

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020, 5:30 PM AT
THE BOARD ROOM ON THE EL DORADO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
100 PLACERVILLE DRIVE, PLACERVILLE, CA.**

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

EXCUSED: Kobervig, Knight

ABSENT:

MANAGER: Jody W. Gray

OTHERS: Mary Ann Harper, Brian Veerkamp, Liz Powell (Committee on Aging), Steve Shirley (Committee on Aging), Barbara Raines (Committee on Aging), Kathy Dunkak, Heather Watson, Ann McMillan

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Pledge of Allegiance led by Veerkamp.

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

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2020 REGULAR MEETING:

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

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Liz Powell, El Dorado County Commission on Aging, began her presentation with an explanation of what their mandate includes. She explained the purpose of her being at the meeting is to request a booth for Thursday only during the 2020 Fair. She followed with requesting the Commission on aging be allowed a specific exception of having at the booth for only Thursday, until 7pm.

After discussion, it was decided the topic would be put on the agenda for the next meeting unless staff came up with a mutually agreed upon decision.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from Junior Jams and Jellies for the use of the Marshall Building so children could make jams and jellies to enter into the Fair.

VI. PRESENTATION

A. Underground water runoff report – Brian Veerkamp (Strategic Plan Goals #3)

Veerkamp began by saying the drainage system from the barns to the racetrack is more than 50 years old, made from aluminum and is failing. Cal Trans drainage system, which crosses Hwy 50, bringing drainage water onto the Fairgrounds, is also failing. They are on notice to fix it on their end. Environmental Management will look into Neiman's and Thompson's siltation ponds. The Water Agency is taking the lead on the situation and is saying grant money may be available. The City is also looking into grants. Veerkamp concluded by thanking Gray, Whitaker and the City of Placerville for their help.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acknowledgment of Contracts entered in February 2020.

Forni-Feathers moved that the Contracts be acknowledged, Witherow seconded; motion carried to approve.

B. Board Self Evaluation – Expectations of Board Members – Plan for expectations. (Strategic Plan Goals #1 and #5)

1. Board Trivia – How well do you know your fellow Board members and CEO?

Each Board member was called by Watson and asked what is a little-known fact about them. Watson shared the fact, then each member guessed who was the provider of the fact. Watson will post the information to Facebook.

2. Expectations of Board Members

After discussion on various expectations, it was agreed volunteering at Fair and communicating with supervisor from BOS at least 4 times per year, once a quarter was important. It was brought up that taking one hour during Fair to walk around and talk with the supervisor was important and encouraging each supervisor to become a part of Heritage Foundation. Discussion to be explored at a later date.

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

Gray expressed the need for a CEO evaluation. It was decided that the executive committee (Whitaker, Denton and Forni-Feathers) would do the evaluation along with input from other Board members. Gray said she would look for questions which were asked in the past as well as what WFA suggests.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. TREASURER’S REPORT

A. Approval of Expenditures for February, 2020.

Denton moved that the Expenditures for February 2020 be approved, McGuire seconded; motion carried to approve.

X. MANAGER’S REPORT

- Piland is selling a generator for \$ 6500 which could power the office and could also be used during fair.
- The Board meeting with the County turned into a 2 by 2 meeting. State code 25905 - CALPERS public entity vs 25906 was discussed.
- The lasagna dinner which was held in the Marshall Building to help the livestock youth raise funds to build a new wash rack was a huge success. 379 dinners were sold. This will be a yearly Heritage event to raise money for livestock youth projects.
- EDWA and fair staff will be working together to rebrand the Open Wine Competition for 2021.
- Wash rack bid is \$ 36,700. Asking for funding from the lasagna dinner, grant applications, Heritage Foundation and Junior Livestock Auction.
- Russell Motorsports has asked Empty Bowls to move to Sunday of their normal weekend in November. Gray went over the list of agreed upon items and the dollar amount.

XI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Witherow:

Pass

Hunt:

Bought sheep and will keep them until Fair.

Bradley:

Pass

Carter:

Pass

Denton:

Was in Arizona where it is cold and wet.

Davis:

Pass.

McGuire:

Impressed with our website and how up to date it is. Link to our meeting tonight did not work. CFFA special meeting tomorrow to approve funding criteria for proposed projects. Proposals need to be received by April 1.

The architect plans are almost complete for the new gate house. Current waste disposal built in 1939 may possibly have gone directly into a pit. McGuire said he has staked out the new sewer line and is waiting for a return call from the City.

Forni Feathers:

Would like to see the Ag dinner in the Marshall Building next year. Could we donate the building to them? Gray will contact the Ag Department.

Whitaker:

Met with Veerkamp and Ashton regarding the Armory and affordable housing. Gray interjected that Veerkamp and Ashton do not want a shelter but do want a facility where those in need can stay which would be locked at night, the Armory is not the only site being looked at. The Armory may cost too much to tear down and rebuild. Whitaker continued saying there are two or three options.

XII. Adjourn 7:00 PM.

Chris Whitaker, President

Date

Jody W. Gray, CEO

Date