

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020, 5:30 PM AT  
THE BOARD ROOM ON THE EL DORADO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
100 PLACERVILLE DRIVE, PLACERVILLE, CA.

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PRESENT: Whitaker, Denton, Forni-Feathers, McGuire, Kobervig, Carter, Davis, Bradley, Witherow, Hunt.

EXCUSED: Knight

ABSENT:

MANAGER: Jody W. Gray

OTHERS: Mary Ann Harper, Tom Lemos, Brian Veerkamp, Kathy Jurgens, 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

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2019 REGULAR MEETING:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Supervisor Brian Veerkamp spoke about a documentary he and Mary Corey, Museum El Dorado County Historical Museum Administrator, took part in. It is a one-hour documentary which premiered on Indiana public television. This program explores the history of the Studebaker Fountain, its curious journey, and the remaking of the gift to South Bend that symbolizes innovation and includes some history of this area and the John Studebaker Wheelbarrow Races. Because of the historical significance Kiwanis is looking into a viewing fundraiser at Regal Theater in Placerville.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from Janine D'Agostini, along with, El Dorado County's First Responder & Law Enforcement Community, for the First Responder Fundraiser held in the Mark D. Forni Building. Letter from CDFA notifying of an executive order to address the homeless crisis from Governor Newsom. This order will apply only to state-owned properties.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acknowledgment of Contracts entered in December 2019.

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

B. Recommendation to approve Discrimination, Harassment and Drug Free Workplace policies.

Witherow moved that Drug Free Workplace policy be approved, Forni Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve.

Denton moved that Discrimination & Harassment policy be approved; Forni Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve.

C. Recommendation to approve three County Contracts regarding TOT Capital Funds, totals \$ 26,487, \$ 165,857 and \$ 34,253.

Since the contracts for \$ 165,857 and \$ 34,253 have not been received yet, Davis moved to approve County Contract for \$ 26,487, Denton seconded; motion carried to approve.

Gray stated that contracts for \$ 165,857 and \$ 34,253 would be received at a later date.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Approve new 2020 Association Members.

Brian Veerkamp

Tom and Heather Lemos

Bradley moved that the new 2020 Association Members be approved, Hunt seconded; motion carried to approve.

### B. Request from County Parks Department to add Solar lights to Skatepark.

Gray read a letter from Vickie Sanders, Parks Manager, requesting permission to put up lights in the Skate Park for safety reasons. After discussion, Davis moved to approve the County installing lights at the Skate Park as long as no funds from the Association were requested, Denton seconded; motion carried to approve.

## VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. Approval of Expenditures for December 2019.

Kobervig moved that the Expenditures for December 2019 be approved, Witherow seconded; motion carried to approve.

## VIII. MANAGER'S REPORT

### A. Board Self Evaluation

Since most of the Board completed the Self Evaluation Questionnaire which was emailed, Dunkak tallied the responses so Gray could share group responses with the Board. After discussion it was agreed that Strategic Plan items would be referenced on the agenda and in Gray's Director's notes and a follow-up on several questions would be covered in a future meeting. Gray suggested members attending WFA sit in on "What is expected for a Board Member" class at WFA.

## IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### **Witherow:**

Happy to be reelected. Thank you.

### **Carter:**

Thank you for the questionnaire. Lots of positive ideas; would like to explore how can we be moving forward stronger.

### **Hunt:**

Mutton Bustin' has been banned in Alameda County by the county Board of Supervisors.

### **Bradley:**

Happy to be back from vacation. Liked the questionnaire. Even though the Board can disagree, we always work together.

### **Denton:**

When was the Board Binder updated? Gray responded that all updates have been emailed out over time. She then asked if everyone would like to bring their binders in so staff can look through them and add updates. Denton then commented that Barnum and Bailey were put out of business by animal rights groups.

### **Forni-Feathers:**

We have been scrutinized that we don't communicate with the EDC Board of Supervisors, however, they do not communicate with their appointees. The communication should come from both sides. We are not their top priority.

Whitaker said he goes to Town Hall prior to Fair and meets with his supervisor twice a year.

Bradley stated that his supervisor calls him once a month because she is concerned the County wants to take over the Fair.

Witherow said there is a new requirement to send agendas and minutes to the Clerk of the Board, Kim Dawson monthly.

### **Davis:**

Happy Birthday Jody. Feels a serious talk should take place around Board volunteering. Witherow asked if the Board could sign up for bar shifts before it goes out to other volunteers.

### **McGuire:**

Presented a follow-up to CCA progress. Crabtree is the executive director and will start March 1.

**Kobervig:**

Thanked the staff for all of their hard work in 2019.

**Whitaker:**

Looking forward to a great 2020.

**X. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**A. Report of nominating committee and election of 2020 Officers.**

- Whitaker                      President
- Denton                        Vice-President
- Forni-Feathers              Treasurer

Davis moved that the officers be approved, Forni-Feathers seconded; motion carried to approve.

**XI. Adjourn 7:00 PM.**

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Chris Whitaker, President

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Date

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Jody W. Gray, CEO

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Date