

DAWSON COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Meeting held April 23rd

The regular monthly meeting of the Dawson County Fair Board was called to order by Nathan Stortz at 7:05 pm on April 23rd in the Fair Office at the Dawson County Fairgrounds. In attendance were: Tacee DeSaye, Nathan Stortz, Larry Evans, Wade Nielsen, Brady Smelser, Troy Kaufman, Anna Kueker, Brady Smith and Kelsey Crawford. Eric Smeltzer and Terah Linn were absent. Commissioner Dennis Zander was also present.

Guests: 4-H guests included Tonya Gobbs, Amber Nentwig and Lori Cullinan. Heath Craig with the Weed Department came to discuss spraying the grounds.

4-H: The group is interested in planting several trees in memory of two 4-Hers, Tienna Engle and Kayden Sportsman. Trees will be planted south of the bleachers during the 2nd or 3rd week of May. They will call One Call before they dig and put flags out for approval. Trees will be 3-4 foot Maples.

They also presented a list of projects that 4-H has accomplished for the grounds in the last 15 years in lieu of the recent booth rent concerns. Currently 4-H booth rent for an event is \$100 and 4-H receives the money. A recent vote changed permanent booth rent to \$250 a year with a \$50 charge per extra event at the fairgrounds. Wade made a motion wave the \$250 a year in exchange for labor but still charge the \$50 per event. Larry seconded the motion and the board voted in concurrence.

Heath Craig/Weed Department: He is interested in how much area needs to be dirt/gravel and what can be left alone. The front of the grandstands, pens, arena fence line, court area of barns, front of racehorse and the chain link enclosure of carnival area needs to be sterilized.

Old Business:

Elks: **Contract will cover.** The flat rate payment will be split between the two events.

Clean-up: We are currently waiting on a bid for the June event from Starplex and Squeaky Clean. If no bids are turned in, then Tacee will place a bid in the paper.

New Business:

Freckle Farm: They are interested in coming to the June event, but would charge \$500 a day for the zoo and the pony rides would be free. We will look into sponsors and offer \$1000 for all three days.

Premiums: A donation was made in the amount of \$150 with the intent to being awarded to all in open class events. A decision will be made at the May meeting on whether or not ribbons should be awarded regardless of placing.

June Carnival: Ticket takers for the Friday night concert are needed. We will check with Homemakers before looking in to other groups.

The coloring page contest was approved and will be available to the local schools. The winner from each age division will receive carnival tickets. May 9th is the deadline.

The first work night will be Wednesday May 16th.

Nathan announced that he would like to step down as chairman. A new chairman will be decided on at the May meeting.

Minute changes were approved.

Financials were approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Wade motioned to adjourn, and Brady seconded the motion.

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Kelsey Crawford, Secretary

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Nathan Stortz, Chariman