

Fair Board Minutes of the Proceedings

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Historic Courthouse
310 W 19th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001



Monday, September 14, 2020

6:00 PM

Commissioners Board Room

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present	Troy Thompson, K. N. Buck Holmes, Ronald Gregory, Linda Heath, Gunnar Malm
Excused	Cody Nusbaum

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of July 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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Attachments: [Draft Minutes July 6, 2020](#)

A motion was made by Trustee Gregory, seconded by Trustee Vice-Chairman Holmes, that this agenda item be approved. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Reports

2. 4-H Educator

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Kristi Nagy, 4-H Educator

Thank you to everyone who is here for all their work to make the fair happen. Having the shows separated allowed 4-H to see the rules more clearly and identify areas of needed clarification. Still waiting for the CCI invoice for the virtual livestock sale to come in, 4-H will reimburse the County. 4-H livestock sales for 2020, \$652,255.19, setting a new high record. Two hundred and two (202) animals were sold. Top buyers were Town and County Supermarket Liquors, Western Bank and #1 Properties, and Spradley Barr. Dawn Sanchez will begin October 1st as assistant 4-H Educator.

3. FFA Advisors

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Joe Allen, Frontier FFA Advisor

Fair was very successful, largely due to everybody coming together. He gave big props to Fair Staff, especially Nicholle Watkins, and the good judges she found. FFA Livestock Sale set a new sales record at \$165,500. FFA is limiting travel, doing some limited judging now. The National FFA Convention will be virtual this year. This will allow more students to attend since it will be during classroom time.

Brian Cox, Pine Bluffs FFA Advisor

The Fair Board did a great job making this fair happen. Thank you, Dan Ange for your work on the virtual livestock shows. Brian would like to see them continue in the future.

Caleb Green, Burns FFA

Echoed the above sentiments.

Buck Holmes, Is the professional fitting as big a problem as the comments indicate?

- Kristi Nagy, 4-H had "bigger fish to fry". She paid more attention to making sure the kids got their entries in and where they needed to be.
- FFA Advisors, didn't observe any hired fitters.

4. Staff

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Nicholle Watkins, Fair Manager

There was more group interaction this year than in the past. Thank you especially to IT for all their help and assistance.

There were 2651 entries and 430 exhibitors this year. Both numbers were down from last year. Premium Check totaled \$23,488.

Comments were received that the lack of extra activities made it seem less like fair.

Dan Ange, Events Director

It was great to see the fair come together.

Many positive comments concerning the high level of communication and work accomplished between 4-H and FFA.

Grounds and Seasonal Crews and Fair Ambassadors did a great job, wearing many hats prior to and during the fair. Brittany did a great job getting many still photos during the fair. Events like the fair succeed when everybody is willing to do what needs to be done.

Discussion

5. Discussion on Fair Recap- Comments, questions, concerns from 2020 LCF

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Attachments: [Public Comments](#)

Ron Gregory didn't hear any negative comments at all.

- FFA, 4-H, and fair staff worked together very well.

Joe Allen: This year forced us to look outside the box at things that nobody realized

might be broken. It might have been a COVID-19 year but doesn't mean we should go back to the way things have always been done.

Some discussion on Under and Overweight animals. A decision will be made before January.

- See attached comments

A decision concerning the November meeting will be made at the October 5, 2020 meeting. The date of the November meeting falls the night before the general election and there won't be any IT staff available to manage a virtual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Adjournment

CERTIFICATION

True and correct copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings for Monday, Sep. 14, 2020.

Approved by: Troy Thompson, Chairman