

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC  
Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 4:00 pm**

**In order to ensure compliance with federal and state guidance regarding large gatherings and in accordance with State of California Executive Order N-29-20, to provide the public with the opportunity to provide comments to the Board, the Board provided a call-in number or Join with Zoom.**

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

EXCUSED: Knight

ABSENT:

MANAGER: Jody W. Gray

OTHERS:

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Record Verification of Legal Meeting Notice:

Gray authenticated the verification.

QUORUM REQUIREMENTS MET:

Gray determined that the requirements for a quorum were met.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Willyard moved that the agenda be approved; McGuire seconded, motion carried to approve.

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 2021 REGULAR MEETING:

Willyard moved that the minutes be approved; McGuire seconded; motion carried to approve.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acknowledgment of Contracts entered in June 2021. Davis moved to acknowledge; Forni-Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve changing banks to El Dorado Savings, Signers to remain the same: Jody Gray, Tiffany Carter, Chris Whitaker and Fred Hunt. Approval of Gray to decide where to get a Credit Card. Warden moved to approve; Forni-Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve.

B. Discussed Fair Options for 2022, possibly split livestock Fair from Regular Fair, as long as we have a good Ag/Livestock Display. Postpone discussion until October to get through the September Fair to see how it works out.

C. Fair Budget 2021 #2 has been replaced as our Budget; it has been approved by the County as well.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Approval of Expenditures for June 2021. Davis moved that the Expenditures for June 2021 be approved, Warden seconded; motion carried to approve.

IX. MANAGERS REPORT

Another Heritage Foundation Lasagna is scheduled for this Friday, July 23. So far 132 tickets have been sold. Another fundraiser for more livestock panels.

We are also hosting a Hog Jackpot Oct 29 & 30 to raise more money for the panels. The panels needed are as follows:

\$60,000 for Hog pens

\$52,000 Goat Pens

\$27,500 Sheep Pens

Goat Show Ring \$5350

Sheep Show Ring \$4250

We can sell some of the pens that we are not using currently for \$35 - \$45 each panel.

The Heritage Hog for next year has already been donated.

This years Livestock Auction sold 199 animals for a record \$572,000.

The Racetrack restroom Project is underway.

The Capital Bar renovation is in progress.

4<sup>th</sup> of July was a HUGE success, normal attendance is just under 4000 people, 10,002 people came through our gates. It was a very busy night. We were short staffed but we did it.

Gray informed the Board that the County is wanting to get back in to negotiations to update our Contract with them.

The State awarded a developer to construct Low Income apartments on the Armory site, adjacent to the Fairgrounds. Gray will attend a meeting with the Contractor, the City and the County this week.

EDD sent in the results of our audit. We passed with flying colors.

The State has announced that we should have signs at our entrances asking people to self attest that they are either vaccinated or will wear a mask if they are not.

Gray announced that we have gotten positive attention this year because of other venues not allowing livestock and dog shows. Because of this, they have come here and are now encouraging others to come as well as they love our facility and sorry that they hadn't been here before.

The County reached out to Gray to confirm our earlier request for lost revenues for the American Recovery Act. The Board of Supervisors may award in October.

The Fair is beginning to replace staff that has left, John Olsen has been hired to replace Kendall's position, Dan Ryan to replace Jeremy Cooper and Robin Cleveland, from UCCE will be joining us in August to replace Ann McMillan.

There is a new JPA being created for Fairs, in hopes to separate the DAA's from the State. Other non profits and County Fairs will also be able to join, if they choose.

#### X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Carter:** Heritage Foundation has been gaining momentum.

**Whitaker: Pass**

**McGuire:** Eucalyptus Trees: He helped plant them in 1974, look at them now.

**Hunt:** The mood at the auction was like a party. A fun positive party, positive atmosphere. Enjoyed this auction better than the old location.

**Davis:** Asked if the Solar panels are still working. He also requested Director shirts this year.

**Forni-Feathers:** Likes seeing the RV rentals.

**Warden:** Happy that we are looking to possibly re-invent the Fair. Loves the idea to keep our look "Ag" centric.

**Willyard:** Looking forward to the Lasagna Dinner. Sorry she missed the auction, too hot, however, she sent a volunteer in her place.

**Witherow:** Glad to be back in person for our meetings.

**Kobervig:** Pass

#### IX. Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 pm

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Chris Whitaker, President

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Date

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