that's a Sunday?

PR-The first, yeah.

MW-Yes. Yea it's a Sunday.

PR-Okay. Anything else? Is there a motion to adjourn?

KE-So moved.

JP-Second.

6. **Announcement of the next Regular Fair Board Meeting:** December 10, 2024, 6:30 pm

7. **Adjourn**

**MOTION** to adjourn at 7:28 pm by Kyria Encinias, second by Johnny Perea. **MOTION PASSED**