

**MINUTES OF THE regular MEETING FOR
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC
Wednesday, January 6 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.

PRESENT: Whitaker, Carter, Warden, Knight, McGuire, Hunt, Willyard, Knight, Forni-Feathers, Davis.

EXCUSED:

ABSENT: Kobervig

MANAGER: Jody W. Gray

OTHERS: Kathy Dunkak, Barbara EDC Farm Bureau, 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

Davis moved that the agenda be approved; Witherow seconded; motion carried to approve.

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2020 REGULAR MEETING:

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

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

None

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from El Dorado Community Foundation with a donation check in the amount of \$1,000 from the Harn Family Fund for the Fairgrounds.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acknowledgment of Contracts entered in December 2020. Witherow moved to acknowledge; Whitaker seconded.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve new 2020 Association Members. None to approve.

B. Acknowledge Board review of financial review 2019. Willyard moved to acknowledge; Witherow seconded.

C. Recommendation to update Wells Fargo signatory. Davis moved to add Whitaker, Hunt (and retain Carter), remove Denton; Warden seconded; motion carried to approve.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Approval of Expenditures for December, 2020.

Davis moved that the Expenditures for December 2020 be approved, Warden seconded; motion carried to approve.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Joe Harn came in on December 18th to make donation and asked for photo op so he could share the photo and encourage others to give to the fairgrounds.
- Still unsure about having fair in June. County website indicates general population will receive COVID vaccinations in “early summer”, so most likely large gatherings still won’t be allowed. Considering possibility of moving fair to end of September, however still do livestock competition in June. We will still have the wine competition, date tbd.
- CAO’s office denied original budget submission due to large deficit. Staff has been reviewing. Gray asked board to approve after the BOS approves.
- February’s board meeting will be in person, in the Marshall building. The meeting will begin at the RV park to show the board the improvements.

X. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Carter:

Concerns for our ability to host a June fair, wondering about potential for September fair. Welcomed Lori and Gay.

Whitaker:

Had a meeting with Supervisor John Hidahl and one member of economic development committee. They are working on ways to bring more revenue to fairgrounds. The Economic Development Committee will bring it up at their next meeting to discuss ideas and share with our board.

McGuire: Wondered why CAO’s office had issue with our original budget.

Hunt: Pass

Davis: Tahoe is still struggling, most new COVID cases are locals. Hospital is still holding up and doing well. Still no snow and no money in SLT.

Knight: Pass

Forni-Feathers: Asked to see new light poles at Speedway while we tour RV park.

Warden: She is active with Kiwanis. She is surprised we do not have a committee structure.

Willyard: Has been coming to fair since 1980 and loves it. She volunteered with 4H for many years, served on Grand Jury, volunteered in the fair office for 10 years, previously served on the Fair Board, and still maintains 2 adopt-a-spots that she has had for many years. She also chaired the fair’s petting zoo during fair time with her husband for 16 years. Also surprised we do not have a committee structure. Gray shared information about the Heritage Committee that she and Director Warden may be interested in serving on.

Witherow: Glad that staff is already considering different (later) dates for Fair 2021. Welcome to Lori and Gay.

XI. Election of Officers.

Nominating committee consisted of Carter, Davis and Whitaker. In light of Denton’s resignation, proposed ‘Option 1’ which was Forni-Feathers will move up to the Vice President chair, Hunt will be treasurer and Whitaker will remain President for 2021. Or ‘Option 2’, Davis would serve as President, Forni-Feathers as Vice President and Hunt as Treasurer. Witherow moved to Approve Option 1; Knight seconded; motion carried to approve.

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 4:46pm

Chris Whitaker, President

Date

Jody W. Gray, CEO

Date