

## **Torrance County Fair Board**

### **Meeting**

**11/14/23**

**Present:** Marcie Wallin-on Phone, Kyria Encinias, Patrick Riley, Albert Chavez, Johnny Perea

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Marcie Wallin at 6:39

### **Roll Call**

Members present are listed above

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve by JP 2<sup>nd</sup> by PR

### **Approval of minutes**

Motion to approve by PR 2<sup>nd</sup> KE

### **Public Comment**

Alan Moreland, I was under the impression that every kid who entered an animal at the fair had that animal sold at auction or get something in return for it. Farm Bureau would like to make sure every kid who enter an animal gets something for it, we want to see that those who are not winners get something out of the fair. They spent a lot of time and work on those animals and want to hake wure they get something for it. One thing we kicked around is to have an additional auction, I am not sure if we can do that. When I asked about the add ons I really misunderstood. What we are going to do as the Farm bureau is give add ons to the kids who did not win so they get something for their efforts. This is not the California mentality where every one is a winner and everybody gets a trophy, its just that some of these kids or their parents pay for these animals and at the very end they do not get nothing. Some kids will chose to keep their stock to put it in the freezer or to take it on to Roswell or state fair, I understand that is their choice but what about the kids that do not want to do that, if they did not win at the county fair they sure do not want to go the the state fair at that expense. So we need to come up with some way, again I do not have the answer, but we are her to help you guys come up with the answer. Johnny Romero Basically the only thing I want to add on to what he had to say is that a lot of little farmers are moving into this area, they are moving out here bringing their kids, wanting to get them out of the city, some raise rabbits, chickens, sheep, and my thing is that there was a lot of people who were willing to but a lot of these smaller animals that could not afford to pay what these guys were paying through the auction. A lot of people were willing to spend 1000-1500 to help these kids. I have 5 grandkids that were in that fair, it was their first time they are young kids and they are learning. One of them did not make it. If you take them to open market you are not going to make your money back. There were people willing to buy these animals to help these kids for next year, so that they do not get discouraged and have money for next year. MW we appreciate your input and it is food for thought, we cannot take action on it tonight. That is all for public comment.

### **Auction Report**

MW-Take a look at the report I sent you, everyone in yellow is expected to be paid out this week, payments to be made tomorrow. I will get an updated report next week. There are 2 add on columns, one, is for individual add ons, the other is for group add ons. Are there any questions about that, it looks like they still owe a considerable amount. PR are the tax forms still holding up payments for anyone. MW-the county went to legal and this form will no longer be required as per Tracy Sedillo, current deputy county manager.

### **Commission Meeting Update**

MW- This is related to 2 things one is Stacy Herral's pay and the other one is the multipurpose building. First, I will start with Stacy's pay, I failed to have Martha turn in a requisition before Stacy started her time helping with the sale stuff so, we did submit it but it was after or during the fact so it was denied. I met with County Manager Barela, which I knew I was going to have to go in front of the commission, that is just protocol. I did go in front of the commission, I did not provide enough information in their hand at the first meeting and so 2 weeks later I submitted the requested information to them and they did vote to go ahead and pay her and it will come out of the sales commission pot that has been accumulating for a while. So that is where her pay will come out of not out of the budget. I just wanted to let you all know that is what took place. The next thing is 2 weeks ago, 3 weeks ago now, the commission had their meeting over at the fairgrounds to review where they want to possibly put in this multipurpose building. The new commissioner along with James Solomon took measurements, the consensus with the commissions is to do an L shaped building which would butte up against the current show ring and go east towards the poultry barn and part of it would go towards the steer barn. Does that make sense? They were having one of the county employees if the rock wall by the trees is an historical landmark. Butch McGee told me once that the Calvary set up camp there and that wall is part of their camp, that is my source. Kevin's last comment was we can move 2 feet west of that wall and go from there. The engineer was there and took notes, and asked for an arena size, because I did mention that the current arena size is not big enough for our cattle show. AC-How wide is that building going to be? MW- it is not that wide because of the gas lines, the tent we get is 60 x 60 and it would go about that width. JP- the best I was thinking was a 30 x 60 showring, what do you think? Albert what do you think? 40 x 80, that would be ideal. If it is truly a multipurpose building it would be better if it was bigger. MW- I think we can attend the commission meeting or the engineer could come present to the fair board, I could call a special meeting if you are interested, that might be the way to go about it. PR-how much input do they want from us or do we just have to deal with what they do. KE- I think we should try. JP-If we have a special meeting and it is posted we will be ok. MW- I will call him and see if he is willing to do that, probably the week after Thanksgiving. No to the week of the 27<sup>th</sup>, then we will have it the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **County Fair Rodeo**

PR-I would like to talk about moving from Old Timers to the Tuesday of the fair. I think it will bring more participation. I move to move the Rodeo to the Tuesday of Fair. KE-2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor, motion passes

### **Fair Board Foundation**

PR-I talked to a CPA and it has to be a private account. Kyria and Patrick will research more and report at a later date.

### **2024 Ranch Raised Steer Rule**

Dusty Wrye- would like to clarify the rules. Keep it simple and basic, would like photo of exhibitor removes, why is that required. Let it be known about grooming-it is a Non-Groomed Show- Clip head and any stray hair, Blow and show. JP moves to take out the photo requirement and Torrance County or surrounding area taken out of rules. PR 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, passes unanimously JP moves to change rule to shown in natural state/no clipping on any part of the body including the head, from tag in until the completion of the county fair. KE 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, passes unanimously. JP moves that if a steer is deemed altered by the superintendent at fair classification the participant is given the option to switch from ranch to market class, If the participant chooses not to do that they will be disqualified from either show. AC-2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, passes unanimously

### **JR Livestock exhibitor age eligibility**

MW-At the last meeting we voted and it was a fail. JP-This is my suggestion, instead of hashing it all out again, we lower the minimum age to 8 at fair with the stipulation as soon as they are eligible to enroll in 4H that is a requirement that they do. AC-I move that the age be 8 years old at time of fair are eligible to show, but only for 1 year, after that they must be enrolled in 4H or FFA. Motion fails for lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>. PR- Replace the age limit to 8 years old at time of fair and a member in good standing. JP-I move that a kid can enter an animal at ages 8-19, are enrolled in a school in Torrance Counts, as long as they meet the ownership requirements at tag in time. All in favor JP and AC yes, PR, KE and MW no, motion fails. KE-Child is eligible to show if they are 8 at fair time and if they meet ownership requirements at time of tag in. All those in favor JP and AC No, PR, KE and MW yes. Motion passes

JP-I move to adjourn, PR-second. MW all in favor? Motion passes the meeting is adjourned.