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**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chairman Faron Wahl called the meeting to order. The roll call was called, and a quorum was present.

Members present: Faron Wahl, Dusty Anderson, Denise Muntefering, Amanda Stade, Scott Cordts, Sherman Gose, Loren Noess, and via conference call Jo Beal, Justin Bell, and Erin Yost.

Staff members present: Peggy Besch, Candi Briley, Julie Kropuenske, Jeanette Linke, Linda Traver, and Paula Mom.

Guest: Doug Bruckner.

1. **Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve with the agenda was made by Noess, seconded by Muntefering; motion carried by roll call vote.
2. **Approval of August 24, 2021 Minutes:** Motion to approve was made by Noess, seconded by Gose; motion carried by roll call vote.
3. **Public Comment Period:** There were no public comments.
4. **DEX Update:** Besch explained the DEX continues to be a work in progress. General information includes:

* 150,000 sq. ft. main building
* 36ft sidewalls and 50ft center
* Currently 950 drops each with a double circuit for a total of 1,900 circuit 20AMP
* 1700+ stalls
* Show rings are 50x100
* Infrastructure for 13 large industrial fans (in the future)
* 5,000 seating
* Rodeo arenas are acceptable size as requested by National Association

In addition, Anderson met with a small group of beef producers to review information on the DEX to date. They had a lot of suggestions and concerns which will be passed on to the Office of State Engineer and contractors.

1. **Master Plan:** The Master Plan is complete. This information will be considered during the strategic planning process.
2. **Strategic Plan:** A facilitator, Maximizing Excellence, has been secured. The strategic planning process will take eight weeks to complete. Working on securing a date for a day-long retreat. The goal is to be complete by early January.
3. **2021 South Dakota State Fair**
4. **Measurable Outcomes:**

* Nearly 2,000 campers
* 597 spaces rented to 305 different vendors
* More than 1,800 exhibitors entering more than 9,500 exhibits in open class livestock and non-livestock competitions
* 5,470 education entries on display in the Arts & Education Building
* More than 8,200 4-H display exhibits, livestock exhibits, and youth in action entries
* 360 FFA exhibitors showcased just over 975 entries
* 400 students and teachers took part in the SD’s Largest Classroom
* More than 181,450 in attendance
* Gross sales over $2.5 million

1. **Wrap-up Notes, Comments, Observations:** Besch compiled recap notes, observations and suggestions from building superintendents, staff, and commissioners for future consideration.
2. **2022 State Fair**
   1. **September 1-5, 2022**
   2. **Entertainment Agency:** Romeo Entertainment has been awarded the agreement to serve as the State Fair entertainment agency/talent buyer.
   3. **Open Class Beef and Sheep Show:** It has been suggested Open Class Beef Show remain the same in 2022 as it did in 2021, with some work to be done to ensure 4-H cattle don’t arrive until Thursday morning. A task force will be established to work through the logistics on the Open Class Sheep Show.
   4. **Admission Fees:** Besch will start the Administrative Rule process to raise admission fees to $10 for adults and $5 for youth.
3. **Non-Fair Time Activities**
   1. **Cold Storage:** Cold storage began in early October and is getting close to full.
   2. **Winter Riding and Stalling:** Will take place in the Hippodrome and will begin in early November.
   3. **Williams & Ree:** Show scheduled for New Year’s Eve, December 31, at Nordby Exhibit Hall.
4. **Commissioner or Manager Reports:** Staff gave brief updates on projects they are working on.
5. **Adjourned.**