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

Wednesday, January 5, 2022, Following Annual Meeting that begins at 4:30 pm In-Person

PRESENT: Whitaker, Forni-Feathers, Carter, McGuire, Davis, Kobervig, Witherow, Hunt, Knight,

Warden, Willyard

MANAGER: Jody W. Gray

OTHERS: Robin Cleveland, Kathy Dunkak, Jim Carter, Maureen Carter, Brian Veerkamp

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

1. Call to Order

Roll Call

Record verification of legal meeting notice: Gray authenticated the verification.

Determine Quorum: Whitaker determined that the requirements for a quorum were met.

2. Approve Agenda

Witherow moved that the agenda be approved. Warden seconded. Motion carried to approve.

3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

4. Public Forum

Jim Carter stated that Jody has been great to work with, especially since she doesn't micromanage projects.

5. Correspondence- Review correspondence received during previous month.

Letter from County re: the American Rescue Plan Allocation, approved for the \$813,000.

Letter from CDFA re: Proposition 12 and Jr. Livestock Auctions (Farm Animal Confinement Initiative).

Letter from CDFA re: \$295,000 approval for the EDC Fair

Letter from Wendy thanking us for the facility use for the Grizzly Feast.

6. Old Business

Acknowledgement of Agreements - None to acknowledge due to technical difficulties, will review at February meeting.

Acknowledge and accept Contracts - None to acknowledge due to technical difficulties, will review at February meeting.

7. New Business

The nominating committee reports that Karen Forni-Feathers will be President, Fred Hunt will be Vice President and Lori Warden to become Treasurer.

Kobervig moved to approve. Willyard seconded. Motion carried to approve

8. Treasurer's Report

Warden moved that they Approve the Expenditures from December 2021. Forni-Feathers seconded. Motion carried to approve.

9. Manager's Report

We paid \$23,000 for crab. Profit for crab feed dinners was \$12,154, profit for bar was \$3,600 plus \$500 in tips. Most of our profit this year came from silent auction and raffle.

We will continue to accept fair entries online (and in person). Livestock exhibitors may purchase Livestock wristband, carnival wristband and pay for fair time RV on line. This system saves significantly on staff time, as well as paper.

New industry standards for "Mega Events" due to COVID. The newest guidance, the threshold for Indoor Mega Events is lowered to 500 attendees and for outdoor mega events it is 5,000 attendees. California Department Public Health and Safety updated that requirements for attending MEGA events, attendees will be required to provide either proof of vaccination, a negative antigen COVID-19 test within one day of the event, or a negative PCR test within two days of the event.

Staff met with Kami Arnold and Scott Russell (Russell Motorsports Inc.) to review new contract for next 5 years. Only minor changes were made.

Sadly, the large pine tree in front of the Marshall Building will have to be removed as the root system is damaging the foundation and flooring of the building. Two doors are currently inoperable due to the roots.

We are in the process of obtaining quotes for the infra-structure projects for the COVID funds being issued to the Association by the County, which include asphalt repair/replacement, drainage issues, the Board Room repair, and the Forni Building restroom upgrade.

10. Director's Report

Carter: Looking forward to a good year.

Hunt: Thank Jody for all you've done, and thank you Chris for handling the job of Board President for so long.

Warden: Pleasure to be here this past year. Really enjoys the way the board works together.

Davis: Looking forward to having a fair again. Traffic at the Lake (with all of the snow) has been horrible, businesses were running out of food and fuel.

Forni-Feathers: Crab feed was great. Clam chowder was great. The Drive-thru pick up went well.

Witherow: Thanked Dee for her comment regarding use of easement on Armory Road. Looking forward to understanding what our new normal is, excited for the coming year.

McGuire: Updated everyone on the status of CFFA. McGuire is the current Char of CCA/CFFA Willyard: Big thanks to Jody, sorry she is leaving. Also wondering what is the new normal and looking forward to fair.

Whitaker: Thank you to everyone to allow him to be President for 3 years. He enjoyed his term. Very thankful to Jody for all that she has taught him over the years.

Kobervig: Suggested that in the wording in the property transfer (Armory Road Easement) include a clause that if abandoned, the property returns to the original use.

McGuire: Will miss Jody, she has done a wonderful job and left the Fair Association in a great position.

10. Executive Session (Personnel).

Resulting action lead to the vote to appoint Kathy Dunkak (current Deputy Manager) at CEO, salary and benefits approved. Appoint Jody as a Consultant on an as needed basis for 6 months.

11. Adjourn.

Karen Forni-Feathers, Presiden

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