

MONTEZUMA COUNTY FAIR BOARD AGENDA

Meeting January 20, 2025

7:00 pm

Montezuma County Fair Grounds

I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance/ Roll Call /Verify Quorum

Called to order at 7:00 PM by President TH

Pledge

In attendance are FH (Felica Herman), AH (Amanda Higgins,) BH (Bobbie Hunter), KS (Kristyn Spruell), TH (Tammy Hampton), JM (Jim Mitchell), TC (Trent Carver) and Alternate LH (Logan Hindmarsh)

II. Set the Agenda

Add Livestock Committee By-Laws revisions for approval

III. Approval of Minutes

November Minutes- TC moves to approve November Minutes BH 2nd **Motion Carries**

December Special Meeting Minutes- AH moves to approve December Special Meeting Minutes JM 2nd **Motion Carries**

IV. Reports

- Treasurer Report- No Treasurer report currently, County has not release budget money yet
- Fairgrounds Manager Report- Sidewalk is completed, Asphalt or Chip Seal is in plans from the County, -February 2nd Beef tag in, "Same as Normal" Justin will bring chute and panels down
- County Administration Report- none
- County Council Report- none
- Extension Office Report-Tierney absent but sent email
211 members currently, new members still have time to sign up, Tierney does not expect to see more than 220.
Beef tag in February 2nd 12-2
Tierney asked if board could approve the Mandatory Livestock meeting date
Tierney suggested waiting for schedule changes to fair until 2026
Tierney asked if board could pick a "Fair Theme"

- Livestock Committee Report- *Turned in new By-Laws to board for approval*
 - Update on Jackpot
 - Fitting & Showmanship clinic on June 20th Friday before jackpot, teaming with IFA
 - Carcass contest buckles have been sponsored by Road 39
 - Committee is needing to insure the “yellow” building, committee approved coverage for \$100,000 and to be in effect ASAP
 - Committee can assist at Beef Tag for anything the board may need from them
 - Committee to help with mandatory livestock meeting- Go over Carcass Contest changes and other topics
 - May consider doing a local “Bred & Fed” auction in 2026 for local breeders to bring qualifying livestock to an event (possibly Ag Expo) so 4H members can see them and bid on them
 - Committee is working on Beef wash rack improvements

V. Public Comment

Public comment is an opportunity during the meeting to present comments to the board for consideration. Please identify yourself, and if you are representing any other party.

Out of respect for time constraints, each person is asked to limit his or her comments to 3 minutes. A maximum of one hour will be allowed for public comment.

-None at this time

VI. Old Business

- **CREA Grant: \$500 in Marketing & Advertising and \$500 in Cortez Cash for Prizes** – *Thank you CREA! CTZ CASH to be used for Open Class awards*
- **February Fair Board Representative for County Council and Livestock Committee:** Krystyn Spruell □ Beef Tag In: February 2, 2025, 12:00-2:00PM.

VII. Discussion Items with Possible Actions

- **Invoices to Pay** – *none at this time*
- **Livestock Committee By Laws-** *Committee added the role of Treasurer. Also revised, dispersement of money collected from livestock checks at fair will be 60% going towards scholarship/education and 40% going to pen/fairgrounds improvements*
 - FH moves to accept changes in MCJLSC By Law changes. AH 2nd **Motion Carries**
- **Resignation of Devonne Kingery**
- **Bylaws BOCC and Fair Board-** *Copy of By Laws were emailed to all Board members to read over revisions*
 - Things board needs to do that are in the By Laws that have been neglected in the past*
 1. *Give an evaluation report within 90 days of Fair ending to BOCC*
 2. *Schedule of Events given to BOCC as of June 1st*
 - FH Moves to accept updated BOCC By Laws. JM 2nd **Motion Carries**

- **Mandatory Livestock Meeting** – Hand out ear tags for anyone wanting to participate in virtual “tag in” at meeting for Swine, Sheep & Goats.
 - **Set Date**- KS moves to set date for Mandatory Livestock meeting for April 16th, 2025 at 6pm at fairgrounds (if available). AH 2nd **Motion Carries**
 - **Livestock Committee**- Will be at Mandatory meeting
 - Fairboard to cover rule changes and handout 2025 rule books. Board to talk about page in Rule book required to be signed by members stating they have read and understand the rules.
 - Livestock Committee- to go over Carcass contest changes, talk about the ultrasound process and how the contest will be judged. This is open to all large animals at fair Beef, Swine, Sheep & Goats
 - Committee also to talk about educational day at Jackpot for fitting and showmanship clinic.
 - Committee to let everyone know of the local Jackpot for anyone who would like to participate.
 - Tierney to put together slide show for meeting
 - In slide show explain virtual “tag in” and how it will work
- **Rule Book**- Changes sent to all board members via email
AH moves to accept all 2025 Rule Book Changes. BH 2nd **Motion Carries**
- **2025 Fair Theme**-List of Fair Theme ideas from Tierney was passed to all board members to look over and choose which ones they liked.
 - Theme “Boots & Buckles & Barrels of Fun” 2 votes
 - Theme “One Great County, One Great Fair” 5 votes
 - FH moves to accept “One Great County, One Great Fair” for 2025 Fair Theme. AH 2nd **Motion Carries**
- **Schedule for Livestock Shows**- Tierney would like dates for livestock shows to get Judges lined out and informed. Open discussion included;
 - Are we keeping the sale on Saturday and animal release on Sunday?
 - Carcass contest was schedule for CSU to judge on Tuesday July 29th already by Livestock Committee.
 - Sale will stay on Saturday
 - Lg Livestock shows will be held Wednesday-Friday
 - Rabbits, Thursday am possible?
 - Poultry, Wednesday am possible?
 - TH would like to table until Tierney is back to look at overlap of kid's projects**
 - Brandee Simmons, relayed request to try to schedule the Rocket Launch at a different time than the Shooting Sports. They were too close together at 2024 fair.
 - Rockets on Monday possible?
- **Community Events for Fair**
 - Tractor Pull for Adults
 - Kick off event, Joe at racetrack will have more information soon, he is interested in doing something. Push for the Saturday before Fair when animals are not there yet.
 - Scratch kids kick off dance (not much participation in last few years)
 - Goat roping is good for Wednesday night. The hosts take care of all details for the Goat Roping.
 - Kickoff event- JM will look into holding the “Rubber Check Race” and report back to board
 - Ranch Rodeo is good
 - Possible BBQ competition, FH looking into health regulations for these types of events.
 - Chicken Chase, be done like the 2025 fair if IFA is willing again. (adults in chicken costumes and kids chase rubber chickens tied to costume to win live chicken picked up at IFA after fair)
- **Herdsmanship**- TH is willing to coordinate again
- **Insurance**- TC & TH will investigate

- **Liquor License-** *KS will investigate may need to team up with Livestock Committee if 501C 3 is required. JM is willing to help coordinate Security for events with alcohol at fair when we have those scheduled.*
- **Vendors-** *Food, Fun, IFA show trailer AH & LH to work on. TH does have revised “Vendor Form” to send out*
- **Open Class-***FH & BH *possibly moving Quilts upstairs to get those interested back at fair and keep quilts clean**
- **Concessions-** *Put out flyer for anyone who may interested*

VIII. Other Discussion

**The Board shall conduct such further business as may come before said meeting*

IX. Adjourn

AH moves to adjourn at 8:32 pm FH 2nd Motion Carries