

**Cooke County Jr. Livestock Show**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 23, 2023**

1. Minutes from April 17, 2023, were approved
2. Treasurer's Report – Beverly Fleitman was absent from meeting. Only checking account balances were reported.
  - a. Account Balances - \$15, 224.75 in main checking account and \$20,294.34 in custodial account. The question was asked as to why so much money is still in the custodial account, as it is the account that premium sale checks are issued from. The treasurer was absent and will update at the next meeting.
  - b. Budget for 2024 – no report given.
3. Introductions of new teachers, guests
4. Old Business
  - a. Photographer bids for 2024 Show. Jay Harrison from Muenster was approved as the 2024 photographer. The approved bid was \$700. Motion by Phil Reiter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tara Whitely. Brooke Beall will reach out to Jay to confirm the dates.
  - b. Discussion/Consideration of allowing exhibitors to sell 2 projects and/or animals in the premium sale. Motion was made to not change the current rule which states only one lot can be sold in the premium sale. Motion by Gary Schnitker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Reiter. Motion passed.
  - c. Discussion of how to handle Special Needs Exhibitor assistance in the show ring. After discussion it was decided that any special needs will be noted in the entry process. The secretary will add to the online entry process. The superintendent shall be notified on the day of the show at check-in.
  - d. Discussion/Consideration of allowing FFA members to show in the FCS Show. A long discussion debating the pros and cons of allowing FFA members to be eligible to participate in the FCS Show. FCS teachers expressed concerns about the size of the show increasing and causing issues with being able to handle the extra entries. Ag teachers expressed their concerns that students couldn't enter foods when they are learning those skills in classroom. It was suggested that the FCS show move up a day, allowing ag teachers to help with the check in process. Motion was made by Kate Trent to all FFA members to participate in the FCS show. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shannon Mulkey. Motion carried.
  - e. Recommendations/approval of 2024 Judges. Judges for the following were approved: Colton Douglas, Cattle; Brian Lowe, Poultry; Tony Bell, Rabbits; Cade Halfmann, Sheep/Goats.  
The swine judge has not yet been secured. Names recommended by order were 1. Brock Herron, 2. Jacob Edmon, 3. Colton Blim, 4. Luke Parr and 5. Kerry Brockman. Swine Superintendent, Mike Howe will contact a judge and report back at the next meeting.
5. New Business
  - a. The by-laws update was approved as presented. Motion by Jeff Hellman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Devin Nix.

- b. The 2024 rule updates were approved as presented. Motion by Devin Nix, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shannon Mulkey.
  - c. Horticulture Show Rules were approved as presented. Motion by Tara Whitely, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe McCauley.
  - d. FCS Show Updated Rules were approved as presented. Motion by Jeff Hellman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kate Trent.
  - e. Set County Validation Date – Heifer validation will be on October 23 or 24. Phyllis Griffin is waiting for confirmation and will let the secretary know. The cost will be \$25 per tag.
  - f. Broiler Order Deadline – Phil Howard announced the deadline is October 2. Checks will need to be from Cooke County 4-H or FFA chapter, no individual checks. Pickup date is tentatively set for November 17.
  - g. Consider/assign committees for the following:
    - i. Show Awards – Shannon Mulkey & Ashley Murray volunteered.
    - ii. Scholarship – Robin Downe volunteered.
    - iii. Sale – Jeff Hellman volunteered.
    - iv. Sponsorship  
Details of committee responsibilities tabled until the next meeting.
6. Other business – Allan Baldwin from the Fair Association was present and announced that the sound system has been updated at the fairgrounds. There should not be an issue with hearing over the speakers anymore. He also announced that there are 4 openings on the Cooke County Fair Association Board, if anyone is interested in joining or knows of someone that would like to join.
  7. Next meeting date was set for September 25, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
  8. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:20 pm.