



**NEBRASKA STATE FAIR BOARD**  
Nebraska State Fair Board Room, Grand Island NE  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 27, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Nebraska State Fair Board was held on Friday, August 27th, 2021, at 9 a.m. Public notice of this meeting was published in the August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> issues of the Grand Island Independent newspaper and posted to the Nebraska Public meeting calendar website on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and on the Nebraska State Fair Website. The public was invited to attend in person.

Roll call was read with the following members present: Bob Haag, Secretary; Kevin Jorgensen; Beth Smith, Chair; Steve Wehrbein; Tom Schellpeper; Lana Hubbard; Tom Dinsdale; Lanna Hubbard; Ryan Hassebrook. Others in attendance at the board room were: Bill Ogg, Executive Director; Jaime Parr, Deputy Executive Director; Judy Trent, Office Administrator/ Board Liaison; Terry Galloway, 1868 Foundation Joe & Jennifer Stump.

Smith announced the meeting had been properly advertised as an open meeting and informed those in attendance of the posting location of the Open Meetings Act.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of July 15, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes
- b. July 2021 Financial Reports

Motion made by Kevin Jorgensen for Approval of Consent Agenda.

Second by Bob Haag

Discussion: No Discussion.

Upon roll call vote, motion to approve consent agenda passed unanimously.

**Deputy Executive Director Report – Jamie Parr**

- Gate admission will be free until noon on opening day for the opening ceremonies.
- There will be several Dignitaries coming to the fair this year.

**Executive Director Report – Bill Ogg**

- The Nebraska State Fair is in good shape, but there is revenue yet to come in.
- Stated how cost-effective outdoor concerts would be to the fair this year financially.
- Packets are being handed out to all board and contain what all they need during this time at the fair.. It is important the Board is good hosts to fair goers and sponsors.
- Think about the concept of how alcohol consumption could be different for next year.
- Master Planning is a huge opportunity and a responsibility of the future of the fair. Board input is needed.
- Opening Ceremony will be happening at the Earl May Square at 10 am.
- The Blue-Ribbon Kickoff will be Friday evening and it is an important time for members to meet and mingle with the sponsors and Friends of the Fair.
- Bullfighting will be happening Friday on the practice track.
- Indian Horse Relay will be Saturday and Sunday and there will be diplomats from their tribes.
- This has been a challenging year for many reasons and Thank You to all the staff and everyone who helped to make it possible.

### Other Business

- Beth gave a rundown of the events and schedule for the next couple of days. Beth Smith also wanted to make sure that everyone thanks the volunteers for their time.
- Kathleen Lodi commented for the board to take time and come see the 4-H exhibits and that the German Dignitary would be here touring the grounds @ 1:30 pm Friday.
- Arlee and Betty will be hosts in the board room upstairs.

### Future Nebraska State Fair Board Meeting Dates and Locations (tentative)

September 1, 2021, @ 9 am Nebraska State Fair Board Room, Grand Island, NE

September 6, 2021, @ 9 am Nebraska State Fair Board Room, Grand Island, NE

### Adjournment

Motion made by Steve Wehrbein to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Chris Kircher

Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Time adjourned: 9:50 am