

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

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

PRESENT: Forni-Feathers, Hunt, Carter, McGuire, Whitaker, Davis, Witherow, Willyard, Warden, White

MANAGER: Kathy Dunkak

OTHERS: John D'Agostini, Robin Cleveland, Amanda Koch, Eric Freiberg

EXCUSED: Kobervig

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

1. Call to Order

- 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

Witherow moved that the agenda be approved. Willyard seconded. Motion carried to approve.

3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

4. Public Forum: None

5. New Business

- A. Sheriff D'Agostini spoke about weapons on fairgrounds. Our policy is "no weapons on fairgrounds." Questions arose for Fair 2022 regarding Chief Wren of PPD, not wanting off duty sheriff peace officers to be able to carry while attending Fair. Wren's concern is nobody would know who the people (off duty deputies) would be if a situation arose. D'Agostini's thought is any off-duty peace officer should be allowed to carry. "All bad shootings take place in gun free zones." The discussion then turned to allowing CCW permit holders to carry on fairgrounds. They go through major DOJ background checks, training and every two years have to reup and do training and have local background checks along with the Subsequent Arrest Notifications that get sent automatically to local authorities.
- B. Review of weapons on fairgrounds policy: We don't have metal detectors at interim events so would be difficult to monitor. Davis asked that we get information from other non-State-owned fairgrounds to see what their policy is on carrying weapons.
Warden made motion to change policy to allow all off duty peace officers to carry weapons into Fair. Davis seconded. Motion voted on: Hunt Yes, Carter Yes, McGuire abstained, Warden Yes, Whitaker Yes, Feathers Yes, Witherow Yes, White Yes. Willyard Yes, Davis Yes.
9 Yes and 1 Abstained
Willyard made motion to allow all CCWs on fairgrounds during fair. Davis seconded. Motion voted on: Davis Yes, Willyard Yes, White No, Witherow Abstained, Feathers Abstained, Whitaker Yes, Warden No, McGuire Abstained, Carter Abstained, Hunt Yes. Motion failed.
4 Yes, 2 No and 4 Abstained. Motion failed to pass.
- C. Review smoking/vaping/marijuana policy as it pertains to interim and fair time: We allow smoking in smoking areas during fair but up to now no vaping and no marijuana. Davis asked that we also request policy information regarding smoking from other fairgrounds. Amanda checked with several other fairgrounds and 90% of them allow smoking and vaping.
Warden made a motion to change the policy to allow vaping in smoking areas only. Hunt seconded. Motion voted on: 8 Yes and 2 No (Davis No and Willyard No). Motion Passes.
- D. Adult Code of Conduct review and consequences (fair time policy): This form is signed by every

livestock shower's parent and the youth. Policy question on CEO taking action against banning violators and/or their children from participating in Fair or one, two or three years, etc. and then Executive Committee taking action if the ban will be indefinitely. Dunkak wrote in language for policy change.

Witherow made a motion to accept Dunkak's language to modify policy. Warden seconded. Motion voted on: 9 Yes and 1 No (Willyard No). Motion Passes.

6. Correspondence

- A. Letter from California Department of Food and Agriculture inviting people to a meeting to review the livestock exhibition and rule changes. Board members interested have the opportunity to participate.

7. Old Business

- B. Acknowledgement of Agreements.

Willyard made a motion to accept and acknowledge agreements. Witherow seconded. Motion carried to approve.

- C. Gatehouse update: Painting done inside. Staining outside will be this Friday. The floor will be painted and the bathroom finishing with fixtures to be done afterwards.

- D. Armory Apartments update: Dunkak working with interested parties on this project. As it stands there will be access off of Ray Lawyer and Armory (with Armory needing to be widened).

Dunkak requested a letter in opposition to this project at this location from the Board of Directors.

Warden made motion for Dunkak to draft letter adding all board members signature lines. Willyard seconded. Motion carried to approve.

- 8. ARPA Project updates: Change in scope of work on Forni. Eric proposed that we (if facing front of Forni Building) build another attached restroom to the right side (same side as women's restroom). This will give us an ADA compliant restroom in the front of the building. Could be a Family/All Gender restroom. Existing men's/women's restrooms would get cosmetic upgrades.

Forni would get a new sound system, changing out the shades, removing of track lighting and instead install drop lighting that would be on its own switch.

9. Manager's Report

- A. Fairgrounds has been hit twice by catalytic converter thieves. Eric put in motion sensing flood lights to keep thieves at bay.
- B. Fair time profit: difficult to come with an accurate amount. Calculations show a profit of \$578,772. Per County's MOU we will put \$575,000 into county account.
- C. Nor Cal Posse Shootout (two-day race event) income: \$5,000 for parking, 2,000 in RV camping, and \$8,000 from speedway.
- D. Music at the Fairgrounds (first event) netted \$2,000.
- E. We have signed a contract with a new ticketing agency. E-Tix (originally, we were set to go with them in 2020). They have massive experience working with Fairs, CA State Fair being on of their clients. They cost a bit more but will be much more efficient.
- F. Entry Guide: we are revitalizing and updating. Adding new and fun categories. Dunkak looking into the costs of publishing again.
- G. Fair Conventions dates are January 15 – 18, 2023 in Reno. Needs a count at October's meeting of those that would like to go so that we can take advantage of the early bird special.

10. Treasurer's Report

Willyard made motion to approve expenditures. Davis seconded. Motion carried to approve.

11. Directors' Report

Davis: Solar panels – need to look into upgrading. Suggestion about getting portable PA systems for board meetings to amplify those speaking. Crab feed 11/12 confirmation.

Gay: None

White: None

Witherow: Runs across people that tell her the fairgrounds is looking wonderful and they feel safe and the staff is wonderful.

Hunt: Are we supposed to get back with the speedway about parking fees (meeting with them in October). He reiterates what Witherow said about fairgrounds. Looks greener than ever. Do we need to replace Solar Panels?

Cater: Jackpot Hog Show is set for last weekend of October. Heritage Foundation's Lasagna Dinner will be Friday, October 28 in conjunction with the Hog Show.

McGuire: Pass

Warden: She and Dunkak are meeting with Gail Butler regarding ideas to increase horticulture entries and adopt-a-spot maintenance.

Whitaker: Pass

Feathers: Pass

Adjourn 3:09 PM

Karen Forni-Feathers

Karen Forni-Feathers, President

Kathy Dunkak

Kathy Dunkak, CEO

10-6-22

Date

10-7-2022

Date