

# Fair Board Minutes of the Proceedings

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Historic Courthouse  
310 W 19th Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82001



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**Monday, May 4, 2020**

**6:30 PM**

**Commissioners Board Room**

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### Call To Order

This was approved.

### Roll Call

Chairman Troy Thompson, Vice Chairman K. N. Buck Holmes, Member Ronald Gregory, Member Linda Heath, Member Gunnar Malm, Member Cody Nusbaum

### Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of April 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

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**Attachments:** [Draft Minutes April 15, 2020](#)

A motion was made by Trustee Heath, seconded by Vice-Chairman Holmes, that this agenda item be approved. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

### Reports

2. 4-H Educator

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Livestock tagging to begin on 5/6 at the Event Center.  
Lots of first Year Livestock families are making use of the on-line workshops.

3. FFA Advisors

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Advisors are still working with FFA members with the livestock.

Some FFA events have been canceled or re-scheduled.

FFA did an on-line livestock sale with Willowby Livestock Auction Service, about \$15,000 was spent on livestock. Some animals went as far away as Oklahoma and S. Dakota.

Frontier FFA has a Showmanship Camp scheduled at the Archer Complex June 29th and 30th.

FFA livestock numbers appear to be surprisingly good. There were early discussions with parents and students about the prospects for livestock projects this year.

From Brian Cox, Pine Bluffs FFA; He is not seeing as many animals. When Students would have four animals this year, they have two animals instead. The student numbers are holding steady.

#### 4. Staff

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Have tested ZOOM throughout the County for possible use for a virtual fair.

Show Works is developing software for virtual shows and sales.

Staff is considering the possibility of holding a half and half fair. A decision will come in June in regard to the type of show and fair we will have.

Another avenue for a virtual fair that has been explored is American Livestock Virtual shows.

Nichole Watkins has completely rebuilt Show Works to fit how we do our fair which includes 4-H, FFA and open class entries and exhibits. Entries are now being accepted.

4-H provides their own judges, all large livestock judges are from out of State

Joe Allen, encouraged the Board to communicate with families and kids. They would prefer a "Live Fair". Additional comments via text through Joe.

- A virtual show is not a replacement for a live show, it becomes a photography competition as some will hire professional photographers and put shavings down on the ground.
- Suggested the possibility of using armbands like last year to control those who could be in the Event Center at one time. Youth members, parents, and siblings only. Others could watch the shows in a virtual format.

Buck Holmes; What would the kids prefer? Could we eliminate some of the evening events to extend the livestock show into the evenings for a live fair?

Nichole Watkins; Some Counties have gone to only Market Livestock shows, Some shows schedules could be changed to have market classes in one species showing as the same time breeding or dairy classes in another are showing. Possible to use the outdoor arenas for beef shows. Hogs, lambs, and goats could all be shown inside. Social distancing would be encouraging families to stay together and not mingle.

Kristi Nagy; 4-H Static exhibits include interviews with the judges. It would be impossible to do have the 4-H static exhibits virtually.

After lengthy discussion, the Board directed the Events Staff to work on both virtual

and Live Fair utilizing Appendix 4 in the Laramie County Recovery plan as a guide.

## **New Business**

### **5. Discussion on Virtual Fair**

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## **Other Business**

Brian Cox, FFA Advisor, Pine Bluffs, has some ideas how to revamp the pen layout to improve traffic flow. He was told to work with Nichole Watkins and Larry Milbourn.

Next meeting, June 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m.

## **Adjournment**