

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

PRESENT: Warden, Whitaker, Carter, Bloxson, Davis, Kobervig, Witherow, Willyard, Forni-Feathers, White

MANAGER: Kathy Dunkak

OTHERS: Robin Cleveland, Amanda Koch, Heather Watson, Kevin Jones, Kami Arnold

EXCUSED:

1. Call to Order at 4:32 pm

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
- C. Record verification of legal meeting notice. Warden authenticated the verification.
- D. Determine Quorum. Warden determined that the requirements for a quorum were met.

2. Approve Agenda Previous Minutes and Consent Items

Witherow moved that the agenda, consent items, and previous meeting minutes be approved. Forni-Feathers seconded. Motion carried and approved.

3. Public Forum

- A. Kami Russell: The Speedway schedule is complete and pocket schedules are out. Had test n' tune on a bright sunny day in March, and the next two races were rained out. The next race is scheduled for April 13. Update on Wall: all permits and engineered plans are complete. Need a two-week window of good weather to put up the wall.

4. Old Business

- A. If you need to attend a board meeting via Zoom, you need to do it in a public location where the public can attend. Notification of said location must be posted in the agenda 72 hours before the scheduled meeting – your vote will be counted in any decisions made. If you don't have a 72-hour notification, you can attend by phone but are unable to vote. Kobervig moved that the policy change be accepted with the type-o in the last sentence to read ...and would be unable to vote. Forni-Feathers seconded. Motion carried and approved.

5. New Business

- A. Dunkak recommends, per Hunt's suggestion and others in agreement that Kevin Jones be appointed to fill the remainder of Hunt's term. Kobervig moved that Jones be appointed to fill the remainder of Hunt's term. Willyard seconded. Motion carried and approved.

6. Manager's Report

- A. Dunkak passed out a report from IAFE showing what people want to see more of at Fairs. Food and hanging out with friends were at the top of the list. Exhibits and experiences were towards the top.
- B. Last year El Dorado Rose coordinator asked if the EDC Fair Board President would MC the pageant. Feathers agreed and suggested the policy be that each year the President has the option to pass. If the President, VP, and Directors, in that order, decline then we'll reach outside our Board. 2024: Warden to MC and Kobervig to hand out awards for the 2024 Fair.
- C. Dunkak met with county staff and Mary Cory from the Museum to discuss the organ. They understand that it needs to be moved. The date of a plan for removal of the Organ is October 2025 for (budget reasons). Mary will be doing outreach to find someone who may be interested in the Organ.
- D. Dunkak passed out a letter from Sarah Cummings at WFA regarding a proposed bill AB3053 which will give individuals the option to change their mind about selling their "Market" livestock project even after the auction has been completed. Dunkak will draft a letter on behalf of the Board for the Board President to review and sign to send opposing this proposed bill.
- E. Wine Competition went well. We're reaching out to wine entrants for their feedback. We want to revamp and resurrect the competition.
- F. We lost the picnic gazebo at the capital bar (not the stage). We are rebuilding it to be more of a pergola that is covered. It is being built so that a slab or deck can be inserted at a future date. It will be done by the fair.
- G. We came across some rotting beams outside the Corker. They will be replaced before the Fair.
- H. Russell's (Speedway promoter) would like to resume the monthly meetings. Forni-Feathers and Carter will continue to meet with Dunkak and Speedway promoters.
- I. Dunkak has a meeting with a state official on Tuesday, April 9th to show him around the Armory and discuss what is happening regarding the proposed apartment complex.
- J. The new signage is up on the office and board room. The other buildings are slated for new signage as time permits.

7. **Treasurers Report**

A/P includes normal expenses.

Kobervig moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Witherow seconded. Motion carried and approved.

8. **Ad Hoc Committee Chair Reports**

A. Grounds Committee toured the grounds in March. Willyard, Wigglesworth, White, Carter, and Dunkak. They shared the list of items that they see needing repair. Dunkak shared with Facilities staff.

B. Solar Ad Hoc – after the last meeting Eric said he had another company coming out to look at it.

C. Adopt-a-Spot committee judging next week. We have eliminated 3 spots away due to no water or bad area.

9. **Director's To/From**

Carter: Sheep barn panels will be here in May. The Livestock Department is working on the next phase moving towards the cattle barn. Purchasing and replacing of small cages is just about complete.

Whitaker: wants more detail about the wine competition changes.

Kevin Jones had some very good input regarding our commercial wine competition, he will work with Jody Gray and Dunkak on the restructure of our comp.

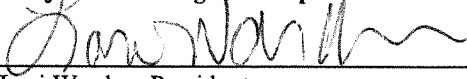
Warden: Dunkak and I met with Emily and Kathy, bar managers of Tiki and Capital during the fair. We need as much support from the board for volunteering and finding volunteers to bartend during the Fair. Sign-up sheets will be at April 30 meeting.

Davis: 10 to 12 restaurants have closed in SLT. Motel Six closed. Occupancy and attendance are down.

Bloxsom: Camera systems and locations are set for direct sight during the fair. Dunkak shared with him that the SO officers patrolling the County properties are making a big difference, and people have commented to fair staff that they feel more comfortable. The staff has noticed a decrease in transient traffic.

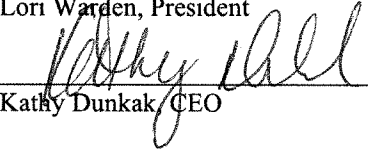
Willyard: hasn't been able to work in her adopt-a-spot. 2 of her trellises have been damaged. Someone keeps tearing the vines from the wall and would like some help from fair staff with people breaking things in her gardens. Dunkak says cameras are there but we need to know when something occurs so that we can look at the video. Willyard is disappointed in the paint color of the building trim. She thinks it should be a bright color as fair is brightly colored.

10. **Adjourn meeting at 5:43 pm.**



Lori Warden, President

4-30-2024
Date



Kathy Dunkak, CEO

4-30-2024
Date