

**10TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 19, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: The 10th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:29 PM by President Burrone.

ROLL CALL/DIRECTORS ABSENT: All directors were present. There are two (2) vacant board positions.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF: Also present were Cliff Munson, CEO, Michelle Eiler, AGPA, Mike Luiz, Senior Maintenance Worker, Julie Mercier of the Junior Livestock Auction Committee and Lilly Suetta and Brooke Wyatt from the Junior Fair Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Information/Action): Director Finley made a motion, seconded by Director Fawaz and carried to accept the consent calendar which included minutes from the October 15, 2024, meeting, contracts, and cash disbursements for October.

Board Member	Approved (yes vote)	Not Approved (no vote)	Abstained	Reason of Abstaining
Monet Allen	X			
Alyssa Burrone	X			
Brandon Fawaz (2 nd)	X			
Jason Finley (1 st)	X			
Judd Hanna	X			
Chris Kutzkey	X			
Darrin Mercier	X			
2 positions vacant				

No public comment.

CORRESPONDANCE: The information bulletin from the California Department of Justice regarding prohibiting sale of firearms and etc. on state property was reviewed. The letter from Sherry Glendenning about no longer sponsoring the Round Robin award was discussed and it was agreed that CEO Munson would prepare a thank you card for everyone to sign at the next meeting. No public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Informational/Action):

- Junior Livestock Auction Committee – JLAC Director Brown reported that three new officers were voted in at the last meeting. The next meeting is this Thursday at 5:30 PM. Director Mercier mentioned that at that meeting they would be discussing the project requests to the fair, the fair improvement project and the Lily Foundation funds. He will mention the new stage to the board for discussion. No public comment.
- Junior Fair Board – Junior Fair Board Representative Lilly Suetta and Brook Wyatt reported that they have elected officers and will be having a booth at the Holiday Gift Fair. They will have an ornament decorating station for children and possibly Santa will arrive. Their next meeting is December 2nd at 6:30 PM. No public comment.

BUSINESS REPORT (Information/Action):

- CDFA Agreement #24-0572-000-SG - Director Hanna made a motion, seconded by Director Kutzkey and carried to approve the CDFA Agreement #24-0572-000-SG regarding the state allocation.

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Chris Kutzkey (2 nd)	X			
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No public comment.

- Budget Committee Report – Vice President Allen reported that there was a meeting today at 4:00 PM. There were not a lot of changes, and we are still in the black. The budget will be on the December Agenda to be approved. No public comment.
- SisQ Bee Club Requests – Per the email the SisQ Bee Club is requesting the following (1) a 3-year partnership contract, (2) expansion of the garden, (3) creating a Learning Center within the garden, (4) be able to drop debris for composting to use at a later date and (5) purchase a Gopher Hawk tool to eradicate the gophers. After discussion it was decided that CEO Munson needs to meet with the club and get more details before any decisions are made. No public comment.
- Policy Revisions –
 - Director Mercier made a motion, seconded by Director Kutzkey and carried to revise the Fair Dates policy to read “The annual opening fair date will be set by the 10th DAA Board of Directors.”

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- Director Mercier made a motion, seconded by Director Kutzkey and carried to revise the Cash Premium Policy to extend the pickup time from 10 working days to 20 working days of the closing of the annual fair...

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No public comment.

2025 FAIR REPORT (Information/Action): CEO Munson reported that we will have difficulty getting insurance for any motorized event; it would need to be a promotor that carries their own insurance. It was

discussed for CEO Munson to look into concert routing and who would be available during our fair. For grounds entertainment we will bring back the petting zoo and pony rides. CEO Munson will look into the Clydesdales, a bird show, stilt walkers, juggler mania, tigers and monkey show. No public comment.

- Theme Contest – Twenty-four themes were entered into the contest. Director Kutzkey made a motion, seconded by Director Finley and carried to select the theme “100 Years Past, Always a Blast” submitted by Bruce Bishop.

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No public comment.

- WFA Convention – Vice President Allen will be in Reno during that time and will participate in part of the convention. No public comment.

CEO REPORT (Information/Action): CEO Munson will be at the IAFE Convention from November 30th to December 5th. He will also be taking time off from December 18th to January 6th to keep his leave liability balance compliant. He received a call from Travis Peery of TRP Motorsports and he has decided not to accept the contract for the 2025 race season for financial reasons. CEO Munson reported that we will offer another RFP to see if there is any other interest.

- Siskiyou Golden Jackpot Review – The show was held November 1-3, 2024. Julie Mercier, the organizer of the event, stated that it was a big success. Entries were doubled, there were more sponsors (with new ones wanting in for next year already), increased payouts and gave out lots of banners and buckles. Director Mercier mentioned that the quality of animals was better. The plan is to move forward and continue to grow the show. It is being discussed about moving the event date a couple weekends ahead.
- Project Updates
 - New Stage – Director Mercier will bring the topic up at the JLAC meeting along with the other requested projects from JLAC (water pressure, electrical upgrade, sound system replacement).
 - Exhibitor Restroom – CEO Munson reported that we have not received any figures from the California Construction Authority.
 - Announcers Stand/Multi-Use Facility – CEO Munson reported that the new announcer’s booth in the Grandstand Arena will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. CEO Munson proposed, since there is no racing contract, to leave the chutes in their current location. There was discussion that we should continue to move the chutes to still make it a multi-use facility for other events. CEO Munson will attend the Rodeo Committee meeting on Thursday, and it will be discussed further at next month’s meeting.

MATTERS OF INFORMATION:

- Board of Directors Comments –
 - Director Hanna stated a good job on the Jackpot show and it was a good meeting.
 - Director Kutzkey said it was good to see the Junior Fair Board.
 - Vice President Allen reported that she received many positive comments from the public after last month’s meeting; people felt included with the fair date change being open for discussion.

- Staff Comments –
 - Senior Maintenance Luiz reported that we have moved the Outdoor Holiday Market into the Commercial Building due to the extreme weather conditions.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 5:30 PM. Due to the WFA Convention in January, Director Mercier made a motion, seconded by Director Finley and carried to not have a meeting in January but hold our regular meeting on February 18, 2025, and a Strategic Planning Session on February 4, 2025.

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No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Approved:

Alyssa Burrone
President

Attest:

Michelle Eiler
Secretary