



**42nd District Agriculture Association
Glenn County Fairgrounds
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Board Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Jacob Chavez at 6:30 pm

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:

Directors Chavez, Bittle, Douglass, Pierce and Hutson were all present. Director Mudd was absent. Director Douglass made a motion to excuse the absence, Director Bittle seconded. Directors Chavez, Bittle, Douglass Pierce and Hutson all voted in favor, none in the negative. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, GUESTS:

Rich Hood, Mark Kampmann

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

June Board minutes, July Financial Statements and August/September rental agreements were presented to the Board. CEO Martin shared that the leave liability had been updated since Doyle's retirement. Director Douglass made a motion to accept the consent calendar as presented, Director Bittle seconded. Directors Chavez, Bittle, Douglass, Pierce and Hutson voted in the affirmative, none in the negative. Motion passed.

REPORTS & INFORMATION:

1. Junior Livestock Committee: CEO Martin presented the Board with the notes from the last JLC meeting. She reported that the committee made the decision to leave the out of county participation rule the same. The committee was also starting to work on back up plans for the show & sale should we not be able to have a Fair in 2021.
2. Glenn County Fair Heritage Foundation: CEO Martin reported that the Foundation had cancelled the rescheduled Friends of Fair Dinner set to happen in October, They \$14,000 allotted to a purchasing a new temporary barn and their interest in hosting drive in movies.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Impacts Due to COVID-19: CEO Martin reported that not much had changed and they still weren't able to have events. She would be cancelling all September events except for racing. She mentioned that there may be some misconceptions in the community regarding events at the Fairgrounds, she reiterated that it is not her or the Board's choice to have events and everything needs to be approved by the County first.
2. Hiring Maintenance Worker: CEO Martin is still waiting for an eligibility list from CalHR. Due to COVID19 additional documents and approval from F&E is required to do a new hire. F&E has stepped in to assist.
3. Grandstand Repair or Destruction: CEO Martin shared that the grandstand have gotten worse over the last couple of months and she feels as though they are beyond repair. Initial quotes for destruction and replacement put the project somewhere between \$750,000 to \$1,000,000, which the fair just doesn't have at the moment. CEO Martin shared her idea of possibly donating the grandstand to the county's fire departments as a training, she hadn't had a chance to talk to Chief Chaney of Orland but would and Director Hutson said he could talk with Chief Peabody in Willows. CEO Martin shared her idea of creating amphitheater style seating with just a large grassy hill or building bleachers similar to Hamilton High School with the bleachers built into a dirt mound. She also shared that she didn't think there was a need to build seating for 1,500 people as is there now. The Board agreed and CEO Martin would begin researching those ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2021 Fair Theme: CEO Martin shared some theme ideas but suggested reusing the 2020 theme "Sweet Delights & Carnival Lights". Director Douglass made a motion to reuse "Sweet Delights & Carnival Lights", Director Hutson seconded. Directors Chavez, Bittle, Douglass, Pierce and Hutson voted in the affirmative, none in the negative. Motion passed
2. Request for Memorial Bench for Dawn Alves-Rice, DVM: CEO Martin was asked if a memorial bench could be placed in Dr. Dawn's memorial. Director Bittle made a motion to allow the memorial bench be

placed on the fairgrounds, Director Douglass seconded. Directors Chavez, Bitle, Douglass, Pierce and Hutson voted in the affirmative, none in the negative. Motion passed. It was also suggested to create some memorial guidelines for the future.

3. Fall Festival: CEO Martin shared that we wouldn't be able to have the Fall Festival.
4. Orland Raceway Update: Rich Hood reported that they had 47 cars for their first race. He was looking forward to completing the season with the scheduled races. Orland Raceway is planning to have 5 out of 16 races as long as they are able to. They are reevaluating their end of year races as they will most likely not be able to have spectators. CEO Martin thanked Rich for going above and beyond with the given circumstances. He has done everything he has been asked to do and more and it is always a pleasure to work with him.
5. Avenue of Lights: CEO Martin is beginning work on the Avenue of Lights. Sponsorship letters would be going out next month and she was making contingency plans for Santa photos and food/drink in case the North Pole Lodge isn't able to open. Everyone is looking forward to the possibility of having this event!
6. Request for 20/21 State Allocation: Director Douglass made a motion to request our State Allocation in the amount of \$45,828.00, Director Pierce seconded. Directors Chavez, Bitle, Douglass, Pierce and Hutson voted in the affirmative, none in the negative. Motion passed.
7. Approval of Foundation MOU: CEO Martin presented the Foundation MOU which was sent to the Fair in a draft form by F&E, and reviewed by the Foundation. Director Douglass made a motion to approve the MOU as presented, Director Pierce seconded. Directors Chavez, Bitle, Douglass, Pierce and Hutson voted in the affirmative, none in the negative. Motion passed.
8. Officer Elections: It was agreed to table this item until all Directors were present.

ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF REPORTS:

1. CEO Martin shared that she had been recently appointed to the State Rules Committee.

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. Director Douglass speculated that the Craft Fair probably wouldn't be able to happen this year, Director Hutson asked why we weren't able to hold horse events but could have racing, he also stated that due to a conflict with the Willows Fire Department meetings he would not be continuing to serve on the Fair Board once his term expired, Director Pierce asked if we had been contacted by CalFire. Directors Chavez and Bitle had no comment.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned 7:28 PM.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD: September 15th

Respectfully Submitted,

(s) Miki Martin
CEO, Glenn County Fair

(s) Jacob Chavez
President, Board of Directors