

## 42<sup>nd</sup> District Agriculture Association

### Glenn County Fairgrounds

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### Board Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:45PM
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Directors present, Director Mudd, Director Chavez, Director Douglass and President Pierce, Director Bittle was absent. Director Douglass moved to excuse Director Bittle's absence; Director Mudd seconded the motion. Motion passed all voted in favor and no votes against the motion.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Todd Bishop, Richard Hood, Carol and Paul Turner, Christine Stiffer, Shirley Cecon and Mario Romano.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

President Pierce stated that she would like to move items on the agenda around. First item to be moved was agenda item nine, CEO report, number two, update regarding cats; to the next item prior to the Consent Calendar. The second item on the agenda to be moved is item number eight, number two, the Fair Tour would be the last item on the agenda.

#### V. **CEO Report**

**2. Update regarding cats:** CEO Bartels shared that there is still a large population of cats on grounds that are continuing to be fed by Carol Turner, tho she has been issued a cease-and-desist order. CDFA Legal has become further involved in the matter. The reason for the continued escalation is due to the feces and urine that have been found in buildings. The area of concern are the historical buildings on Heritage Trail. CFSA, our insurance company, sent a Risk Analyst for a yearly inspection in March, and she noted the smells and damage that the cats can do while on the grounds. Siting damage that can be caused by cat urine and male spray, not to mention the smells around the grounds and the health implications sited by volunteers. She wrote a letter, which CEO Bartels shared with the board and CDFA legal department. It is for these reasons the Fair is looking to relocate the cats.

Carol Turner shared when she started feeding the cats there were only 5 cats, sometime later more were dropped off. She also shared that Marlene Correra, had her sign a contract to continue to feed the cats, which she has done every day since. CEO Bartels stated that the contract that she signed is not legal nor binding for Glenn County Fair. CEO Bartels shared that this is not a person attack several of the volunteers have spent many hours cleaning up the feces and urine. One volunteer spent five hours and she removed sand a significant amount of sand in an effort to remove the urine and feces. Carol Turner stated that she would like to have seen the pictures, CEO Bartels shared that the pictures went to legal, however, she would share them. Carol also stated that she had fixed five of the cats herself and she asked what we would like her to do. President Pierce asked if she would like to take the cats. She stated that she would like to capture the five cats that she has had fixed. Carol Turner asked for more time to gather the cats. President Pierce asked if she could identify the cats. Carol responded, yes, however, she needs time and patience to get the five cats gathered up. CEO Bartels asked for a timeline. Carol asked for two weeks to get the five cats. President Pierce asked if she could gather the five cats in two weeks, Carol said yes.

Director Douglass moved that Carol Turner had 14 days to take ownership and removal of her five cats. The cats will be photographed and sent to CEO Bartels to identify the cats. Director Chavez seconded the motion. Director Mudd, Director Douglass, Director Chavez, and President Pierce all voted in favor. No votes against the motion. Motion passed.

Shirley Cecon shared that she wanted to attend the meeting as she thought it was important to support the Fair and the board of director. Shirley shared that the problem is not five cats, it is the 30 cats that are reported by the staff. The damage done by the cats is substantial and should not be overlooked. She also shared that she is very disappointed by the comments that Carol Turner has put out on social media regarding the fair and fair board members.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEO Bartels shared that financials are from the previous month; April financials were not finalized yet.

Which is why the JLA transfer could not be done, as well the Line of credit for the JLA was done in a meeting prior.

Director Mudd moved to approve the consent calendar as is. Director Chavez seconded the motion. Director Mudd, Director Douglass, Director Chavez, and President Pierce all voted in favor. No votes against the motion. Motion passed.

**REPORTS & INFORMATION**

NONE

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. PROJECT LIST CEO Bartels shared that there are no changes in the project list as fair is the priority.
2. MINISTRY USAGE OF SHOWER FACILITIES- CEO Bartels shared two of the facilities that are in long-term rentals are going through change over which could impact any agreement. President Pierce would like to schedule the meeting with Nicole Kringle once the fair is over and there were more details on the long term rentals.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. GRANDSTAND AND RACETRACK FUTURE PLANNING: CEO Bartels asked if anyone present had any ideas or suggestions. No ideas were presented. She shared that it was suggested that the Fair not use the grandstands at all. Some of the suggestions that have been shared are to take out the grandstands, and build up dirt, level it and lay concrete. Build a permanent roof, and move bleachers in and out for seating, with the cover there is potential to use the area for more than just seating. Mario Romano asked what happened with the Fire Department burning the grandstands. CEO Bartels shared that in a conversation with Fire Department personnel, the fire would be too hot.

President Pierce would like to get some cost analyst of demo, versus restoration, getting a cost differential. Mario Romano asked if another company could do the demo. President Pierce asked if we could get a timeline. How big of a project is this? Mario Romano pointed out that the power under the grandstands would need to be rerouted.

**IX. CEO REPORT**

1. INFORMATIONAL REPORT DISCUSSING ADMINISTRATION OF 42<sup>ND</sup> DAA: CEO Bartels shared it was all Fair all the time. President Pierce asked who was going to oversee the small animal Round Robin. CEO Bartels shared that Diane Amaro was helping with getting all the needs together.

**X. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS (WILL BE DISTRIBUTED NON-ACTION ITEM): None**

**XI. MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

1. Staff Reports: None
2. Directors' Comments: None
3. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: TBD
4. Items to be included on the next meeting's agenda.
  - a. Grandstands
  - b. Fair review

**5. ADJOURNMENT 7:23 PM**

FAIR TOUR