

MONTEZUMA COUNTY FAIR BOARD AGENDA

Meeting March 17, 2025

7:00 pm

Montezuma County Fairgrounds (Upstairs)

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM Pledge was given

In attendance are Tammy Hampton (TH), Kristyn Spruell (KS), Jim Mitchell (JM), Felcia Herman (FH), Trent Carver (TC), Bobbie Hunter (BH) and alternate Logan Hindmarsh who is eligible to vote for this meeting

Absent; Amanda Higgins (AH) excused

II. Set the Agenda

MCFJLC added 2025 budget approval TC moves to accept agenda addition JM 2nd **Motion Carries**

III. Approval of Minutes

February Minutes JM moves to approve February minutes LH 2nd **Motion Carries**

IV. Reports

☐ Treasurer Report

\$8,695.80 in account

\$35,450 in budget from County

\$150.00 paid for Fair Entry

FH moves to accept budget BH 2nd **Motion Carries**

☐ Fairgrounds Manager Report

Waiting on admin to approve new wash racks he believes we can move forward

Security for liquor license, Jeri from the County is helping out Sherif Nowlin denied request, other companies are an option

☐ County Administration Report

Not present

☐ County Council Report

☐ Extension Office Report

Camping spots handed out for Fair board members to reserve spots so they are not available on the website when spots open for families

Livestock Judge for rabbit & poultry confirmed

Working on finding a horse judge

Fair Flyer needs to be to extension by June 13th at the latest to be put with the buyer packets to be handed out.

MQA is completed for all eligible members

Fair Award will be Hoodies Canyon Creations has put in a bid

Senior banners for 4-H members will be made and hung at fairgrounds during fair and given to seniors.

Tierney asked chaperone National 4-H convention in Washington D.C. and will be out for mandatory livestock meeting on April 16th.

County Council has been canceled for May

Temple Grandin will be here May 2nd for 4-H members and May 3rd open to the public, 175 people max

☐ Livestock Committee Report

Submit 2025 budget to board and 2024 sending

Working on finding fair livestock auction & ringmen

Working on Photo bids

Moving Meet and Greet for buyers back to the Barns

Would like to have a hospitality room for buyers at livestock auction Mancos Brewery will donate beer to have in Rodeo Room. Possible drink tickets for buyers when they check in

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 currently

VI. Old Business

☐ April Fair Board Representative for County Council and Livestock Committee: Jim Mitchell

☐ Fair Events/Assignments - Updates

JM working on Ranch Rodeo, possibly to partner with Mancos Days to have livestock at ½ price. Mancos days is 1 week before our fair

Power Motive to sponsor \$2,500 for Ranch Rodeo still working on other ½

Sanctioning Ranch Rodeo will be \$500 but may bring more participation to the event

TH talked to Joe at racetrack working on event for fair. He has 8 different types of events i.e. Mud Bog

Possibly Friday the 26th before fair starts or August 1st, Joe to get back to TH

Vendor forms have been sent out and on website 6 food vendors have responded

VII. Discussion Items with Possible Actions

☐ Livestock Sale Time

Sale committee representative was present. Some of the important details she brought to the board were;

1. Please rediscuss the 6pm sale time
2. The 2024 sale lasted 3-3 ½ hrs, this would mean our sale for 25' would end at 9-9:30 pm
3. Concerned buyers will not stay til the end due to being tired
4. Some buyers do not check out and they must be contacted for animal transport which delays committee
5. In 2024 76 buyers came 54 buyers purchased animals for a total of \$325,000
6. For the sale at 2pm sale had committee was there until 9pm with lots of work left to do at home
7. The Buy Back is a challenge and time consuming to organize and have ready by 8am Sunday morning
8. Logistics include where animals go, paperwork for processors, buyback animals

9. All the information is put into a computer
10. Auction #'s have helped
11. Trying to utilize Fair Entry in 25' to help
12. At a 6pm sale it is unrealistic for committee to be done by 8am next day
13. Committee has had increased number of comments from buyers that kids are asking for their animals back
14. They have a great team and a system
15. Please have show secretary log results only and have a sperate M.C. to keep data accurate
16. 2024 sale sheet was a mess and hard to get sale order figured out
17. Consider a Friday night sale, Saturday family day and Sunday release in future
18. Consider releasing all non-sale animals before the auction day
19. Consider later release time if having a later sale time
20. Laplata is a "bill only" sale making things faster to balance and can be done at later times

Options for decision

Keep sale time at 6pm and push release to Sunday at 12pm

Resend motion to have sale time at 4pm and release Sunday at 10am

TH moves to resend 6pm sale time and move to 4pm on Saturday August 2nd LH 2nd

3 in favor 4 opposed **Motion Failed**

KS moves to change the release time to 12pm for animals on Sunday August 3rd FH 2nd 6 in favor 1 opposed **Motion Carries**

****Tierney highly suggests advertising sale time has changed****

☐ Mandatory Meeting - Tierney out of town April 16

Tierney is out of town April 16th

Virtual Tag in questions without Tierney there is concerning

April 23rd would be next available date

Virtual tag in rules printed before meeting

Directly contact Tierney with any virtual tag in ?'s

April 16th date to stay the same

☐ Placing of 3rd- 5th for all Market Species

MCFJLC voted to ask board to place Grand Champion through 5th overall in market classes

Amend placing rule. Committee will rewrite rule for rulebook addition

TC moves to amend the rulebook to include 3rd-5th placing overall in each species. JM 2nd

TH against changing rules since books are already printed

5 in favor 2 oppose **Motion Carries**

Special meeting to be set to approve amended rule

☐ Designate Fitting Area

LH moves to keep designated fitting area in same spot but expands out. BH 2nd

All in favor of **Motion Carries**

LH is looking for a bigger generator for fitting area

☐ Kitchen Bid for Concessions

KS moves to charge a \$200 fee for non-profit to rent kitchen concession area for full week of fair.

TC 2nd All in favor **Motion Carries**

☐ Horse Superintendent

Kelly McAndrews sent in LOI

BH moves to accept Kelly McAndrews LOI to serve as Horse Superintendent. FH 2nd

All in favor **Motion Carries**

☐ Fair Board Meeting Time

TC moves to change the time for Fairboard to meet at 6pm. JM 2nd All in Favor **Motion Carries**

☐ Award Sponsors

List passed out, each member to take a species and 3 general projects to gather sponsors for awards

☐ Donation Tier

Board likes print out, make adjustments and send out to interested business's

☐ Security for Fair

Looking into Sheriffs Posse for assistance

Possibly the City or Mancos Marshal to help out

KS is working on it

*Addition of MCFJLC Budget

Budget papers were handed out to board

KS moves to accept MCFJLC 2025 budget. LH 2nd All in favor **Motion Carries**

VIII. Other Discussion

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

IX. Adjourn

KS moves to adjourn meeting at 9:33 pm FH 2nd **Motion Carries**