



**Teton County Fair Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Zoom Meeting**

*Mission: The mission of the TCFB is to produce an exceptional fair and administer the year-round use of the fairgrounds while promoting the western heritage; uniting urban and rural communities in celebration.*

*Vision: The TCFB's vision is to actively engage in the pursuit and promotion of our rural and agricultural heritage, from neighborhood back yards to family farms and local businesses.*

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- I. Call to Order  
Marybeth calls the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.
  - II. Roll Call/Pronouncement of a Quorum  
**Present:** Matt Hall, Gary Hardeman, Hannah Bouline, Deb Lutz, Steve Genzer, Marybeth Hansen  
**Late:** Tere Nelson  
**Also Present:** Rachel Grimes, Sarah Mann, Hadley Stewart, Alyssa Watkins
  - III. Adopt Agenda  
Gary motions to adopt the agenda as written. Matt seconds. All in favor, the motion passes.
  - IV. Approval of August 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes  
Matt motions to approve the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Hannah seconds. All in favor, the motion passes.
  - V. Public Comment  
No public comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- VI. New Business
  - a. Election of Officers

Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

Gary motions to keep seats as they are. Rachel mentions that Amy was the secretary and someone new will need to be appointed to that office. Gary appoints Hannah as the secretary – Marybeth remain as chair, Gary as vice chair, Deb as treasurer, Hannah as secretary. No second. The motion dies.

Hannah motions to appoint Marybeth as chair of the board. Gary seconds. Hannah, Gary, Marybeth vote in favor. Matt, Deb, Steve vote in opposition. The motion fails.

Tere joins the meeting at 5:43 PM.

Steve motions to make Matt chair. Matt seconds the motion. Matt is happy to take over chair so the position changes to a different person. Tere thinks Matt would be a good choice for chair and agrees with Matt on the changing of the guard. Matt, Tere, Steve, Deb in favor. Hannah, Gary, Marybeth opposed. The motion passes.

Deb nominates Tere as vice chair. Matt seconds the motion. Matt, Steve, Deb, Matt in favor. Hannah, Gary, Marybeth opposed. The motion passes.

Matt motions that Steve become secretary. Tere seconds the motion. Hannah asks for clarification on the roles of the different seats. Hannah doesn't feel that members were performing the duties of the seats and thinks there should be some thought put into how these roles can be utilized. Rachel gives an overview of the different roles of the chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer. Hannah suggests having Marybeth as secretary to help guide the new chair and vice chair. Tere, Deb, Marybeth, Matt, Steve in favor. Hannah opposed. Gary abstained. The motion passes.

Deb speaks to her experience as treasure this previous year. Matt moves to appoint Deb as treasure. Tere seconds the motion. Marybeth mentions that its great to have the treasurer review financials, but they shouldn't be so involved that they are micro-managing Rachel. Rachel reminds the board that she has an open-door policy if there is anything that needs to be discussed. Marybeth reiterates this point. Tere would like members to be more proactive in their roles so that they can speak to the Board at meeting. Hannah, Matt, Tere, Deb, Steve, Gary, Marybeth in favor. The motion passes.

b. Fair Board Size

Rachel gives an overview of the change in number of members over the last year since the Fair Board increased to 9. She recommends that the board go back to 7 members. New board members would not take their seats until after January 1, which would complicate fair planning because a lot of meeting time would be spent getting the new members up-to-speed. Matt motions to retain 9 members on the board. Tere seconds the motion. Marybeth speaks to the decline in productivity over the past year with 9 members versus 7. Tere mentions that a 9-member board means there are 2 more people to help during Fair week. Rachel mentions that it is also extremely difficult to fill even 7 seats, let alone 9 seats. Matt speaks to needing more members because we need more help. Marybeth says that 9 is nice during Fair week, but it makes it difficult the rest of the year. Matt thinks that COVID 19 made the meetings hard, not *not* having 9 people. Gary says he likes 7 because the board

works better with 7 and that the current board does not work; they cannot make a decision and are doing things they shouldn't. Rachel thinks that there are other ways to find help, such as putting the Royalty court to work during Fair. Rachel mentions that most Fair planning will actually take place after January 1 and doesn't make sense to add new board members at the same time. Deb is in favor of a 9-member board because we are coming into a time of a lot of changes that are going to tax the board. Rachel clarifies that decisions regarding relocating the fairgrounds will not be the Fair board's decision. It is likely that a steering committee will be appointed by the commissioners, which may include a few Fair Board members.

Matt, Tere, Deb, Hannah, Steve vote in favor. Marybeth and Gary vote in opposition. The motion passes.

Rachel mentions that advertising for new Fair Board members will not go out until November and they will most likely not be appointed until January.

Marybeth and Gary leave the meeting at 6:22 PM. Matt takes over running the meeting.

