

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

**Wednesday, March 3 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, Warden, Knight, McGuire, Hunt, Willyard, Forni-Feathers, Davis, Kobervig

EXCUSED: Knight

ABSENT:

MANAGER: Jody W. Gray

OTHERS: Kathy Dunkak, Barbara EDC Farm Bureau

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 FEBRUARY 2021 REGULAR MEETING:

Warden moved that the minutes be approved; Witherow seconded; motion carried to approve.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acknowledgment of Contracts entered in February 2021. Warden moved to acknowledge; Forni-Feathers seconded.

B. 2021 Fair updates:

Gray met with Kiwanis and they will be working with the Rubicon Challenge and the Monster Truck event to make the track work for the Sunday wheelbarrow races. Vendors have been sent contracts and are responding. The Commercial Wine Competition will be held in the Mark D Forni Building on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The reception to follow will be limited to judges. We are utilizing same company and software that handles our RV reservations to create a method for livestock entries to be done online, all forms can be submitted via this program. Livestock entries can still be submitted to the office as well.

C. TOT Project updates:

We have ordered the credit card reader for the washer & dryer in the RV Park Laundry room. Since the sign machine software & laptop have been replaced the rest of the RV Park signs will be going up soon. The railroad ties which separate RV spaces have been placed. The racetrack light poles are back up, one light and a couple of light bulbs and electric panels had to be replaced in conjunction with the project, but it is now complete.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

## VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. Approval of Expenditures for February 2021.

Forni-Feathers moved that the Expenditures for February 2021 be approved, McGuire seconded; motion carried to approve.

## VIII. MANAGERS REPORT

Gray reported she was guest speaker at Kiwanis Meeting today (via Zoom). She shared how the importance of the fairgrounds to the community, and the impacts we have on the community, especially during the Pandemic. She thanked them again for the work party that came out in September to help us clean up the grounds.

The Commercial Wine Competition is planned for June 11<sup>th</sup> with social distancing guidelines, following the policies that the San Francisco chronicle implemented using a "clerk" for each panel of judges.

Working on 2021 Fair, was pleased that all of the 2020 booked entertainers have committed to 2021 dates. The next month the judges and sponsor contracts will go out. Dunkak is working with vendors to get booked, money will be coming in slowly, but all booths must be paid in full by August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Most of the judges have confirmed for the June Livestock show. Staffing will be a Livestock Superintendent (Robyn Kelly), fair staff and mostly volunteers as we did June 2020 Livestock show. Applied for 2 grants to help support Livestock, one with the Women's Fund (it was not chosen) and one with the El Dorado Community Foundation which we haven't heard back from yet.

News from CDFA is that the Governor's office has stated all State Funding to help fairs will only go to DAA's. Many fairs, including DAA's, spoke at a Senate & Assembly Budget hearings last week in favor of ALL fairs receiving funding.

A fundraiser for Livestock Pens will be a drive-thru lasagna dinner on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for this event will be on sale on our website beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The online RV reservation system is working great, significantly reducing staff time and it allows campers to pre-pay for their reservations.

We are planning to utilize a similar program for Livestock entries, which will again eliminate significant staff time and office traffic.

Siskyou County Fair did the math on their fairgrounds in the event they were required to have a reduced attendance fair. Based on the size of the fairgrounds (they are smaller than our fairgrounds), they would still be allowed to have 40,000 people on-grounds per day. The most people we've ever had on one day was a Saturday, with 20,000 people.

Races are scheduled to begin this month, as of now we haven't heard if spectators, reduced or otherwise, will be allowed.

## IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Carter:** Pass

**Whitaker:** Pass

**McGuire:** The last CCA meeting he thought he heard there was more funding for all fairs? The plans for the Placerville Drive gate have been delayed due to CCA staffing issues. It was decided the County will do plan check for this project.

**Hunt:** Pass

**Davis:** He will definitely be here for fair, with his RV.

**Knight:** Excused.

**Forni-Feathers:** Pass

**Warden:** Pass

**Willyard:** Pass.

**Witherow:** Is hoping we can meet in person for the April board meeting.

**Kobervig:** Pass

X. Meeting Adjourned at 4:45pm

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Chris Whitaker, President

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Date

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Jody W. Gray, CEO

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