



**NEBRASKA STATE FAIR BOARD**  
Nebraska State Fair Board Room, Grand Island NE  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 6, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Nebraska State Fair Board was held on Monday, September 6, 2021, at 9 a.m. Public notice of this meeting was published in the August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> issues of the Grand Island Independent newspaper and posted to the Nebraska Public meeting calendar website on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and on the Nebraska State Fair Website. The public was invited to attend in person.

Roll call was read with the following members present: Bob Haag, Secretary; Kevin Jorgensen; Beth Smith, Chair; Dawn Caldwell Vice-Chair; Steve Wehrbein; Tom Schellpeper; Lana Hubbard; Boyd Strobe, Treasurer; Chris Kircher; Jeff Kliment; Kathleen Lodl; Ryan Hasebrook. Others in attendance at the board room: Bill Ogg, Executive Director; Jaime Parr, Deputy Executive Director.

Smith announced the meeting had been properly advertised as an open meeting and informed those in attendance of the posting location of the Open Meetings Act.

**Deputy Executive Director Report – Jaime Parr**

- Has handled a few complaints, but overall, the fair has gone well.
- Will provide the board with solid numbers as soon as they become available.

Event Committee chair, Steve Wehrbein asked the board members to attend several events to be held today.

**Executive Director Report – Bill Ogg**

- Reports are being sent to board members as soon as they become available.
- In comparing to recent years both Friday and Saturday appear to be record breaking days in terms of attendance and revenue.
- There have been a few medical issues on the grounds which is to be expected with the number of people on the grounds.
- Have had some staff issues, will be better next year.
- Overall financial numbers are looking good.
- Thanked board members for all the assistance given to staff during the fair.
- Encouraged the board to step back and look at large picture when thinking of the fair.

**Other Business**

- Each board member was asked to give their thoughts on the 2021 fair, many positive comments were received. Beth Smith will be sending an email questionnaire to all board members requesting comments on this fair and will compile comments for future use.
- Future meeting dates were discussed, much of the financial information won't be finished by regular meeting date of September 17 therefore the next meeting may be held in conjunction with a two-day retreat, workshop to be held in October. Beth Smith will work with Bill Ogg to set up the date and times.
- Bill Ogg discussed Aksarben planning and asked that board members attend the gala to be held the conclusion of the show on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Chris Kircher to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Dawn Caldwell

Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Time adjourned: 9:55