



NEBRASKA STATE FAIR BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 25, 2023

The regular meeting of the Nebraska State Fair Board was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2023, at 9:00 am at the Nebraska State Fair Administrative Offices in Grand Island, NE. Public notice of this meeting was published in the Grand Island Independent newspaper on August 18th & 19^h, 2023; posted to the Nebraska Public meeting calendar website; and on the Nebraska State Fair website. The public was invited to attend in person.

Roll call was read with the following Board Members present: Dawn Caldwell, Chair; Jeff Kliment, Vice Chair; Boyd Strope, Treasurer; Tom Schellpeper, Secretary; Bob Haag; Beth Smith; Kevin Jorgensen; Kathleen Lodi; Lanna Hubbard; and Steve Wehrbein; Tom Dinsdale, and Ryan Hasebrook. Absent: Brett Lindstrom.

Others in attendance:

Jaime Parr, Executive Director; Tammy Baker, Business Administrator; Joe Stump, AMGL; Terry Galloway, 1868 Foundation; Kourtney Lingeman, Competitive Exhibits Manager.

Dawn Caldwell 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

Motion made by Tom Dinsdale for Approval of Consent Agenda which included Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2023.

Second by Tom Schellpeper.

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

Approval of April Financial Reports as presented by Joe Stump and Jaime Parr.

Motion made by Bob Haag to approve Financial Reports for July 2023.

Second by Beth Smith.

Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Board Committee Reports

Ag Committee report by Jeff Kliment

- Closed check-in trailers from noon to 5:00 to beat the heat.
- Shows starting at 10:00 today.

Events Committee report by Steve Wehrbein

- No meeting
 - Ready for Opening Ceremonies today.
 - Grand Marshall Reception at noon.

Facilities Planning Committee report by Tom Schellpeper

- No meeting
 - Commented Tina & crew very organized.

Finance Committee report by Boyd Strope

- No meeting
 - Financials in GREAT shape!

4-H Committee report by Kathleen Lodl

- While livestock is not coming in (between noon and 5:00), allowing tack to be brought in
- Bringing in animals at coolest times
- Static exhibits going well
- New space for vendors

FFA Committee – Ryan Hassebrook

- 2 new shows: poultry and rabbits (200 new entries)
- Entries in FFA are up
- Static will probably be up as well

Executive Committee report by Dawn Caldwell

- No meeting

Staff Reports

- Kourtney Lingeman distributed Open Class Exhibits ribbons to Board members
- Requested they place their ribbon on project of their choosing and take a selfie.
- Have entire week to complete.

1868 Foundation – Terry Galloway

- Moved in last Sunday (high heat conditions)
- Tent 30% bigger than last year (room for 300 more people)
- Blue Ribbon Rollout: Great Steak Debate (tonight).
 - Well over \$100,000 expected to be raised.
 - NTV and KHAS and Hornady Mfg – celebrity guests
 - Berren Strope to speak about the importance of premiums.
- VIP Reception Sunday – expect 225 people (capacity)
- Corndogs & Cocktails – 7pm Wednesday
- Gift shop open until 9 pm every night
- Four new (big red) golf carts

Executive Director's Report by Jaime Parr

- Gift Shop – wearables, pint glasses, candles
- Event Tent – nice hospitality area
- Staff Team doing great job in all areas
- Opening ceremony – speakers
- New Food Contest at 11:00 today
- Bull Riding tonight
- Spoke about Board Participation schedule
- Weather alert calendar
- EAP (pocket size) booklets
- Daily numbers to be shared in group text
- Board photo – Family Fun Zone (blue shirts)

Motion to adjourn made by Boyd Strope.

Seconded by Tom Dinsdale.
All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes of August 25, 2023
Nebraska State Fair Approved:
Date: August 29, 2023

By: _____
Tom Schellpeper, Board Secretary

UNAPPROVED