

Grant County Fair Board Meeting

September 12, 2022

Pavilion 6:34 pm

Fair Board Chair: Donna Palmer

Fair Board Present: Jake, Clint Weaver, Courtney Montague, M.T. and Luke by phone.

Guests: Dwight Johnson, Alec Oliver, Laura Beth, Christal Culley. Trista Strong and Kayla Barrietua on computer and Whitney Richey by phone

Fair Staff: Mindy Winegar

Meeting Called to Order: Donna Palmer called meeting 6:34pm

Agenda Changes: None

Minutes: July Minutes M/S/P M.T./Courtney

Financials: Fair budget was well thanks to our generous sponsors we profited \$25K for the season

4H/FFA: Christal said fair went pretty well. Stated we need to have scale certificate laminated at the scale. M.T. wanted Christal to know what a great barn set up it was. State vet said we cannot have small animals next to swine. We will all work together to come up with a place for the small animals. Mindy asked about livestock judging and they said there were no complaints. The livestock auction brought in close to \$500K. M.T. believes having Trent Stewart as the auctioneer and having the auction online helps in the success of the auction. Spitfire did an awesome job. Mindy said next year she will coordinate with Spitfire to have the same color wrist bands as the other bars on the grounds.

Fair 2022: Team Branding: M.T. believes we need to change the time. He believes we should not do a final round, set time for dog trials. Seems as people come to watch dog trials. Huge thank you to GW Clark for hauling cattle. Jake asked about adding the event Fence and Stretch. Parade: Clint says we need more candy, the flag bearer was wearing tennis shoes. The Grand Marshals were outstanding. Other Fair: We had huge electrical problems at the center stage. The trampoline people seemed to be a waste of money. The balloon artist worth every penny. Mindy will start working on music acts for 2023. Christal suggested Caleb Lathrop. Hot wings contest was a huge hit. The corn hole tournament seemed rushed. We had a record number of vendors. Mindy spoke to the American Legion about shutting down and told them it could not happen again. Brenda lost money at the fair this year, the Stockgrowers did great. Open Class was down again this year. Mindy would like to move the fair date a week back M/S/P Jake/Courtney to keep the fair date the 2nd weekend in August for 2023. M/S/P Courtney/Jake

“Something to be proud of” for the 2023 Fair and Rodeo Theme. Grand Marshal Nominees: Tinka Oliver, Sue Lemons, Mitch and Jenny Mund, Jim and Andrea Officer, Pat and Hedy Voigt, Elaine Husted, Kelly Collins, Bob and Kay Cowan-Thompson, Carolyn Stout, Billy Neal, Charlene Morris & Wanda Winegar, Rich and Cindy Wilburn, Mindy will send out email and get the top 2 or 3 and then call the nominees.

Rodeo: Great Rodeo, great contestants, great stock, great sound. It was a good move to go to the ICA. We had over 500 people on Friday and over 800 on Saturday. We will continue to find out how to get co-sanctioned with the NPRA. JR. Rodeo: went well thanks to Cinnabar Mountain Play days. Jake did a great job announcing but would like to see if we could keep the sound and announcer for the JR. Rodeo. The ICA would like to see the JR. Rodeo on Thursday but to get the help and contestants the board believes we need to keep it on Sunday. Jake asked if we would be doing anything with the grandstand with our funding, Mindy explained that we will be expanding the walk way and having ADA ramps on both ends of the grandstands. Then eventually replacing all the boards.

Meeting

Next Fairboard meeting 5:30, October 10, 2022

M/S/P Jake/Clint to adjourn meeting **Donna Palmer** Adjourned meeting at 7:38

