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**Board Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2022**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER – President Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.**
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Director Bittle, Director Pierce, Director Mudd, Director Douglass, Director Chavez
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** Kaila Mitchell and Charles Southwick with California Department of Food and Agriculture introduced themselves. Please see attached sheet for all present that signed in.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Debbie Moutter of the Moose Lodge shared that she was passionate about racing and keeping Orland Raceway.

Dean Afton brought a petition to Save Orland Raceway that he stated had over 400 signatures. He shared with the Fair Board that racetracks that close typically do not reopen, and if the track closes it affect businesses in our community.

Mario Romano who has raced at the Orland Raceway for 30 years shared that if the decision was made for financial reasons that our community would support keeping the Orland Raceway alive and they would help with repairs.

Brian Wammack shared that he is a long-time racer, and he feels a need for the racing to continue for our community members.

Jerry Bartlett of Yuba City share that he has grown up racing in this track and see that this for our youth and is a family event. This would be a shame to lose.

Michael Macarthy that he was a youth track champion for five and half years. He came to represent the racers, and this is their track, and they are here to fight for it.

Majorie Palmer came as a citizen, spectator and a supporter of the racetrack. She wanted to share that we have a great track here.

Carolyn Pendergrass came as a concerned citizen and a long-time racing supporter and fan. Hoping to share that if money is the issue that through our community, we can get the sponsorship to help with upgrades that are needed. This track is for our community and if we can work together we can get a lot further.

Bob Johnson a former City of Orland employee shared that he was around when the county donated the blocks and built the tracks and painted the fence. He stated that we have many resource in our community that we can use to help get the much needed upgrades at a fraction of the cost.

David Vondon of Thunder Hill asked why the track can not continue? Is the Fair going to do the Grandstand repairs? Or have they reached out to see if they can get bleachers or light poles from other sites. He stated he would like to see the Fair and community work together to save the Orland Raceway.

Kristi Rumble shared that when she was younger that the fair was huge and Orland Raceway was big as well and she would like to see the Orland Fairgrounds keep going.

Travis Moore the autoshop teacher at Orland High School shared that this track has a huge impact on the youth in our community. That if it were to go away it would shatter the fabric of what make America great.

Zach Canades a volunteer help with the Orland Raceway wanted to ask why the Race Promoter Contract would go away. He has a great time helping with the races and occasionally he gets paid in beers. He enjoys all his time at the track.

Chase a youth racer shared what they track has meant to him for the last two seasons. Please don't close the track.

Ashley Amaro shared that this year they lost a huge supporter and community member Barbara Crain, she was the founder of Bike Night. Bike Night is one of the biggest events that they do each season and is supported by our community businesses. The track, the family and support mean a lot to all of us in attendance. We are here to show our support.

Rick King of Corning wanted to share that we have a lot of resources in the room. All we need to do is ask for help. There are a lot of ways to get work done.

At this time Board President Pierce read a statement regarding what happened at the October board meeting. Please see attached.

- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR** Director Bittle moved to approve the consent calendar as is. Director Chavez seconded the motion. President Pierce asked for a roll call vote. Director Bittle voted in favor, Director Chavez voted in favor, Director Douglass voted in favor, Director Mudd voted in favor, President Pierce voted in favor. Motion passed.

At this time President Pierce make the recommendation that we move the Item II. 2. Saving Orland Raceway Committee up on the agenda in the interest of time.