- VII. Old Business  
No old business.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- VIII. 2021 Fair Dates

Rachel gives an overview of suggested Fair dates. Frazier Carnival has requested to be here July 28 – August 1. Some of our contracts from the 2020 Fair, which are rolling over to the 2021 Fair, have been given earlier dates. Moving our Fair dates would push Fair a week after National High School Rodeo Finals, which is beneficial to some 4-H'ers. We have to think about the contractors that we share with neighboring fairs i.e. Pig Wrestling. Tere wants to know why Frazier wants to bump their date. It fits in with the 2 Nebraska fairs that Frazier comes from and goes to on either end of our fair. Tere mentions extending the Fair by a few days. Rachel mentions that extending Fair is problematic with the terms of the Rodeo Concessionaire Agreement – we would have to pursue a revision – the definition of “Fair Week” - of that contract and JH Rodeo may not agree to the change. We would only be able to request a revision at the end of their contract at the end of 2021. Rachel does not feel it is appropriate to pursue a change to their contract in the middle of their cycle. Hannah wants to know if Frazier would be able to shift their dates back to the third week of July and Rachel does not think this is possible. Deb says that National High School Rodeo is July 20 – 26, and it would be beneficial to switch our dates to accommodate 4-H'ers that rodeo and raise livestock. Hannah suggests reaching out to our different contractors to see if any of them are flexible in their dates in coming to the Fair. Rachel will look into seeing if contractors can shift their dates. Matt asks for clarification as to how long Frazier will be here. Just July 26 – August 1? We currently overlap with 8 other counties in Wyoming. If we move, we will overlap with Lincoln and Sweetwater. Will decide on Fair dates at the October meeting.

- IX. 2021 Fair Themes

2021 is the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fair and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Teton County. Alyssa would like the Fair Board to consider centennial events or a centennial theme for the 2021 Fair. Tere is in favor of both. Suggestions have been to incorporate the concert as the centennial concert. Tere asks Alyssa if the Fair Board will receive an increase in funding for Fair if we

agree to center it around the County's centennial. Currently there is \$5,000 for the centennial celebrations. There may not be additional money to spend on the concert – fundraising from the centennial committee will probably have to happen. Hannah feels we should do events in conjuncture with the centennial but should not confuse things with the theme. Will need to hear from the County's centennial subcommittee more before making a decision.

X. 2021 Fair Night Events

Rachel gives an overview of the schedule of night events at a typical Fair. There has been a lot of feedback requesting that the 4-H Livestock Sale be the Friday night event. Ninja could still setup the kiddy course on the grass on Saturday & Sunday. Rachel has reached out to Margie Warren about moving Western Dressage to Tuesday night and moving Team Branding to the first Sunday of Fair. Steve thinks the livestock sale should move to Friday and keep the other events the same. Steve loved the kiddy course and maybe Ninja as the night event should be dropped. Rachel feels we should leave Tuesday night open so we can move things around. Figure 8's must remain on Sunday night due to cleanup of the arena. Saturday would be rodeo. Friday night = Livestock sale with a concert under the Big Top. Matt mentions that it was great to have parking for trailers without the carnival there, so move the horse show and 4-H to the weekend after. Deb doesn't think Figure 8s should be moved from Sunday. The concert and pig wrestling might be the only events that can be moved around. More discussion to come.

XI. 2021 Fair Committees

The Board discusses which committees they would like to be on this next year. Rachel mentions that a lot of focus needs to be put on the Big Top Tent committee. Rachel clarifies that since there are only 7 seated members currently, there can only be 3 board members on a committee.

**OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

XII. FY20/FY21 Fair Budget & Fund Balance Updates

Rachel explains that the county is currently going through the FY20 audit and an updated budget will be available in October. Rachel gives an overview of the current budget.

XIII. Matters & Announcements from Board & Staff

a. Fair & Fairgrounds Manager Report & Updates

The Fairgrounds will be hosting the Wyoming Association of Fairs. Rachel is working with Hannah to schedule a Vertical Harvest tour.

b. Marybeth

Not present.

c. Gary

Not present.

d. Steve

No updates.

- e. Deb  
Deb speaks to the royalty pageant held on 8/23.
- f. Tere, Royalty Pageant  
Tere updates the Board on the Royalty pageant and the 2021 title holders:
  - 2021 Queen: Jordan Lutz
  - 2021 Lady-in-Waiting: Kate Budge
  - 2021 Senior Princess: Bailey Chamberland
  - 2021 Senior Princess Attendant: Savana Wackerman
  - 2021 Junior Princess: Ashlyn Chamberland
  - 2021 Peewee Princess: Chloe Edwards
  - 2021 Peewee Princess Attendant: Ella Hatch
  - 2021 Peewee Princess Attendant: Yaretzi Perez Cortez
  - 2021 Mini Princesses: Lucila Scharp, Odelie Klein Cruz, & Itzae Perez Cortez
- g. Hannah  
No updates.
- h. Matt, Royalty Pageant  
Matt said the Exhibit Hall worked great for the pageant. Matt now knows how to park cars in our parking lot.

XIV. Other

- a. WAF Conference in Jackson, WY on Sept. 30 – Oct. 2  
Matt wants to know if he or the other board members can attend the WAF conference. Rachel will check.
- b. RMAF Conference in Colorado Springs, CO on Nov. 11-14  
The budget allows for 2 board members to attend RMAF. Hannah suggests we don't need to find many acts since we have contracts held over from last year. Rachel mentions that there are a lot of educational courses there as well. Rachel will price plane tickets for the October meeting.
- c. IAFE Convention in San Antonio, TX on Nov. 29-Dec. 2  
Rachel attended for the first-time last year. There is a certification program that last 6 years, but with budget cuts, it may not be possible.

XV. Adjourn

Matt motions to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Tere seconds the motion. Not further discussion. All in favor. The motion passes.