

# FREMONT COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Amanda Ellis

Fairboard members present: P for Present and A for Absent

P President Amanda Ellis	A Amy Bourlon-Hilterbran	P Tay Jeffords
P Vice President Delores Comstock	P John Daniels	P Jim Sheridan
P Secretary Kristina Brubaker	P Brandon Sherwood	P Cody West
P Treasurer Amanda Fouche	P Linda Valdez	

Commissioners: P Dwayne McFall

Extension Office: P Julianne Dinkle      P Shanan Davey      P Kassy Tracy

FFA: P Cyntia Fall      P Mia Hampton

Guests: Charla Wellborn, Michelle Sheridan

Approval of Minutes

***Motion to accept the minutes from November was made by John Daniels and seconded by Jim Sheridan. The motion carried.***

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Amanda Fouche reported that they have collected \$ 0 spent \$1,046.45.

Brandon asked if there was an ending balance. Treasurer Amanda reported that she will get a current report from Charis and email the report to the board. .

***Motion to accept the treasurer report was made by Brandon Sherwood and seconded by John Daniels. The motion carried.***

### Committee Reports

*Advertising & Marketing -*

Amanda Ellis reported that the Advertising committee met to set their budget.

Facebook Ads \$500

Radio - \$1,000

banners and signs \$750

Shopper \$3,250

Open fair Book insert in early June, and a pull out ad in July - \$1750

Miscellaneous Expenses \$1,000  
Website fees 12.99/month = \$155.88  
Diana for photography during the entire fair - \$2,000  
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Proposed Advertising Budget \$10,000

***John made the motion to accept the proposed budget of \$10,000 for advertising. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

There were 4 kids that entered in the contest for the Centennial Logo.  
Amanda E. also presented one that combines something from each entry.

***Jim made a motion to use the logo with the combined logo Amanda E. Presented for merchandise and advertising. John seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

Tay will work on the belt buckle logo.

***Brandon made a motion to give each entry into the contest \$25. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

*Building –*

Delores reported updated committee Members:  
Angie Jones to open pantry  
Jennifer Valdez and Grace Comstock to Open Assistance

*Vendors -*

Jim asked about the committee members listed. They will be removed as Jim & Michelle Sheridan are the current committee members

*Food Trucks –* Michelle reported that she is waiting on a list from Amy.

Jim asked where vendors and food trucks would be located.

Michelle asked what the vendor fees should be this year.

Suggestions were:

10x10 area is the average spot size

Non profit booths - free but with volunteer work within the fair. Jim suggested setting up a volunteer list for these booths.

Brandon asked if there were discounts for weekday vendors. The food vendors can book the days they want to be there and must pay for those days if they show up or not..

Jim made a motion to charge food or vendors 10x10 spot \$30 per day. Jim rescinded motion

John Suggested doing 2 different size spots

***Brandon made the motion to accept the vendor fees as 10x10 \$30 per day***

**10x20 \$50 per day**

**Food Truck fee of \$50 per day**

**John seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

*Small Animal* - Had 6 new families at their first meeting in December.

They have set the date for the 4-H mandatory market banding for June 29th.

Cynthia will band any FFA Market Poultry.

*Livestock* – Beef Weigh in is February 3rd 9-10. Volunteers are needed for weigh in.

John asked to add Tami Ratcovich to the Livestock committee and as Beef Co-Superintendent.

John will superintendent Goats and Sammie DeVries will Co-Superintendent

*Market Livestock Sale* – No update.

Kristina reported Greener Pastures would not like to do night drop offs and would like someone from sale committee to reach out to them.

*Rodeo* – Mia presented two bids for this year's Jr, Ranch and CPRA rodeos.

It was the committee's recommendation to use Rawhide.

Tay made the motion to use Rawhide for the rodeos. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Shooting Sports* – No new report.

Julianne reported there is a schedule conflict with pathfinder for the shooting sports awards banquet. Shooting sports banquet may need to reschedule or move to the 4-H building.

Linda asked for permission to use the long tables for the March 29th NRA Banquet.

*Special Events* – None

*Sponsorships & Awards* – Delores Comstock would like to meet with Julianne and Cynthia after the meeting. She also announced she would like to step down chair and put Tami Ratkovich as Chair

*Centennial* – Kristina reported the next meeting is January 22nd at 6PM in the classroom. The meetings are open to everyone.

Cynthia suggested a coloring contest and also setting up a google doc for planned activities.

*Family Day*- Need chairs and committee members.

*Car Show Off* – There are concerns with the communication of the committee chair. Jim has contacts to help host a car show as well. Jim would also like to be on the car show committee.

If contact isn't made with Ryan Timmons Amanda Ellis will get with Jim for an alternative plan.

## **Special Committee Reports**

*County Commissioners* – Dwayne McFall reported the digital sign is working. They are working on the drainage issues..

The Federal Complex will set up and take down pens.

He passed on the information for the centennial committee meeting to the Historical Society and Heritage Commission for ideas.

Dwayne suggested the board needs to get more organizations involved with helping - Lions club, Rotary Club, Elks club

Jim asked for the Aerial view of the lot to set up the zones for the fair maps.

*Fencing of the beer garden* - Jim asked about the fencing of the beer garden. Cynthia said whoever holds the liquor license is responsible for the fencing and it should not be a board responsibility. It was suggested to potentially rent fencing from Big R.  
Discussion Tabled.

