

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020, 5:30 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, Forni-Feathers, Carter, Denton, McGuire, Davis, Kobervig, Knight, Witherow, Hunt, Bradley

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

MANAGER: Jody W. Gray

OTHERS: Brian Veerkamp, Gay Willyard, Kylee Hueer, Sue Rees, Tom Lemos, Kathy Dunkak, Heather Watson, Ann McMillan

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Record Verification of Legal Meeting Notice:

Gray authenticated the verification.

QUORUM REQUIREMENTS MET:

Whitaker determined that the requirements for a quorum were met.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Bradley moved that the agenda be approved; Whitaker seconded; motion carried to approve.

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 2020 REGULAR MEETING:

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

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

None

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note from children who attended Junior Jams and Jellies for the use of the Marshall Building.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acknowledgment of Contracts entered in March 2020.

Denton moved that the Contracts be acknowledged, Witherow seconded; motion carried to approve.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Conflict of Interest Statements Due for 2020 from Board and/or Key Staff.

Gray asked if the directors had completed the form and if not to please email them to her and to tell her their conflicts:

Whitaker no conflicts

Forni-Feathers working for the County

Carter Boys & Girls Club because they are one of our renters

Denton the American Legion

McGuire

Davis no conflicts

Kobervig no conflicts

Knight NRA

Witherow working for the County

Hunt Junior Livestock Committee

Bradley American Legion

Gray Cool Feed

B. Homeless or low-income housing possibly proposed to be at the Armory.
Gray stated the El Dorado Co. Fair Association should oppose the installation of transitional housing at the Armory. Watson displayed the No Transient Flyer and sample letter as Gray continued with an explanation including the many events held on grounds, number of children and families using the grounds, First 5 and New Morning being neighbors, and much more. Veerkamp recommended sending the No Transient flyer and letter to the State - governor, senator, assemblymen. Willyard said she felt this is spot on, dead on and that she supported it. Knight moved that the No Transitional Housing be approved, Whitaker seconded; motion carried to approve.

C. Fair update, regarding COVID-19.

The Fairgrounds closed for normal operations on March 21st. Although we are moving forward with plans for our Fair June 18-21, we have come up with a back-up date July 9-12. I have already contacted Department Heads, most of them said yes to the alternate dates. I emailed still and livestock judges and entertainers to get their OK to postpone their contracts. The carnival has another commitment; however, they will make it work. The Open Wine Competition has been rescheduled to June 4. Most judges and back room helpers are available for the new date. Gray closed by adding she hopes we can keep our regular dates.

D. Approve 2019 STOP.

Bradley moved that the 2019 STOP be approved, Forni-Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Approval of Expenditures for March, 2020.

Bradley moved that the Expenditures for March 2020 be approved, Whitaker seconded; motion carried to approve.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Gray began her report by saying most events through May have been cancelled and then continued by comparing what was budgeted to actual income and expenses. Gray noted that all full-time staff are currently working. Jurgens is working in the office by herself, Watson, McMillan and Gray are all working from home. The maintenance staff is working on projects. We are not using part time temp staff at this time. There have been Zoom meetings with staff. The first was last week and this week was our regular monthly meeting.
- There has been vandalism and break-ins on the grounds. Placerville Police offered to drive through to make their presence known.
- Gray followed by saying OES has contacted her to possible have an alternative medical facility on the fairgrounds.
- The County has issued a shelter in place order until April 30.
- Gray shared she had a meeting with the County auditor and treasurer regarding moving money into the County's bank which was done.
- A special meeting of the Board will be scheduled via Zoom for next week to approve the contract from the State for the distribution of AB 1499. The distribution can be used for essentials such as payroll, benefits, utilities, loans, etc.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Forni-Feathers:

Everyone stay healthy and safe.

Witherow:

Good first run with Zoom; on top of a lot of good things.

Denton:

Feels that we are approaching the homeless situation right.

Carter:

Asked what the timeline for Fair date decision was. Dunkak answered mid-May.

McGuire:

Pass

Whitaker:

Pass.

Davis:

The economy at the Lake is a disaster.

Kobervig:

Pass

Hunt:

Pass

Bradley:

Pass

XI. Adjourn 6:30 PM.

Chris Whitaker, President

Date

Jody W. Gray, CEO

Date