

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019, 5:30 PM AT  
THE BOARD ROOM ON THE EL DORADO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
100 PLACERVILLE DRIVE, PLACERVILLE, CA.

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PRESENT: Whitaker, Denton, Forni-Feathers, Carter, McGuire, Bradley, Hunt, Knight

EXCUSED: Kobervig, Davis, Witherow

ABSENT:

MANAGER: Jody W. Gray

OTHERS: Jay Langner, Ann McMillan

I. CALL TO ORDER:

PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY BRADLEY.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROD AVERY.

RECORD VERIFICATION OF LEGAL MEETING NOTICE:

Gray authenticated the verification.

QUORUM REQUIREMENTS MET:

Whitaker determined that the requirements for a quorum were met.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Denton moved that the agenda be approved with the change of moving New Business, Item A to after Public Forum; Forni Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve.

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 2019 REGULAR MEETING:

Bradley moved that the minutes be approved with the correction of the Election of Officers year be changed to 2019; Hunt seconded; motion carried to approve.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. PG&E Lighting retrofit 0% contract.

Jay Langner from Eco Green Solutions which is based in Orange County, CA gave a presentation on the proposed PG&E Lighting retrofit on the Fairgrounds. The areas of focus do not include the Racetrack or Ballfields. Warranty on the installed product is one-year parts and labor. Expected lifetime is 10 to 15 years. Langner continued saying only the highest rated products would be used; commercial grade, ceramic, energy star rated. Whitaker asked what other Fairgrounds have competed a retrofit. Langner answered Tehama, Orange County and Tri- County, which has been using the new lighting for one year. McGuire stated he had changed out lights and fixtures in his garage | workshop and expects a 2 – 2 ½ year payback. He said it would be a good move for the Fair to go forward with the project and suggested since replacing interior lights in some of the buildings would not be difficult the Fair could do the work. Gray asked if doing some of the work inhouse was an option. Langner responded yes. Gray thanked Langner and said she would be looking forward to receiving more information.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acknowledgment of Contracts entered in January 2019.

Denton moved that the Contracts be acknowledged, McGuire seconded; motion carried to approve.

*NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED*

B. Delegate Annual Authority for CEO to execute agreements up to \$25,000, checks up to \$3,500, all payroll and utility checks and F & E approved loan payments.

Denton moved, McGuire seconded; motion carried to approve.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Approval of Expenditures for January 2019.

McGuire moved that the Expenditures for January 2019 be approved, Bradley seconded; motion carried to approve.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Gray presented Carter with a plaque and gavel in honor of her service as Board President.
- The Fair Office was broken into and robbed. The office had a broken window and was ransacked. Because of video surveillance within the office, Whitaker identified one of the suspects from a past Face Book post he remembered and then looked up. Investigating officers learned through video surveillance that two male subjects had walked along the fence line on Placerville Drive and gained access to the fairgrounds property by jumping the fence. They entered the office building, rummaged around and left promptly after taking several items of value. The subjects were arrested several days later.
- Fair facility improvement projects for CFFA funding for California Fairgrounds are due March 31. Gray said ideas are in the works which she will have for the March meeting.
- Gray shared that she had received a letter from F&E strongly recommending fairs not have poultry shows because of Newcastle bird flu until after the July report becomes available. Since our fair is in June, Gray suggested not having a poultry show. After discussion it was determined not to have a show at this year's fair.
- We applied for the Womans Fund Acorn Grants. A total of three (3) will be awarded to nonprofit organizations that have not previously received a grant from the WFED. If we receive the grant, we would use the money to update the Mark D. Forni Building, walls, restrooms and audio visual.
- On February 28 at 5:30 p.m. we will host a Chamber Mixer with an evening of fair food and a no-host bar benefiting MORE Workshop.
- The El Dorado Community Foundation Veterans Grant of \$ 3,000 will be put towards the estimated cost for the Beer Tree upgrade of \$ 5000.
- The County pulled the Armory purchase from the Board of Supervisors agenda due to Government freezing sale of State properties.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Carter:**

Pass

**Hunt:**

Commented that Henningsen Pavilion's metal uprights be painted. He followed by saying the "Rules" sign can no longer be read.

**Bradley:**

Thank you to Gray and Marino for assisting with a solution for the Beer Tree remodel.

**Forni-Feathers:**

Pass

**Denton:**

Followed up on the fair data analysis survey which Gray had emailed by saying it contained good information and then asked why there is a decrease in attendance from the first year for the second and third years and went back up at 4+ years. He asked if the survey could ask follow up questions on why people are not returning the very next year

**McGuire:**

Expressed his thoughts on AB 3251 and suggested contacting the Board of Supervisors for their opinion. McGuire then stated he would be happy to help Marino retrofit Fairgrounds lights. He finished by saying he really likes the format the Board packet is now distributed in.

**Knight:**

Pass.

**Whitaker:**

Recapped the water runoff meeting he attended highlighting the source of the flooding on the Fairgrounds and measures the Fair has taken to correct the problem. He noted that during recent rains flooding continued. The question arose as to who is fiscally responsible. Hunt suggested contacting Amy Phillip who is the storm water coordinator for the Western Slope for assistance.

**XI. Adjourn 7:00 PM.**

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Chris Whitaker, President

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Jody W. Gray, CEO

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