

Torrance County Fair Board

Meeting Minutes

5/14/24

Present: Marcie Wallin, Kyria Encinias, Johnny Perea, Patrick Riley
Albert Chavez

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:33

Roll Call

Members present are listed above

Changes to the Agenda

Marcie Wallin- I do have one change its number 6 subheading A6 we need to omit one sentence after the comma to include vendor design and cost we're going to address that further down the line. Patrick Riley- I move to change number 6 subheading A6 to omit to include vendor design and cost. Johnny Perea-seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT and COMMUNICATIONS (Comments limited to two minutes. Time may not be passed on to another person.)

Johnny Romero-With Farm Bureau, I want to remind everyone of the four scholarships we have, they are \$1500. We would like to award one to each school, Moriarty, Mountainair, Estancia and one for home school. It's not strictly just for college kids it can be a trade school in a vocation like for welding mechanics anything to do with farming they don't have to be in FFA. Please let kids know that it is available.

Commissioner Schropp-At the last regular meeting Madam chair had three questions for me. The first was where are we in the process of the multi-use building? Bohannon Houston are the lead Engineers, Southwest Architects on the architectural part, they've made a site visit and discuss the possibilities and where they're going with it that money has been appropriated and allocated and will be moving forward with that. I'll give you periodic updates on all this so you all will know your life's going to look like out there when the fair starts. Number 2 was, you had a repair list for the kitchen and the I guess the big room over there and I took that back to the commission and asked Commissioner to McCall to check on that so we didn't have too many hands stirring the pot, I haven't heard anything. I do recommend calling Commissioner McCall to get an update on that. Number 3, you all wanted to have a little ceremony at the end of the fair of groundbreaking ceremony and I asked that we have a proclamation as well so there will be a ceremony at the last after the last event to the fair if you come in late and what's coming to it is there anything with any of the board members on Madam chair would ask related to gather more information for you.

Marcie Wallin-I do have a question and it's related to the repairs that you're talking about at the fairgrounds and I know part of the money that's been awarded state to the legislators you plan on spending \$40,000 is that correct to work on things at the fairgrounds I believe that's what they're doing right.

Commissioner Schropp-That is a question for Commissioner McCall, because he was directly involved in that and I don't want to give you the wrong answer or get you going down the wrong road.

Johnny Perea-Thank you Commissioner and I have an apology for you and that was based on my address to you at the commission meeting because I stated and I read it wrong, I stated that you called for the disbandment of the fair board and that that was not the case. I read that wrong, what you called was I guess something to affect that the decisions we made which violated the terms of the open meetings act, that those decisions be relooked at. I just scanned over it and it was wrong so when I made that accusation towards you that was my mistake and I want that publicly known.

Commissioner Schropp-I appreciate that.

Randol Riley-I just wanted it made known that due to the new requirements to schools, schools will no longer be able to start after the county fair. Our school does not want to start in June so we have no choice but to start the first week of August, being that I thought for in the future if you might think about moving the fair to later in August, like the third week so there are only a couple of weeks between County and State fair. Schools are no longer going to be able to accommodate county fairs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marcie Wallin Approval of minutes, March 12, 2024, Special meeting, I do have a change, under the judges in the discussion, it has MW which is me and Melita Waldrop, and so I need to clarify, that was not made by me MW.

Kyria Encinias moves to make the above change.

Albert Chavez seconds, motion passes.

Marcie Wallin-April 9, 2024, Regular Meeting,

Kyria Encinias moves to approve the April 9, 2024 minutes,

Johnny Perea, seconds, motion passes.

Marcie Wallin- April 22, 2024, Special Meeting

Johnny Perea moves to approve the April 22, 2024 minutes.

Patrick Riley, seconds. Motion passes.

APPROVALS

A. CHANGES TO TORRANCE COUNTY FAIR BOOK FOR 2024:

Marcie Wallin- Number 1 Discussion and possible approval to add changes to the 2024 Torrance County Fair Book, i.e.: Junior Livestock Sale-Qualified Exhibitors' rule change, Ranch-raised Steer rule change, and allowing 8-year-olds to show in the Market Class and be eligible to sell if they qualify, any discussion?

Johnny Perea- I move that we approve those changes as worded on the agenda.

Patrick Riley-second

Motion passes

Marcie Wallin -Discussion and possible approval of the implementation of the New Mexico Homemade Food Act for vendor participation, as required by state statute. Each one on you have the statute.

