

TORRANCE COUNTY FAIR BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

June 9th, 2020

PRESENT:

Marcie Wallin, Johnny Perea, Angela Redondo

Will Neish, Kyria Encinias, Albert Chavez, Bradi Herral

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Marcie Wallin.

Roll Call

Marcie Wallin called roll, members listed above were present.

Approval of minutes (May Meeting)

Motion by Johnny Perea. Seconded by Will Neish. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Agenda approval

Motion by Will Neish. Seconded by Angela Redondo. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Public Comments

None

1) Southern Torrance County Economic Development Plan

Cheryl Allen presented the plan to the fair board, explaining that the purpose of the plan is to “create a vision for the economies of communities in southern Torrance County.” The details about the changes and improvements to be made at the fairgrounds were then presented. Johnny Perea asked about a contingency plan for the changes that are intended to be made, and was told that it has not been addressed, but can be. The fair board discussed the current county budget and having an architect get involved in the plan. Marcie Wallin stated that the completion of a masterplan and more public meetings would be needed for the plan to move forward. Cheryl added that according to public meetings, new fairgrounds are high on the list for the public. The fair board ended discussion of this topic by saying that a masterplan would be needed to move forward.

2) Pandemic Statement for Fair book

John Butrick began by bringing up his intention to review CDC guidelines and how, in his opinion, the trajectory of the COVID 19 virus is going down. He says that by August, he thinks that the government will have a difficult time arguing for the cancellation of the county fair. The fair board discussed how a virtual or delayed fair is probably not an option. Marcie Wallin suggested a statement in the fair book

that would allow for changes to the way the fair goes this year because of the uncertainty of the virus. The board agreed. They discussed when the fair book would need to be updated and printed by, and agree that July 1st is a good date. The fair board also began to discuss how the virus was going to affect fair cleanup, and they decided to not charge a fee for missing cleanup, and instead rely on volunteers. The board began to discuss a statement that would allow for change in the fair policy again, and John Butrick agreed that he could add something like that to the fair book.

3) Fairground Lease Agreement – Pandemic and Livestock Use Statements

Marcie Wallin began the conversation by saying that an agreement should be made that would ensure livestock to have passed a health inspection by a vet so as to avoid the spread of disease when the fair facilities are leased. The fair board agreed, and they discussed whether or not to include all animals that could potentially be present or just to require horses to be inspected. Since there is no known disease going around that other animals could carry, the board decided to only include horses in the statement. Will Niesh added that a fee should be in place for any livestock not removed from the facilities after the lease is up. Johnny Perea asked the fair board if exhibitors in the rodeo put on by an individual who leases the arena will also be required to have their horses pass a health inspection. The board decided that all horses involved in activities on the fairgrounds need to have a health certificate. John Butrick added that the goal of the statement added to the agreement would be to prevent the Torrance County Fair Board from being liable for any spread of disease amongst animals.

Motion by Johnny Perea to allow John Butrick to develop statement about horse and livestock health in lease agreement. Seconded by Albert Chavez. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

4) Resolution/Re-Organization of the Fair Board

Angela Redondo asked about the changes made in the duties of the treasurer and the secretary. The fair board discussed how both are non-voting members, and both will handle the board's finances. Will Neish added that the resolution should include that the secretary is responsible for duties also outlined in their contract.

Motion by Will Neish that the resolution should include that the secretary is also responsible for items in their contract, and to allow for corrections by the county manager. Seconded by Angela Redondo. All Voted Aye.

Motion passed.

5) Vendors

Marcie Wallin stated that because of the virus, vendors this year should bring their own individual tents and they will receive a designated spot instead of all vendors sharing the larger vendor tent. Johnny Perea asked what this would mean for the fair's activities and entertainment. The board decided that the fair entertainment details would still be up in the air until July.

Motion by Will Neish to have no vendor tent this year and instead allow vendors to set up their own tents in assigned spot, and to decide the status of entertainment closer to fair time. Seconded by Johnny Perea. All Voted Aye

Motion passed.

6) Tents

Marcie Wallin read the tent bids.

Motion by Will Neish to engage Albuquerque Tents because it is the cheapest option. Seconded by Angela Redondo. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

7) Portable Panels

Marcie Wallin named three companies that were potential vendors for panels. She also said that all bids must have the same description and measurements.

Motion by Will Neish to engage the company with the cheapest offer that still meets qualifications. Seconded by Albert Chavez. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

8) Fans

Marcie Wallin stated that the barn was inspected in regards to electricity for the installment of fans. Nick Sedillo and Noah Sedillo will update the board on this topic in the future.

9) Virtual rabbit Show Guidelines

Jill Encinias is looking into other rabbit shows that will be virtual and their guidelines, so the Torrance County Fair's rabbit show guidelines are to be announced. The fair board agreed that a minimum and maximum time requirement for videos would be needed. Angela Redondo asked about the meat pen of rabbits that usually takes part in the sale. The fair board discussed how this was not an option because of the infectious rabbit disease going around. The fair board agreed that Will Neish would draft guidelines for the show.

10) Fair Festivities

The fair board discussed the annual fair parade and concluded that it is not a possibility. The board also discussed the annual county fair dance, and decided that there will be no dance. Next the board discussed having fair clean up, but not requiring exhibitors to attend and instead asking for volunteers.

Motion by Johnny Perea to wave \$150 fee. Seconded by Will Neish. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Motion by Albert Chavez to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Will Neish. All voted Aye.

Meeting adjourned.