### *Extension -*

Introduction of new Extension Office staff Alli Spinuzzi, Shanan Davey and Kassy Tracy.

Julianne also reported the 1st new family orientation well attended, council had the Officer installation, there are currently 130 kids enrolled, LDC camp is at the end of January, Officer Planning retreat coming up, and they have added an additional enrollment night January 30th.

Shanan reported upcoming workshops :

January 25th introductions to livestock judging

February 8th. selecting market animals

Jan 20 basic garden design with Master Gardeners.

*FFA* – Cynthia / Mia - Mia started with FFA Monday. They held a planning day with officers. They also have 2 students doing catch a calf and 1 student exhibiting goats at the National Western Stock Show.

The FFA Booster club is hosting a dinner on Feb 17th

### **Public Input & Presentation -**

Charla Wellborn asked Fairboard to take some changes into consideration. She presented the idea to have showmanship show *AFTER* all market classes. Members are enrolled in a Market project and should be able to show the animal to the best of the *market* ability.

***Kristina made the motion to hold all market classes first followed by showmanship.  
Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

## **Unfinished Business**

*Fair Royalty*- Tay reported his contact has been ill and he will work on information for the next meeting.

*Centennial belt buckles*- Tay will contact for prices.

*Guinness book of records*- Tabled

## **New Business**

*Fair schedule* -

Shooting Sports - no date adjustments but will start competitions earlier.

*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony* - not enough attendance last year. Move the ribbon cutting ceremony to after the grand entry. The board discussed not having so many costumed people out in the arena during the ribbon cutting ceremony. It was confusing and congested.

*Horse Show* - The horse show will be one day. They proposed having their show on Saturday. With the stock contractors coming in for the Ranch Rodeo it could cause conflict like in the past. It was suggested to have the horse show on Sunday and Car Show on Saturday. The rodeos will be concluded and all stock moved out by the start of the horse show if held on Sunday. John will contact Horse Council about moving the horse show on Sunday.

## **Fairbook Schedule Changes:**

Fair Schedule will move up one day from previous years for fair week with animals coming in on Monday along with the following changes

### Monday July 29th

Livestock Check In

Poultry and Rabbits 8-10 by time slots.

Large Livestock 8:30-9:30 am check-in

John is going to reach out to a licensed vet to see if she can help with animal check in.

***Cody West made the motion to have a mandatory livestock exhibitors meeting on Monday time TBD. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Horse Royalty at 10 AM Monday. Suggested doing royalty in the evening. John will contact horse royalty.

Market Livestock judging demonstration at about 2:00

Cat Show will be in the pavilion classroom 1 PM

### Tuesday July 30th

Poultry moved the show start time to 9 AM.

Thursday August 1st

8am Small Animal Master Showmanship

Utility Goat - 1 PM

Saturday August 3rd

Parade of Champions - not a lot of attendance for parade of champions. It was suggested to combine it with achievement night. The awards committee will discuss this further at their next meeting.

**Fairbook updates**

Master Showmanship - Charla Wellborn asked what the reasoning was that a winning master showmanship exhibitor can not compete in the following year. The current rules state they can not exhibit with the same species and age group if they win grand champion in master showmanship.

***John made the motion to remove the rule stating winning exhibitors can not compete the following year. Cody seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

Mia asked about the rule being immediate family members showing. The reasoning was because professional showmen were being brought in in previous years.

Committee changes:

Remove Amy from all committees except for Scholarship

Add Cody West and Tami Ratcovich to livestock committee

Scholarship - add Kassy to it

Remove committee members from silent auction with the exception of Amy.

Lynn Adamic needed to be added to the sale committee.

Sponsorship and Awards - take Becky off. List Tami as chair.

Vendors and Food - Jim and Michelle Sheridan

Add Cody West to Fairboard.

Remove Hadassa Graham and add Mia Hampton to FFA Advisors

**Market Poultry** : Addition to the new mandatory market check in on June 29th. Change to all 4-H Market Poultry and FFA will coordinate with FFA advisors for leg bands.

Market Rabbits : Remove the rule that you HAVE to be enrolled in Breeding Rabbits to do Market rabbits.

Cynthia asked about the rule to own the doe. FFA is considering doing market rabbits but would limit the number of FFA members that could compete. Will discuss more in the future.

### **Animal Weights:**

#### **Market Goat -**

Allowing drenching for goats and sheep.

**Jim made a motion to allow drenching for goats and sheep.**

**John seconded. Motion carried.**

Proposed weight change making the maximum weight 120 lbs. For goats.

**Cody made the motion to allow the weight change for goats to 120lbs. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Market Swine** - proposed weight change to Minimum weight of 230 lbs.

**Jim motioned to change the swine minimum weight to 230. Brandon seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Open fairbook updates

PG 17 open needlework - changes in sizes.

Pg 26 - quilting class changes

Amanda E. Will update the flyers for peewee and old timers for the book and send them to Alli.

**John motioned to approve the Fairbook changes as presented. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:57 PM

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 PM at the Pathfinder Park meeting room.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by  
Kristina Brubaker, Secretary

#### *Email Correspondence:*

*\*Amanda F shared the fund balance as of the end of November is \$15,231.72*

*\*Mia reported the CPRA rodeo won the 2023 Best New Rodeo in the Association award!*

*\*Tay shared the modified centennial logo and the board approved.*

*\* Amanda E reported the Car Show Off is tabled due to committee availability.*