Patrick Riley-sites the statute “The Homemade Food Act is a New Mexico law passed in the 2021 NM Legislation that becomes effective July 1, 2021. The Act allows low risk foods prepared at a private farm, ranch, or residence to be sold directly to the consumer without a permit from either NMED, BernCo, or City of Albuquerque. It then goes on to list those food items that this applies to:

- Baked goods that do not require refrigeration
- Cakes, cookies, bread, pies, pastries
- Candy
- Popcorn
- Chocolate covered pretzels
- Dehydrated fruits
- Granola
- Dry mixes
- Roasted coffee
- Whole fruit and vegetables
- Fruit jams and jellies

This is not an exhaustive list, nor does it dictate what may or may not be sold under the Act.

TCS foods are not allowed to be produced at a private farm, ranch, or residence and sold directly to consumers. TCS foods include:

- Meat and poultry
- Beef and poultry jerky
- Fish
- Salsa
- Vegetable jams/jellies (e.g., hot pepper jelly)
- Canned fruit or vegetables
- Canned pickled products like corn relish, pickles, or sauerkraut
- Pies or cakes that require refrigeration like banana cream, pumpkin, lemon meringue or custard pies; cheesecake; and cakes with glaze or frosting that requires refrigeration (e.g., cream cheese frosting)
- Milk and dairy products like cheese or yogurt
- Cut melons
- Caramel apples
- Hummus
- Garlic in oil mixtures
- Beverages like fruit/vegetable juices, Kombucha tea, and apple cider
- Cut tomatoes or chopped/shredded leafy greens

- Sprouts
- Food products with fresh vegetables, fruits and/or cheeses
- Salad dressings
- Acidified foods

The one we really wanted to talk about was the salsa.

Marcie Wallin-Just so people know the Torrance County Fair kitchen is a commercial kitchen and County Manager Barela did state that people are welcome to come make their salsa or any of their products there. They just need to let me know and we can check on availability.

Johnny Perea-So if they make it there, can they take it back home and then bring it back to sell?

Patrick Riley-We did ask that question, and as long as it is made in the commercial kitchen, is sealed and the seal is not broken they can bring it back and sell it.

Marcie Wallin-There are some other rules they have to follow, Kyria is in charge of vendors so she can explain these rules to you if you have questions.

Johnny Perea-I move that we approve this statute.

Albert Chavez-second

Motion passes

Marcie Wallin- Discussion and possible approval regarding the addition of Fresh Salsa Making Contest as new event for the 2024 Torrance County Fair. So, if they make it on site it is eligible for the contest, if it is fresh or canned and they cannot sell it.

Kyria Encinias-it is slated to be on August 8 from 1-2 is the preparations, judging from 2-3 contestants will ask people to come in and taste their salsa and have some interactions, they will vote right there.

Marcie Wallin-It will all be made in the commercial kitchen at the county fairgrounds.

Marcie Wallin-We will come up with some sort of prize that is appropriate.

Patrick Riley-I move that we approve the addition of the Fresh Salsa Making Contest to the 2024 Torrance County Fair.

Kyria Encinias-Second

Motion passes

Marcie Wallin-Discussion and possible action regarding clarifying Booster, Pee Wee, Novice, Junior, and Senior age groups. What we previously discussed is Booster 4 and under, Pee Wee 5-7, Novice 8-11, Junior 12-13, Senior 14-19.

Johnny Perea- I move that we approve those different age groups Booster, PeeWee, Novice, Junior and Senior and those corresponding ages as presented on the agenda.

Kyria Encinias-second

Motion passes

Kasey Riley-Chavez-Can I ask a question?

Marcie Wallin-Is it regarding the ages?

Kasey Riley-Chavez- Yes ma'am, does it still follow the 4-H October enrollment?

Marcie Wallin-No

Kasey Riley-Chavez-So those ages are as of when?

Patrick Riley-At the start of the fair.

Kasey Riley-Chavez-So now it has nothing to do with 4-H age groups?

Marcie Wallin-Discussion and possible approval regarding changes and updates to the dress code for Gymkhana.

Anna Riggs-Eador- I researched the state 4-H horse show rules they are approved by AQHA rules which is a long and lengthy dress code I also researched the Special Olympics dress code and the Appaloosa Horse Club dress code the dress code that I recommended came from the 4-H Rodeo rulebook it states but a cut and some long sleeve wrist length shirt with cuff and collar and long tail tucked into pants must be worn western boots must be worn no sweatshirt t-shirts pullovers cut out shirts are allowed a western hat is optional while competing in Rodeo no caps visors or cut out cowboy hats that which exposes the contestants head will be worn there will be a 5-second penalty assessed to the run if the hat is lost before the eye over for the barrier is broken and in addition to that that is not in the in this particular rule is that a hard helmet is always optional for the benefit of the exhibitor. That is the dress code that I would recommend that we follow for the Gymkhana because it is just so straightforward and simple we are just at the beginning point and I feel that that we cover us as far as a good public presentation to the general public.

