

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

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

PRESENT: Warden, Jones, Carter, Bloxsom, Kobervig, Witherow, Forni-Feathers, White

MANAGER: Kathy Dunkak

OTHERS: Robin Cleveland, Heather Watson

EXCUSED: Whitaker, Davis & Willyard

1. Call to Order at 4:34 pm

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

C. Record verification of legal meeting notice. Dunkak authenticated the verification.

D. Determine Quorum. Warden and Dunkak determined that the requirements for a quorum were met.

2. Approve Agenda Previous Minutes and Consent Items

Correspondence items: None

Witherow moved that the minutes from the previous meeting, correspondence, and an acknowledgment of agreements from October be approved. Forni seconded the motion. Motion carried to approval.

3. Public Forum

None

4. Old Business

A. Extend carnival contract with Paul Maurer Shows

Dunkak requested we extend the contract through 2029. Paul Maurer Shows added a clause that allows them to terminate the relationship within 90 days of the current fair year (he is working on his succession plan; this is just in case).

Kobervig moved to extend the contract until 2029 with changes made regarding the 90-day exit clause. Forni-Feathers seconded. Motion carried to approval.

5. New Business

A. Choose the Finance Committee for the 2025 Budget Review

This item was completed during the October Board meeting, with White, Willyard, and Jones on the committee.

B. Approve an Engineering proposal with Lebeck Engineering for \$94,000 for the ARPA water project, (drainage ditch between Fair and Forni property). Jones moved that we approve the engineering plan with Lebeck Engineering. Witherow seconded. Motion carried to approval.

C. Head Count for January WFA convention.

We need a head count for the WFA Conference, January 19 - 22. The educational schedule hasn't been completed yet, so it will be tabled until the final schedule comes out. Dunkak will contact Board when the schedule comes out.

D. Reschedule the December Board Meeting from December 4 to December 11 in the board room.

Dunkak and Cleveland will be attending the IAFE convention and will not return until December 5th.

Kobervig moved that we move the December board meeting from the 4th to the 11th. Forni-Feathers seconded. Motion carried to approval.

6. Manager's Report

A. Dunkak shared an article about challenges with minors who cause a ruckus during Fairs all over the country. Kudos to our Sheriff's Department for keeping us safe and supporting our zero tolerance for bad behavior at the fair.

- B. Crab Feed is November 9.
- C. Fair Office will be closed while staff is at IAFE Conference from November 30 through December 5. (Amended: Office will be open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.)
- D. Warden spoke with Peter Wolf of Imagination Theater. They have cash flow issues, and their lease is up this December. Dunkak seeks the board's opinion on solutions.
- E. Dunkak met with the City of Placerville's new Community Services Director. He is interested in becoming more of a partner with the Fair.
- F. Fair Theme: Moovin' & Groovin'.
- G. Hangtown 100 weekend is the week after next.
- H. Dunkak contacted the County CAO on behalf of the Fair and Board members to offer condolences on Director Hidahl's sudden passing, and offered any assistance the fair might provide

7. Treasurers Report

A new ice freezer and a used golf cart were purchased. \$4000 for Forni Building a new oven. New batteries were needed for AEDs, which are very expensive. Dunkak filed a small claims suit against the Cat Show, which has a balance due and is non-responsive.

Kobervig moved that the Treasurer's report be approved. Witherow seconded. Motion carried to approval.

8. Ad Hoc Committee Chair Reports

- A. Adopt-a-Spot committee – White will contact the committee to schedule the December judging.
- B. Buildings and Grounds – Facilities have checked things off the list since the 2024 pre-fair walkthrough.
- C. Solar – nothing to report.
- D. Parking at Fair Time – Nothing to report

9. Director's To/From

Jones asked if there was an update on the Wine Comp. Dunkak met with Jody Gray (wine comp manager); The name and the way people are invited will change. They will revamp the after-reception to invite restaurant and bar owners so they can taste and learn about the wines.

Kobervig googled the goat and Shasta Fair issue, and there is a lawsuit against Fair personnel and one 4-H volunteer.

Livestock rules state that once an animal enters the Market categories, it is a terminal sale. Exhibitors must follow state rules and go through the proper channels to follow proper procedures if they have issues. The "Terminal Sale" wording is in multiple places and will be added to the market animal entry forms.

Action Item: Double-check our contracts to be sure they say mitigation and arbitration, and they do.

White: Do we need volunteers for the drive-thru for Crab Feed? White volunteered.

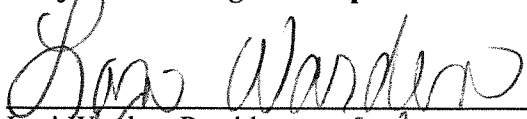
Witherow volunteered to assist with the raffle at Crab Feed.

Carter: 4th year for the Gold Rush Hog Show was a huge success. 152 exhibitors, most of them from California. RVs brought in about \$3,000, and we sold 95 Lasagna family meals at \$60 per family dinner.


Livestock Live Podcast group hosted a Corn Hole Tournament, which worked well with dinner. There were 42 competitors. The group donated everything over their expenses.

The raffle brought in \$3,700, and the costume contest was a big success. Next year, we will be purchasing cattle panels with proceeds. We will move forward with small animals after goats.

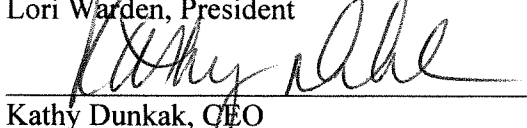
10. Adjourn meeting at 5:30 pm.



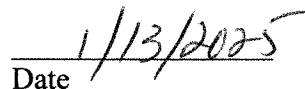
 Lori Warden, President



 Date



 Kathy Dunkak, CEO



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