

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

PRESENT: Feathers, Carter, McGuire, White, Davis, Kobervig, Witherow, Willyard, and Warden

MANAGER: Kathy Dunkak

OTHERS: Robin Cleveland, Amanda Koch, Scott Russell and Kami Arnold

EXCUSED: Hunt and Whitaker

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

1. Call to Order at 4:31

A. Roll Call

B. Record verification of legal meeting notice: Dunkak authenticated the verification.

C. Determine Quorum: Dunkak determined that the requirements for a quorum were met.

2. Approve Agenda

Kobervig moved that the agenda be approved. Warden seconded. Motion carried to approve.

3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

Kobervig moved that the Meeting Minutes be approved with changes to Old Business, letter D, to correct "Warder" to Warden. Witherow seconded. Motion carried to approve.

4. Public Forum: None

5. Correspondence: Dog walker is wanting us to install a portable dog park because some people let their dogs run free and bother her dog. Note: there may be a dog park going in over by Smith Flat Trailhead.

6. Old Business

A. **Acknowledge agreements** from January 2023. All Acknowledged acceptance of new facility agreements.

7. New Business

A. 10-minute presentation from Russell Motorsports, 2023 Race Season.

Schedules for Speedway were handed out. 28 dates, which include the banquet and swap meet at end of the season. They are appreciative of the Free Parking in August.

A link is going up around February 14 for season passes (parking) to the Speedway. People will print them off and the speedway will lend our parking attendants scanners to prevent fraud (people duplicating passes.)

There will be no race the week before the Fair, (per request from Fair Manager), but there is one the week after. Planning a two-day event over Labor Day weekend.

Several speedways are having go-cart racing in the off-season and it seems to be taking off. Chowchilla actually has the go-carts racing in the horse arena in the winter months.

July 4th (Tuesday) set for racing. 2022's flow of 4th of July went very well and the timing was great.

Russell Motorsports has partnered with Speed Sport to create a streaming channel "Calidirt.TV" which will stream our Placerville Races and our Sprint Car Challenge series. Fees will reflect the actual prices of coming in person. They will be more in control of the content.

B. Conflict of Interest Forms: Tabled to March.

C. Change the April Board Meeting date: Changing it to Tuesday, April 4, when all of the County Supervisors will be in Placerville. Our board Meeting is at 10:30 and Luncheon at Noon.

Warden moved to change the date to April 4, 2023. Witherow seconded. Motion carried to approve.

D. Review/Approval of audio/visual proposals for Forni Building: Dunkak shared two bids for audio/visual improvements to the Forni Building, and outlined the differences. They had also been reviewed by a non-interested party and a recommendation for the lower bid was made based on the quality of equipment utilized. Kobervig moved that we get a third bid and to ask the higher bidder for more details on their bid, and asked for the lower bid to increase the quantity of speakers to 12. . Warden seconded. Motion moved to approve.

E. Approval of the final contract amount for the Forni Building restroom addition/remodel:

Dunkak shared detail of the bid for the Forni Building remodel, which includes upgrades to existing restrooms (in front of the building) as well as the construction of an additional restroom attached to women's existing.

Carter Kelly's final contract bid is for \$370,365. Witherow made the motion to approve the bid. Warden seconded. Motion carried to approve. Carter abstained

Manager's Report

Swap Meet last weekend had 25 to 30 vendors. Possible selling food at next 3 meets.

Gun show is Feb. 4 & 5.

The Entry Guide is going through its final stages before printing. Should be ready to distribute by mid-February.

Presented our budget to the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Hidahl suggested we look to request more TOT funding for some of our bigger projects. Supervisor Laine (new supervisor for District V) is coming to tour the grounds and check out how we work on Monday, Feb 13th. The budget is signed and off to CDFA.

Pettibone family requesting Barn D's dedication to Mrs. Pettibone. Dunkak suggested perhaps an award.

We are looking for a Department Head for Photography. We also need one for baking/sweets & cheese, and one for eggs.

Having our post-conference information-sharing meeting tomorrow afternoon with all that attended the WFA convention. Dunkak presented Mick with the 50-year certificate and pin from WFA.

The May board meeting we will need to meet at Raleys or County buildings to park, then meet briefly in the new gatehouse for the business part of the board meeting, (the board room and lower grounds are rented for a Music Festival) then onto Dixon May Fair.

The blinds in Forni are down. Trying to figure out the best option for window coverings, or perhaps tinting the glass.

Getting another estimate for some tree removal – giant pine tree by Barn D, large oak on First 5 Deck, 3 large trees hanging over building getting branches removed. Mountain F is using one of our trees for training purposes, so the removal of that tree was not included.

8. Treasurer's Report

Davis made the motion to approve expenditures. Kobervig seconded. Motion carried to approve.

8. Directors' Report

Carter: It was very cool to see one of our Board members up on the screen for 50 years of service and all active service (on so many committees). We will celebrate Mick's accomplishment and do something fun in October.

Kobervig: Was at a convention meeting with other Board Members. One had 26 people on their board – how do they get anything done? If we are cutting down trees... are we adding any? Maybe contact a couple of local nurseries to see if they want to donate (not tall, but shady and low water). She saw Cat Show on TV – didn't realize it was such a big deal. Do we put anything up in Plaza on posts in the middle? Canvas covers.

Warden: We have to know how lucky we are compared to other fairgrounds. One fairground is eight million dollars short on a building project and only halfway through – they had slated the ARPA funding but if not complete the money will be returned. Whoever came up with the idea for EDC Fair to become a non-profit fair was brilliant.

McGuire: Thank you for the kind comments. The Fair industry, like others, used to be mostly men and now it is mostly women. 1973 when he joined the Board of Directors there was 1 woman and the rest were men. In 1969 the entire city council was men. EDC Fair's first 2 managers were men and since have been women.

White: First Adopt-a-Spot Ad Hoc committee met January 27.

Davis: Good to be back after all the snow. Over 300 inches. 7 – 9 feet in front of my house.

Feathers: Likes the new format of the minutes, with regards to the Directors Report. WFA Reports (from attendees) will be next month. Carter, Feathers, and Whitaker will be meeting about the opening ceremony of the fair.

Adjourned at 5:33 PM

Karen Forni-Feathers
Karen Forni-Feathers, President

Kathy Dunkak
Kathy Dunkak, CEO

4-4-23
Date

Mar Apr 4, 2023
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