



**Teton County Fair Board  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Teton County Administrative Building – BCC Chambers  
200 S. Willow  
Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 5:30PM  
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Mission: The mission of the TCFB is to produce an exceptional fair and administer the year-round use of the fairgrounds while promoting the western heritage; uniting urban and rural communities in celebration.

Vision: The TCFB's vision is to actively engage in the pursuit and promotion of our rural and agricultural heritage, from neighborhood back yards to family farms and local businesses.

- I. Call to Order  
Marybeth Hansen calls the meeting to order at 5:40PM.
- II. Roll Call/Pronouncement of a Quorum  
PRESENT: Peter Long, Deb Lutz, Tere Nelson, Marybeth Hansen, Gary Hardeman, Steve Genzer, Matt Hall, & Amy Hindman  
Absent: Hannah Bouline  
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Jeff Lutz, Jordan Lutz, Brad Luense, Bailey Chamberland, Ashlyn Chamberland, Sue Heffron, Pam Rivers, Crystal Myers, Rachel Grimes, Hadley Adkins, Sarah Mann, Alyssa Watkins, Judi Nickell
- III. Adopt Agenda  
Matt motions to adopt the agenda. Deb seconds the motion. No discussion, all in favor.
- IV. Public Comment

Jeff Lutz comments on the impact of the TCF Royalty program on his daughter, Jordan Lutz.

Brad Luense comments on the royalty program.

Pam Rivers, Miss Rodeo Wyoming President and coordinator of the Fremont County Royalty, speaks on the importance of local pageant programs.

Crystal Myers, Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2007, National Director of Miss Rodeo Wyoming speaks to the importance of the title of Miss Rodeo Wyoming.

Sue Heffron comments on the service aspects of a royalty program.

Jordan Lutz, Teton County Senior Princess 2019, speaks on the importance of the royalty program in her life

Bailey Chamberland, Teton County Junior Princess 2019, comments on her desire to eventually become TCF&R Queen.

Lee Judge (on the phone), encourages the board to keep the royalty program as long as there are girls interested in competing.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- V. Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Program & Pageant

Deb motions that we continue the Teton County Fair Rodeo & Royalty Program under the Fair Board's purview and budget. Amy seconds the motion.

Discussion: Marybeth reads facts based on participation, past Fair Board support and involvement in the Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty program. Hadley speaks to participation numbers and program structures in the other counties in Wyoming. Marybeth defines an Ambassador Program as a program that is tailored individually to each county to get more people involved with the county fair and making it more diverse so that more demographics can participate. The end goal is not Miss Rodeo Wyoming, but to be an ambassador and assistant to the Fair during fair week.

The current budget for the Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty program is \$9,000. The Fair Board discusses if this the best spending of taxpayers' money when the Fair puts on one rodeo a year.

The Fair Board spent roughly \$3,000 of the royalty budget on the pageant held in 2018. Our current queen, Lexi Daugherty, opted out of running for Miss Rodeo Wyoming and that is why so much money was leftover in last year's budget.

The Fair Board would like to see more involvement in the program if it continues. This way there would be competition for each title, not just a single girl competing for a title.

There was one participant in the Miss Rodeo Wyoming contest this year. Participation is declining at a state level. The Fair Board discusses the idea of passing the royalty program to another organization that makes more sense. It is possible to run for Miss Rodeo Wyoming through a private sponsorship -- a contestant does not have to be sponsored by a county fair.

Peter, Deb, Tere, Matt, and Amy in favor. Steve, Gary, and Marybeth opposed. The motion carries.

Tere motions to form a subcommittee to review the current rulebook, brainstorm ideas for how to increase participation, set the date for the 2020 pageant, and determine any other viable changes to the program. Marybeth seconds the motion.

Discussion: Peter recommends an amendment as follows: the subcommittee, if formed, will present a budget proposal for next year so the Fair Board can look at something this fall to put guiderails on this thing. Fair Board members feel this should be moved to the October meeting.

Tere withdraws her motion.

Matt motions to adjourn at 7:05PM. Amy seconds the motion.

Discussion: Guidance should be given to the proposed subcommittee so that they can start working on the program now and potentially hold the pageant prior to January 1, 2020.

Peter motions to form the subcommittee and appoint Board members. Neither Amy nor Deb can be appointed to the subcommittee as they are moms of daughters involved in the program. The Fair Board members appointed to the subcommittee can invite members of the community to be on the subcommittee.

Matt withdraws his motion.

Peter motions to create the subcommittee for the program and pageant and says we should appoint two Fair Board members to act as liaisons. Steve seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor.

Deb motions to appoint Matt and Tere to the TCF Royalty subcommittee. Amy seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor.

## VI. Adjourn

Matt motions to adjourn at adjourn at 7:33PM. Steve seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor.