

SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES

Parks and Fair Admin Conference Room

San Juan County Fairgrounds

Friday, January 10, 2025

CONVENE MEETING

9:00AM

Attendance: Josephine Bangs, Justin Platts, Terri Brown, Brandon Andrews, Amanda Smith, Clinton Gauthier (remote)

Approval of Agenda: Justin moves to approve as amended. Josephine seconded. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: December 2024, Justin moves to approve. Terri seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

4-H COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Clinton Gauthier

- Clinton organizing a work party early February to remove the Livestock Tent and clean-up the area.
- Fair Entry renewal has been paid by 4-H. Reassess payment agreement for next year.
- Terri and Clinton will start work on Exhibitor's Guide. Draft scheduled to be approved by Leaders Council at March meeting. Also beginning to coordinate Fair scheduling.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

- Josephine nominates Milene for Chair, Terri seconded. Approved.
- Terri nominates Justin for Vice-Chair. Josephine seconded. Approved.
- Open Board Positions:
 - At Large, Position #7 (3 yr)
 - One Year, At Large (1 yr)
 - At Large, Position #9 (3yr)
 - Lopez, Position #5 (3 yr)
 - Shaw, Position #3 (3 yr)
 - One Year, At Large (1 yr)
- County code about term limits was read aloud.
- Barbara Bevens & Rebecca Shanks have both submitted applications which are under review by Council.

Fair Board Meeting Time:

- Currently 2nd Friday at 9am.
- No amendments to the meeting time have been made.

Hiring Update:

- Angelica Hadeen has moved to the Treasurer's Office
- First interviews to fill her position were on Tuesday 1/7
- Follow-up interviews scheduled for Monday 1/13.

- All candidates are qualified, and Brandon anticipates being able to make an offer after follow-up interviews are complete.
- Brandon shared the more detailed questions with the Board that were sent to the applicants in advance of the second round of interviews.
- In addition, the Seasonal Ranger job has gone live.

Sunday Closure Time:

- Concern was raised about a large group of livestock members who left the grounds early at last year's Fair.
- The rules state that only exception for livestock leaving the grounds is by being excused by a vet.
- Clinton thinks there won't be as much pushback this year. Will spread out the schedule to make it feel more worthwhile to stay the whole time. In addition, there will be enforcement and/or consequences for leaving early but he is hoping to come up with a solution focused less on the youth.
- It would be ideal for a thorough clean-up on the Monday after Fair as opposed to leaving Sunday night without fulfilling cleaning duties.
- Brandon recommended that Livestock auction moved to last day of Fair.

Operating Hours:

- After discussion it was decided that the operating hours of 10:30am to 8:30pm would remain in place for 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Update:

- The County was successful in the lawsuit against the Town.
- The Town has 30 days from the date of decision to appeal.

2025 Theme Artwork:

- Amanda presented the final poster
- T-shirt line art will be received by March 31st

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Fair Board Meeting

Friday, February 7th, 2025

- Moved from 2/14 to accommodate scheduling conflict.
- Future meeting agenda proposals:
 - Sponsorship
 - Revised recommendation on volunteer passes
 - Further clarification of super responsibilities
 - Judges and housing

ADJOURN: 10:30am