

Ouray County Fair Board Minutes

Monday, January 10, 2022

Call to order ~ 6:01pm

Attendees ~ Erin Stadelman (fairgrounds manager), Ashlee Briggs (via Zoom), Oakley Kelly (via Zoom), Helene Discoe, Dale Earixson, Lee Tainter, Jaime Goza (CSU extension officer) Leo Caselli (County Attorney), Jake Niece (Commissioner) and Lynn Padgett (Commissioner)

Minutes ~ No previous minutes to review or discuss.

Financial Report ~ Account ledger was read, reviewed ~ Total in Ledger \$23,013.37 ~ Requests for payments: None

General Business ~ An extended review of the 2003 By-Laws was conducted by Mr. Caselli. After much discussion, it was determined to make a few changes to the verbiage of the By-Laws and submit them to the County Commissioners for review and approval ASAP. Mr. Caselli felt very confident that the changes would be accepted. Among those changes was a request to rename the Board Positions as follows: Chairperson – Vice Chairperson/Secretary – Treasurer.

Discussion of costs for 2022 was brief. Mr. Goza remarked on the high cost of the Ultrasound Vendor and suggested the 2021 cost would be the same for 2022. Mr. Goza also stated that the average cost of Fair Judges in the region was \$800 (including travel expenses).

Mrs. Discoe will speak with the 4H Club to nominate and place a member to the Fair Board record.

New Business ~ Board positions were discussed and the following members were placed:

Lee Tainter – Chairperson

Ashely Briggs – Vice Chairperson (to become Vice Chairperson/Secretary)

Dale Earixson – Secretary/Treasurer (to become Treasurer)

Motion was made by: Helene ~ Seconded by: Oakley ~ Motion passed.

Discussion of the possibility of requesting a Fair Date Change began. Reasons to move the date: possibility of more buyers, school in session conflicts, state fair attendance, difficulty in finding judges, conflict with State Fair dates and conflicts for Fair members involved with the Rodeo festivities among others. Reasons to remain on Labor Day weekend: historical, livestock may be too small if the date is moved up. It was decided to host a community led Special Meeting on Monday, January 31st at 6pm at the 4H Event Center to discuss the ideas/concerns openly with all interested parties. Mrs. Stadelman will create Special Meeting posting and newspaper advertisement.

Next Meeting Date ~ Special Meeting Mon, January 31, 2022 @ 6pm – 4H Event Center

Regular Meeting: Mon, February 21, 2022 @ 6pm – 4H Event Center

Adjourned ~ Motion to adjourn made by : Dale ~ Seconded by: Lee ~ Adjournment @ 8:02pm