

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC
Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 4:00 pm Zoom Meeting**

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.

PRESENT: Warden, Hunt, Carter, McGuire, Knight, Forni-Feathers, Witherow, Whitacker, Willyward, Davis
EXCUSED: Kobervig
ABSENT:
MANAGER: Jody W. Gray
OTHERS: Thomas Hinshaw, Paul Zappettini, Jerry Galloway, Brian Veerkamp, 15305451168, 15309190516

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

Witherow moved that the agenda be approved: Warden seconded, motion carried to approve.

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 2021 REGULAR MEETING:

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from El Dorado Savings welcoming us, thanks to Tiffany Carter, Chris Whitacker and Fred Hunt for going to the bank to setup.

Letter from CDFA for general fund support, 50 million. Asked us to send in our cash flow, structural needs, anything under direct needs. Board room needs new roof, trusses and has a lot of dry rot. McGuire mentioned A/C is noisy it's hard to hear in there.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Audit postponed (not in yet).

B. Recommend to approve CDFA Grant Funding Contract #21-0473-000-SG \$40,200.

C. Acknowledge Furniture donated to the Fairgrounds by First Five. First Five moved out of office. Now being used by EDCOE. First five wants to donate office furniture to fair to keep it an office setup. Donation of desks, chairs, kitchen table and chairs, refrigerator, toaster, Keurig coffee maker, filing cabinets, coat rack. See attached copy of complete list. Jody sent thank you to Kathy Guerrero of First Five.

D. CalFire Fire Basecamp is being billed at \$15,000 a day for facility usage.

a. Repairs that will be needed are as follows:

i. Asphalt gets torn up;

ii. back lawn repairs for irrigation, seeding, aerating, soil additions;

- iii. broken fence;
- iv. Mark D. Forni building damaged from being run into.
- b. McGuire asked about impact on staffing. Maintenance doing trash runs on the hour or more and restroom cleaning and maintenance.
- c. Rented dorm to Placerville PD who has been evacuated.
- d. National Guard moved into Armory.
- e. Fred discussed Amador Fair closing to anyone not an Amador County resident after El Dorado County residents evacuated large animals to there. Amador has all of our items for animals. Jody had sent Blane Stumpf donation of fencing to Amador fairgrounds. They should have stuck to original agreement and invitation of taking large animals from EDC.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Acknowledgment of Contracts entered in August 2021. Davis moved to acknowledge; Forni-Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve.
- B. Fair update: still planning and moving forward for fair. We will decide September 10th or 11th and make announcement on the 13th if we have to cancel.
 - a. Need fairgrounds back by the 13th to begin setup.
 - b. King Fire basecamp CalFire ended and was cleaned up and out of here quickly.
 - c. Staff meeting on 1st – went through everything needing to be done and in what order we needed buildings and areas needing setup first for entries coming in.
 - d. Signs going out to businesses Labor Day Weekend (already paid for). Other signage will be placed on the 13th.
 - e. We will have carnival, petting zoo, pony rides, and a livestock area with calves, piglets, a sow, pygmy goats and the rest of our normal fair, just no livestock shows.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Approval of Expenditures for July/August 2021. Willyard moved that the Expenditures for July/August 2021 be approved, Warden seconded; motion carried to approve.

IX. MANAGERS REPORT

Received email from county for the ARPA lost revenue request. Amount: \$812,151.64. Expecting decision to come in October.

Visit from CDFA Deputy Secretary about \$150 million to upgrade California Fair & Event Centers. They suggested kitchen and shower additions to Forni Building.

City of Placerville "Managed Camp Facility" – their first choice is land adjacent to jail, not by fairgrounds.

Gatehouse progress: Demolition is complete, all that is left standing is the front stone and two side-walls. The only thing that was holding Johnny up was plaster. It was dangerous so glad this is being done. Plumbing is being put in and we are hoping for inspection 9/2/21. Then rebar and pouring of concrete.

Hoping to move Fair Transit to drop off behind Shell Station. Armory Gate will house ticket purchase booth. Placerville Drive gate will be for pre purchase entry only. People can use their phones to purchase from this point.

Heritage Foundation newsletter – Tiffany is proofing now. Need to know who we want this to go out to: Heritage Foundation members, Buyers, Addons, general email list as membership drive going on and everyone may not know they can be a member.

Panel fundraiser: JLA donated \$10,000 and we made \$2,800 at our Lasagna Feed in July.

Gordan Vicini's tractor sold to us for \$20,000 (worth 25,000 to 30,000). We made a first payment of \$10,000. A second payment of \$5,000 is due in November, 2021 and the last payment of \$5,000 is due next year.

Fire basecamp: caused cancellation and postponements of events. Dealing with rent and water tender issues.

Robin Cleveland: addition to Fair office to replace Ann.

X. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Forni-Feathers: Pass

Carter: Good job to staff. EDC Fair takes a lot of pride helping community. We want to have fair but fire comes first.

McGuire: CFA just had a planning meeting in Delmar. Needs an application # for gatehouse permit.

Davis: Pass

Kobervig: Excused

Witherow: CalFire alleviating warnings. Happy to hear we have a Heritage Foundation newsletter coming out. Membership drive should be starting up. Glad we are moving forward with fair.

Hunt: Pass

Knight: Carter said it well.

Warden: Carter said it well. We don’t want a continuing issue with watering and don’t want this to happen again. Any damage the fire basecamp causes needs to be fixed by them. Glad Jody is on top if it. Appreciate the continued support.

Willyard: Thank you for all you do in the office in keeping the fair up and going. Are the gardens alright? (Starr on our maintenance crew has been driving around with a hose watering and pruning. And we are checking the irrigation timers.)

Whitaker: Pass

XI. Meeting Adjourned at 4:52 pm

Chris Whitaker, President

Date

Jody W. Gray, CEO

Date