

**MINUTES OF THE regular MEETING FOR
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC
Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 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, Denton, Davis, , Knight, Witherow, Bradley
EXCUSED: Forni-Feathers, Kobervig, Hunt, McGuire
ABSENT:
MANAGER: Jody W. Gray
OTHERS: Kathy Dunkak, Gay Wilyard, Tom Lemos, Barbara Seely via Zoom

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

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 2020 REGULAR MEETING:

Bradley moved that the minutes be approved; Carter seconded; motion carried to approve.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

None

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you cards, from Elizabeth Bloxsom and Brian Bloxsom for allowing the livestock shows to happen this year.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acknowledgment of Contracts entered in August 2020.

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

B. COVID-19, Governors Orders and the Fairgrounds. County Health Officer had us cancel dog shows at this time, as there are no guidance procedures created for them and she did not feel that they should be allowed. If there are Industry Guidance procedures created by the State, then we can follow those that are allowed in our County based on what tier we are under. The earliest the ED County may change is Sept 21, as long as the Covid-19 numbers do not increase.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Association members for 2020, Dave & Cindy Burdette and Janell Morgan. Bradley moved that the members be approved; Denton seconded; motion carried to approve.

B. Recommend approval of Marshall Building Loan #EDO-03-A1 Amendment. Bradley moved that the Amendment be approved; Denton seconded; motion carried to approve.

C. Approve Amendment to Carnival Agreement with Paul Mauer Shows, to extend one year to make up for 2020 and to add an additional three years to contract, ending after 2024 fair. Witherow moved; Bradley seconded; motion carried to approve.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Approval of Expenditures for August, 2020.

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

B. Latest Budget Projection

Gray shared we received a minimal payout from the Revenue Protection Policy we purchased in January for fair; including the other revenues received to date, anticipated cash balance at the end of the year will be approximately \$209,160. It costs about \$50,000 per month to operate at reduced services, mostly payroll and utilities.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Fair Association applied for a grant from the Latrobe Foundation to purchase the panels for the remodeled hog wash rack, we were awarded the grant of \$6300.
- Russell Motorsports is anticipating only 2 more races this year, unless spectators are allowed.
- We are planning the Crab Feed as a Drive Through and a virtual auction on Friday, November 13, we are looking for donations, if anyone can help out.
- Ron Thompson coordinated with Kiwanis and Rotary to help the fairgrounds with a work day, they have planned to come on September 19 to help with some landscaping and the plaza stage.
- The Fairgrounds added the Venmo app to our options for payment. It is a great tool, as there are no fees associated with it.
- The County Health Officer, Dr. Williams had us cancel the three dog shows that we had scheduled as there are no guidance procedures created and she felt that it did not fit with the Governors orders.
- The Fair Association applied for a \$30K Cares Act Grant through the ED Community Foundation.
- CCA's CEO, Randy Crabtree and Michael Sellens came for a visit last week, they toured the Gatehouse project and the proposed Forni Kitchen expansion. They also gave me the name of a contractor that can give us a bid on the racetrack light poles, JSharp Construction. Which came up last week and will give us a bid this week.
- US Forest Service contacted us to possibly use the Fairgrounds as the Fork Fire Camp, they will do a site visit this week.
- The Friday night Farmers Markets and Dinners have been a success, Sanders sold 74 the first night that he was open.
- The BOS approved the deferment of our liability insurance loan payment for the 20/21 year, they however denied the unfunded PERS amount.
- We have had some more donations this past month, The El Dorado Mineral and Gem Society donated \$300, Catherine Adams donated \$25 on our web site and Ann McMillan asked her friends to donate to the Fairgrounds in leu of Birthday Presents, she raised at least \$300. Marilyn Migosa gave us her premium check back as a donation. People are very thoughtful and generous to the Fairgrounds.
- Normally we do not have a November meeting, however, under the circumstances, a meeting was added for November on the 4th at 4:00, via Zoom.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carter:

Good job to the staff, Friday Night Dinners and market are a nice feature for the community. Thank you for navigating us through these tough and unknown times.

Bradley:

Thank you to the staff for all that you do.

Davis:

Tahoe Transportation wants to charge a Basin wide day use fee. It would fund infrastructure and free bus systems in Lake Tahoe. This will be very unpopular and will cause a lot of contention.

Denton:

Pass

Knight:

Pass.

Whitaker:

Pass

Witherow:

The Farmers Market may be small but it is Mighty. She was very happy with the vegetable selection and different types; she is looking forward to cooler temperatures.

XI. Adjourn 4:28 PM.

Chris Whitaker, President

Date

Jody W. Gray, CEO

Date