

TORRANCE COUNTY FAIR BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

July 28th, 2020

PRESENT:

Marcie Wallin, Johnny Perea, Angela Redondo

Will Neish, Kyria Encinias, Bradi Harral

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 (July Regular Meeting)

Motion by Will Neish to approve minutes. Seconded by Johnny Perea. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Agenda approval

Motion by Will Neish to approve agenda. Seconded by Angela Redondo. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Public Comments

None

1) Livestock Show

Marcie Wallin began discussion by informing the board the show schedule as is has the lamb show at 3:00 pm on Wednesday and the starting time for the arrival of hogs and beef is at 4:00 pm, which would cause an overlap. The board discussed putting the hogs in the beef barn and not making any changes to the schedule. Johnny Perea suggested having the pigs in the sheep barn. Marcie Wallin asked the board about spacing animal pens out this year as a way of distancing exhibitors. The board agreed that there will not be enough room for this. The board discussed moving the beef/hog arrival to 6:00 pm, but decided to leave the schedule as is and let exhibitors space pens however they choose, using the beef barn as overflow. Marcie Wallin informed the board that the beef judge had called and no longer has another obligation interfering with the recent changes made to the show schedule. Johnny Perea suggests moving the beef show to 3:00 pm on Thursday. Marcie Wallin said she would contact him and ask if that time would work. Marcie Wallin told the board that the fair board usually buys the judges and superintendents one meal a day, and asked if the board wanted to do continue to do this during this year's fair. The board wanted to continue to do this. Johnny Perea told the board that No Bull Meats had offered \$1.20/ib as a packer bid for the steers.

Motion by Johnny Perea to accept No Bull Meat's offer. Seconded by Will Neish. All Voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Kyria Encinias asked the board if an exhibitor with an animal in the open show will be allowed to show up right before the show. The board said that as long as the animal is tagged than that should not be a problem. The board also discussed enforcing the fair being closed to the public.

Motion by Will Neish to supply one meal a day to the judges and superintendents. Seconded by Angela Redondo. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Will Neish asked that the statement in the fair book that says a pen of rabbits will be sold be removed since it will not be selling this year. The board also decides to add in the fair book that the exhibitors age and whether they are 4H or FFA members will be needed. Johnny Perea asked the board how they will advertise the fact that masks are mandatory on the fairgrounds this year. Marcie Wallin said that there will be signs, and Angela Redondo said that a statement was placed in the fair book.

2) Buyer's Sign in

Marcie Wallin Began discussion by saying that the county treasurers office will be responsible for the collecting of money during the sale, and they intend to make a buyer's sign in, meaning buyers will be required to have a number. The board discussed the problems with having a table set up at the sale for buyers to sign in at because the potential spread of the virus. It was suggested that clipboards with sign in sheets could be handed out to buyers instead if they raised their hand. Will Neish said that the fair board could also encourage buyers to sign in early.

3) Buyer's Picture

Marcie Wallin informed the board that in the buyer's picture, only the exhibitor and buyer are supposed to be present. The board was asked about allowing others to be present in the picture this year, including baskets. Johnny Perea said that this year, the fair board should not allow baskets to be in the sale ring or the picture. The board also talked about the fact that they will not be able to use the Torrance County Fair sign in the pictures because it says "fair" rather than "livestock show." The photographer will be able to add "Torrance County Livestock Sale" to the pictures.

4) Gustin Electric

Johnny Perea informed the board that according to the CDC guidelines for livestock shows, vertical fans in barns would aid the spread of the virus. Because of this, any fans that the board has will not be used this year. Kyria Encinias asked about blowers as well, but the guidelines do not say anything about them. Marcie Wallin said that Gustin Electric would put in six extra electrical breakers for \$600.00 in the sheep barn.

Motion by Will Neish to allow Gustin Electric to install six more outlets in the southwest corner of the sheep barn. Seconded by Johnny Perea. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

5) Shavings

Marcie Wallin asked the board about getting shavings donated this year. There was agreement on allowing exhibitors to bring their own shavings but that the fair board will not provide them. The fair book already had a statement that says exhibitors are responsible for their own shavings, and the board agreed to add a statement that would require exhibitors to clean up shavings as well.

6) Add on Donors

Marcie Wallin asked the board if invitations to the livestock sale should just be sent to past buyers or to include add on donors as well. Johnny Perea suggested just including past buyers. Will Neish asked if it would be possible to coordinate with the treasurers office in order to mail out add on forms. The discussion moved to the topic of the meetings to break classes. They agreed that these meetings will be with fair board members only this year. However, the superintendents will still be able to recommend classes. There will be a meeting at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, one upon completion of weigh in on Wednesday, and at 6:00 pm on Thursday.

Motion by Will Neish to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Johnny Perea. All voted Aye.

Meeting adjourned.