2. **SAVING ORLAND RACEWAY COMMITTEE** Tyler Tatum was asked to speak on behalf of the Saving Orland Raceway Committee. Tyler read a proposal to the Board members, several ideas to help bring more people in attendance and to make Racing better. Including paying more rent per race, fundraising to help with repairs. He also stated that he has already started taking up a collection of donations to help. Tyler presented that our committee is full of people who possess the skills needed to make a lot of the repairs happen. If we allowed people to help, then the cost would be much lower. CEO Bartels asked if those who helped would be willing to take on the liability involved with these projects. She shared that as a State Agency, prevailing wages needed to be paid and bidding processes needed to be followed. She shared that after accepting AB1499 funds that we are obligated to pay prevailing wages and follow the bidding process. Bob Johnson stated that he did not believe that was true. CEO Bartels shared that they had already spoken with PG&E regarding getting a pole to replace the one that was gone. They had several bids for the lighting, and they were given to Richard Hood for a decision, however, he did not get back in a timely manner. CEO Bartels shared that yes he is the promotor, however he is only one person, and that he needed help. Keeping the Orland Raceway going was not an easy feat and he was doing a good job but very understaffed. Tyler Tatum stated that he felt that is was unfair that we expected them to pay for the repairs of the grandstands. CEO Bartels stated that we did not expect them to pay for the repairs, however understanding that the lighting replacement and electrical to install was estimated to cost \$60, 000.00 when the Racing Contract brought in \$17,500.00 a year. The return on investment was very slow. Director Chavez asked those in attendance, "Where have you been or the last six years?" He stated that this was the same discussion that was had 6 years ago with little to no change in attendance and participation. President Pierce stated that it may be necessary to form an Ad Hoc Committee to speak with a few of the racers. She asked the Board Members if any would be willing to be on the committee. Director Mudd stated that he would be on the committee, Director Chavez stated that he would be one the committee as well. Dean Atkin shared with the Board that he was aware of the processes that are in place when dealing with the State of California and he wanted to ask if we would accept a list of people that would be on the committee. It was agreed and a list of interested parties were added to the list. It was pointed out that they had a list of about 10 interested parties. CEO Bartels stated that the list needed to be narrowed down, as a committee of more than 10 rarely got much accomplished. It was agreed that committee with board members would be 5 at most.

### 3. **REPORTS & INFORMATION**

None

### 4. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **PROJECT LIST-** CEO Bartels reported that the due to the recent windy weather, tree work needed to be moved up to the top of the list. Currently, we have one dead tree over by the Goat Barn bathrooms that needs to come down. As well there are several trees out at Dead Owls Pass

that need to be trimmed up. CEO Bartels estimated that the work would be \$10,000.00. Director Bittle moved to approve CEO Bartels to get up to \$10,000.00 worth of tree work done. Director Chavez seconded the motion. President Pierce asked for a roll call vote. Director Bittle voted in favor, Director Chavez voted in favor, Director Douglass voted in favor, Director Mudd voted in favor, President Pierce voted in favor. Motion passed.

2. **REVIEW OF LOCAL RULES REVISION** CEO Bartels stated that Director Douglass had some questions regarding rule #37 which covered the exhibitor limit. The way the rule read last year stated that an exhibitor could sell on market animal, a beef replacement or dairy replacement heifer. The discussion was do we feel this is too much. Can we regulate the Dairy Sale since it is not a Glenn County Fair Sanctioned Sale? After much discussion the decision was tabled until we could look further into what other fairs do.

#### 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **SPOOK TRAIN RECAP-** CEO Bartels shared that made a profit of \$2786.00. It was a huge success, very well attended. We had a DJ volunteer his time to entertain in the patrons as they waited for their rides. The FFA kids worked very hard and were very helpful. The Spook Train gave a total of 617 people rides. Overall, very happy with how it turned out. Has some ideas for next year to incorporate more activities.
3. **ONLINE LIVESTOCK AUCTION DECISION** CEO Bartels reported out that the JLC voted to use Parnell Inc for the auctioneers and EZ2Bid.com for the online auction piece. So now the Board needed to approve the recommendation. Director Chavez moved to approve the recommendation that the JLC made regarding the using Parnell Inc and EZ2Bid.com for the 2023 Junior Livestock Auction. Director Bittle seconded the motion. President Pierce asked for a roll call vote. Director Bittle voted in favor, Director Chavez voted in favor, Director Douglass voted in favor, Director Mudd voted in favor, President Pierce voted in favor. Motion passed.

#### 6. **ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

1. CFSA
2. **LETTERS FROM CAROL & PAUL TURNER**  
CEO Bartels shared the two pieces of communication, asked if they board had any questions. President Pierce asked if the CFSA increase charges were expected. CEO Bartels shared that they had shared at the Fall Managers Conference that there would be increases coming. CEO Bartels asked if there were any questions regarding Carol and Paul Turners letter. There were none. Carol Turner stated that they had stayed just for that. Paul Turner stated that he knew we had made our decision and they had nothing but time to fight and they would.

#### 7. **MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

1. **Staff Reports** CEO Bartels shared that everyone was working in full swing to get Avenue of Lights ready, pruning and trimming. Office staff was working on 2023 Fair, rentals and Avenue of Lights advertising.
2. **Directors' Comments** none
3. **Next Scheduled Board Meeting:** December 20, 2022
4. **Items to be included on the next meeting's agenda.**
  - a. Local Rule Revision
  - b. Avenue of Lights

#### 5. **ADJOURNMENT meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM**