

## Plumas Sierra County Fair Board

### SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

ADJOURNED PLUMAS SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN THE TULSA SCOTT PAVILION, AT 204 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD  
QUINCY CALIFORNIA

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#### 1. ROLL CALL

##### **Roll Call.**

**Present:** Duncan Kennedy, Christian Kennedy, Andrea Ceresola, Susan Neer  
Jenay Cogle.

**Absent:** James Griffin, Cindy Noble, Kenny Chance

A request was made to make an emergency addition to the agenda to discuss out of county exhibitors under new business. Susan Neer made a motion. Seconded by Jenay Cogle. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

*Fair Manager Steffanic stated he was not familiar with the process of adding an emergency item to the agenda and offered to recess briefly to investigate. Members of the Board felt it appropriate to continue.*

#### 2. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC

*Dave Roberti, Jane Roberti, Erin Roth, Megan Neer*

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Jane Roberti was glad the Fair was back. Wants to see continuity in the rules. She says popularity is growing and enrollment is up. She wants everyone to be a resident or student to be able to sell at the auction. She said the judges this year were amazing.*

*Megan Neer says the Junior Livestock Committee just had a meeting and there are concerns. The heat at the fair caused an animal fatality and wants to see some things done to mitigate the heat. She says the swine wash rack needs to be fixed since it keeps backing up.*

*Director C. Kennedy says he would like to see the electricity issues in the barns addressed.*

*Erin Roth says she is glad to be here.*

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

*None*

#### 5. MANAGER'S REPORT

*Manager Steffanic announced the upcoming State Rules committee meeting on October 19 in Sacramento. Details to participate will be sent out to all Directors.*

*The California Division of Measurement Standards inspected the Fairgrounds recently. The inspector informed staff that it is not necessary to procure a Weighmaster certificate as the fair is a governmental agency and is exempt. He also discussed the options for calibrating the scale with the Fair Manager and Director of Plumas Weights and Measures, Willo Vieira.*

*The Plumas Homegrown Americana Festival was an unexpected success. Attendance swelled in the final weeks and rivaled year two's numbers. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive.*

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Fair Concerns Update**

*As a follow up to concerns expressed in the last Fair Board Meeting, the Fair Manager reported on a meeting with the new building supervisors for Floriculture and Home Arts. Concerns from the last meeting centered around saving or even improving participation from exhibitors in these areas.*

*The meeting included Lynnette Choate and Ryan Taylor. They are bringing some new enthusiasm to these buildings. Some specific ideas to encourage more entries include: several garden meetings throughout the year, a newsletter, streamline divisions and classes in the exhibit guide, inform the public that judging is based on the current point of growth for the plant, and the introduction of garden boxes with specific themes like herbs or salad ingredients.*

*They also have many decorative and practical improvements planned including ceiling fans and rehabbing the fountain.*

*Home Arts is planning on hosting more classes on topics like canning and hopefully bringing back Fair U.*

*Director Neer says she thinks Board Members should be part of meetings like this one with building superintendents. Fair Manager Steffanic says he will invite members to future meetings.*

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Emergency Addition to Agenda; Out of County Exhibitors**

*Junior Livestock Chair Megan Neer says the committee just had a meeting and the committee feels they have a problem with out of county and out of state exhibitors participating in the Livestock Auction at the Fair. She presented numbers showing the amount of money these exhibitors are getting from the auction and the committee feels they take all this money out of county and don't spend any here. (Feed, banking, tires, etc.) The committee feels keeping the money in county is a priority. She says the committee wants the Fair to be on the same page by changing rules stated in the exhibit guide to prohibit out of county and out of state exhibitors from participating in the Plumas Sierra Junior Livestock Auction.*

*Fair Manager Steffanic says he received an outline of the Junior Livestock Committee's position and request that morning and did some quick research on some of the particulars, including a conversation with Sofia Goss from Fairs and Expositions as well as other fair managers. He says the topic has come up before and says the Fair follows State Rules which say if an exhibitor is a member in good standing with any local 4H, FFA or Grange chapter they are allowed to show their animals at the Plumas Sierra County Fair. Since the Fair does not operate the auction, the position of the Fair is they have no way to tell the auction who or who can not sell. He said there are only two items listed in the exhibit guide*

*that are not directly from State Rules and are considered local rules: Independent Exhibitors must live in Plumas or Sierra County to participate in the Fair Show, and, All Champions and Reserve Champions Must Sell. He pointed out that the State Rules have no specific guidelines regarding qualified local Independent exhibitors, so it is appropriate to have that restriction if the Fair Board desires. He does not know at what point the Must Sell rule was added, but that would be a consideration with what the Livestock Committee is asking.*

*The Fair Manager stated the Fair will abide by whatever guidelines the Livestock Committee sets, but it must follow the current State Rules allowing members of local clubs to be able to show their animals. After that, whether the sales committee allows the animal to sell or not, is up to them.*

*Representatives of the Sales Committee disputed that viewpoint and offered examples of other Fairs that prohibit out of county exhibitors from showing. The Fair Manager was not able to address each of those circumstances but offered the possibility that because many fairs operate their own auctions, they may have that prerogative.*

*When asked what the Junior Livestock Committee was looking for from the Fair Board, Megan said they want a united front and more specifically, for the Board to change their rules to prohibit out of county and out of state exhibitors from participating in the Plumas Sierra County Fair. Fair Manager Steffanic advised the Board that he still felt this was a violation of State Rules, but that he would summarize the situation, have the Board and Livestock Committee review that summary, and then submit it to Fairs and Expositions for a determination as to whether that rule change can happen on a local level or not.*

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Fair Board meeting October 12, 2022

8. **ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Adjourn Fair Board meeting to Wednesday, October 12, 2022, **Moved by,** Jenay Cogle  
**Seconded by** Susan Neer



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