Marcie Wallin-So to clarify to make it simple, a button-down long sleeve shirt, boots a hat is optional, jeans.

Johnny Perea- we put in there that the rider must adhere to the dress code.

Patrick Riley-Moves that All riders must adhere to the following dress code, long sleeve button up shirt, jeans with no rips, boots, hat or hard hat optional. The lead line leader is exempt from this dress code but must have closed toed shoes.

Albert Chavez-seconds

Motion passes

Marcie Wallin-Discussion and possible approval of Gymkhana Events to include identifying which events count toward High Point and Reserve High Point buckles, to include the vendor, design, and cost.

Anna Riggs Eader-I am recommending that flag race and key hole race are fun events and not counted towards high point and reserve high point, and all the other events which are normal Gymkhana events be counted towards high point.

Patrick Riley-I move that the events counted toward high point and reserve high point are flags, poles, goat tie and barrel race.

Kyria Encinias-second

Motion passes.

Marcie Wallin -Discussion and possible approval of the changes discussed in the April 22, 2024, Special Meeting, as stated in the “Proposed 2024 Torrance County Fair Book”

Johnny Perea-I move that we approve the changes discussed at the April 22, 2024 Special Meeting as stated to the Proposed 2024 Torrance County Fair Book.

Albert Chavez-second

Motion passes

Marcie Wallin- 2024 Torrance County Red Barn Superintendent: Discussion and possible approval to add Connie Hatley as the 2024 Torrance County Red Barn Superintendent. I did discuss it with her the other day and she is more than willing to do it.

Johnny Perea-I move that we appoint Connie Hatley to be the 2024 Torrance County Red Barn Superintendent.

Kyria Encinias-second

Motion passes

Marcie Wallin -2024 Torrance County Pet Show Superintendent: Discussion and possible approval to add Danielle Johnston and Janet Douglas as 2024 Torrance County Pet Show Superintendents.

Johnny Perea- I am 100 percent in favor of that, but I do not want to step on anyone’s toes, did the town step away from that or what happened there.

Marcie Wallin-Yes, the past super has done it for a long time and was ready for us to find someone new to do it. They are both interested, and have the file from the previous super and are really excited about it.

Johnny Perea-I move that Janet Douglas and Danielle Johnston be appointed as the 2024 Torrance County Pet Show Superintendents.

Patrick Riley-second

Motion passes.

Marcie Wallin-2024 Torrance County Fair Buckles: Discussion and possible approval of 2024 Torrance County Fair buckles.

Kyria Encinias-Last meeting we looked at the designs and made a selection, we have made contact with them and they are able to produce what we need as soon as all the paperwork is in place, it is \$4586.85 through Molly's custom silver.

Patrick Riley-I move that we approve Molly's Custom Silver as the vendor for the 2024 Torrance County Fair Buckles.

Albert Chavez-second

Motion passes

DISCUSSION

FAIR BOARD REPORTS

Chairman

Marcie Wallin-I just wanted to say that I secured the building for the Queen Contest.

Vice Chair

Johnny Perea-I wanted to make a comment to Randy's earlier statement, and this is just my personal opinion, it is better if there is more time between shows because it gives the animals more time for recovery. That is my take on that. There was a question last time, I am not sure who suggested it but to clarify we do not have 9-million-dollar budget, we are not any where close to that, I do not know where that data came from.

Marcie Wallin-I am not sure if I suggested that Commissioner Schropp said that we had that budget, but if I did I want to apologize for that.

Announcement of the next Regular Fair Board Meeting: June 11, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Notice of possibility of Special Meetings at least once a month until 2024 Torrance County Fair, dates to be determined. This will be within the proper open meetings act and notice will be posted. We usually have extra meetings up until the time of the fair.

Johnny Perea-What is the proper amount of time to be posted before the meeting.

Commissioner Schropp-It should be posted 72 hours in advance, anything more than that is a courtesy.

Johnny Perea-Point of order, I think you realize it, you can make motions, you always defer to us, but you yourself can make motions.

Albert Chavez-One more thing, I would like to ask of the public when they address you or address the board, before they throw out what they are going to say if they can ask, Madam Chair can I have the floor? It happens a lot.

Marcie Wallin-I guess we will just announce at our next meeting when our special meeting in June will be.

Johnny Perea-When is our tag in, do we need to advertise, because we will probably have a quorum there.

Marcie Wallin-We post for a possible quorum and it is on the County website.

ADJOURN

Albert Chavez-I move to adjourn
Patrick Riley-second
Motion passes meeting is adjourned.