

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016, 5:30 PM AT
THE BOARD ROOM ON THE EL DORADO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
100 PLACERVILLE DRIVE, PLACERVILLE, CA.**

PRESENT: Kobervig, Carter, Denton, McGuire, Owen, Forni-Feathers, Davis, Whitaker, Bradley, Hunt, Witherow

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

MANAGER: Jody W. Gray

OTHERS: John Marino, Marta Viola, Kathy Jurgens, Charlie Wigglesworth, Bud Brown, Dan Mainwaring, Chuck Impey, Jim Carter, Maureen Carter, Carlan Meyer, Susie Meyer, Sharon Denton, Kami Arnold, Scott Russell, Greg Witherow, Robert Kobervig, Ann McMillan

I. CALL TO ORDER:

RECORD VERIFICATION OF LEGAL MEETING NOTICE:

Gray authenticated the verification.

QUORUM REQUIREMENTS MET:

Owen determined that the requirements for a quorum were met.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Whitaker moved that the agenda be approved; Forni-Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve.

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2015 REGULAR MEETING:

Bradley moved that the minutes be approved, Forni-Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM - None

V. CORRESPONDENCE – Gray stated many Christmas cards and boxes of candy were received.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Contracts entered in December 2015.

Owen moved, McGuire seconded; motion carried to approve.

B. Recommendation to approve Carnival Contract.

Gray, Viola, Carter, Whitaker, Kobervig and Denton, who were the Carnival RFP selection committee, scored the RFPs which were submitted and found Paul Mauer Shows scored the highest. McGuire moved that the carnival contract be awarded to Paul Mauer Shows, Davis seconded; motion carried to approve.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve new 2015 Association Members – None

B. Recommendation for a honorary member.

The recommendation for Pat O'Halloran be nominated to be a lifetime honorary member was well received and briefly discussed. Denton moved, Whitaker seconded; motion carried to approve.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Approval of Expenditures for December 2015.

Owen moved for approval of December 2015, run date Friday, January 8, 2016 Reference #45420 - 45462 and CaTax 120415, CaTax 121815, CaTax 123115, FedTax 120415, FedTax 121815, FedTax 123115, FedTax 123115.

Owen moved that the Expenditures for December 2015 be approved, Denton seconded; motion carried to approve.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

WFA Conference, which was shorter than normal, was well attended by Fair Board and staff. Classes, which sometimes were attended by 2 from the Fair, was beneficial. Staff shares what

they learned with staff who did not attend. Gray asked if directors would like to share with staff.

Gray encouraged the new Board members attend 2017 WFA will be January 13 -17 in Reno. Casey resigned and moved to New Jersey to work with his father. Marino hired Jim Gisler to replace Casey and Daniel Williams, whose new position was approved in the 2016 budget, to work Thursday – Monday with flexible hours. Gray stated she is very happy with the decisions.

Budget was approved by El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and now is being submitted to Fairs and Expositions.

Although our Fair did not receive an allocation for deferred maintenance projects, many fairs did for new doors, panic bars, safety equipment, fire hydrants, and more. Next year's California budget has \$ 4 million proposed for Fair allocations this time.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Forni-Feathers

Welcome new directors; looking forward to 2016.

Whitaker

Attended convention; learned a lot and met many nice people. Came away with new ideas.

Hunt

Excited to be on the Board; has many ideas.

Bradley

Welcome new directors. Will plan to attend WFA in 2017.

Kobervig:

Found many of the ideas exchanged at WFA our staff already does. Attended "Suite Night" for the first time. It was an eye opener.

Carter:

Welcome new directors. We had been working to create a foundation, but took a sidebar break and would like to move ahead again.

Denton:

Welcome new directors and Mick welcome back.

Witherow:

Excited to be on the Board. Would like to sit down with Gray and directors to learn more about the position. Gray stated she would setup binders with information and then schedule a meeting with Witherow and Hunt.

McGuire:

Shared a code of conduct brochure from security at LA County Fair, stating it was simpler than a policy manual, but contained many of the same ideas. CFSA Insurance has been hit with high claims. CFFA is doing better financially.

Owen:

Commended the RFP selection committee for carnival choice. Notified the new directors that during the last 35 years the Board has operated by consensus and that the Board sets policy and does not set operations.

Davis:

Pleased with the reelection of McGuire. Tahoe currently has 145% of normal snow. Attended many of the social media workshops at WFA.

XI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Report of nominating committee and election of 2015 Officers.

- Davis President
- Carter Vice-President
- Whitaker Treasurer

McGuire moved that the officers be unanimously approved, Denton seconded; motion carried to approve.

Jim Carter complemented the maintenance staff on their professional and attentiveness during events.

Hunt thanked Marino for his support during the time he sold Christmas trees in the Parking Tiers years ago.

XII. Adjourn 6:30 PM.

Dee Kobervig, President

Date

Jody W. Gray, CEO

Date